Most of us have been distressed by the recent acts of terrorism. They have been horrendous and the world is quite rightly responding with anguish and anger.

I learnt from my experience in the Holy Land that there is another world stage that we should also respond to with anguish and anger. Most would agree that Israel and Palestine are conflicted and complex territories. There are many underlying historical, religious and social reasons for the continuing tensions.

One undeniable reality is that the current persecution of Christian minorities and Arab Palestinians does not receive its share of world scrutiny. The deprivation of basic human rights by the Israeli Government of the most marginalised people in the world deserves our attention.

The 10 metre high, 650 kilometre electrified wall that now effectively imprisons Palestinians (also known as the ‘Apartheid Wall’ or ‘Berlin Wall’), is rarely spoken about. Cities like Bethlehem, an important Christian pilgrimage site, are completely isolated. Water, electricity and other essential services are denied the Palestinian population. The construction of the wall is illegal and inhumane; it only serves to strip Palestinians of their morale, history, culture and civilisation.

The current practice of illegally taking Palestinian territory, known as ‘occupying’ or ‘settling’ by the Israelis, continues with no international intervention. Christian churches are regularly firebombed and religious orders harassed and encouraged to leave the Holy Land.

Why is the world silent? Why have we allowed the persecuted to now become the persecutors?

Please pray for peace in our Holy Land.

Santo Passarello
From the Assistant Principal

December is upon us and the next few weeks promise to be extremely busy. Teachers have commenced work on final reports for Years 7-10, Year 11 students have commenced their HSC year of study, Year 9 are preparing for Lifesaving week, Year 10 have been involved in their SUISS transition program, Year 7 students have been practising their dance steps for the Social Dance with Nagle College last week and Mr Cullen and his Year 7 Homeroom team have also held the Information Evening and Orientation Day for our incoming Year 7 students for 2016. In addition to these events, the teachers participated in our annual Staff Spirituality Day at Mulgoa last Friday to reflect on the implications for our school of the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, with many backing up after a late night at the Year 12 Formal at Crowne Plaza at Norwest on the previous night. These students now eagerly await their HSC and ATAR results.

In terms of reminders for students and parents - we again inform all concerned that our Year Coordinators have been asked to contact the parents of any student whose poor level of attendance raises serious concern. Diocesan guidelines require us to make written contact with parents and convene a formal interview to discuss ways to improve attendance and ensure that the student in question is able to achieve to their full potential. This approach stems from the fact that when students are regularly absent from school they will almost inevitably fall well behind the other students in their learning and results. More often than not, we discover that parents were unaware of the extent of their son’s absences and in many cases these interviews help us to identify underlying problems that neither the school nor parents were even aware of. Your support of this process by contacting the school and attending these interviews would be appreciated. It is certainly preferable that we work together in a preventative manner to resolve these problems at an early stage rather than moving down more serious paths involving compulsory conferencing, school attendance orders and legal action, as required by education and state authorities in cases where all other negotiations have failed.

Mr Brian Edmonds

Victor Chang Science Award 2015

On Monday 26 October, 2015, John-Michael Falzado and Hrishikesh Kulkarni of Year 11 were presented with the Victor Chang Science Award by Blacktown Mayor, Cr. Stephen Bali and Dr Nicola Smith of the Victor Chang Institute (pictured below). This award is presented annually to Year 11 students to recognise outstanding achievement in Science and seeks to promote the important contribution of Science to society. The Victor Chang Institute was founded in memory of pioneering heart surgeon Victor Chang, whose life was tragically cut short in 1991. The Institute continues to be an integral international cog in the research and treatment of cardiovascular disease and promotes biomedical research, a field with much to discover and explore. John-Michael and Hrishikesh were a hard pair to split in the final judging and were both worthy recipients of this award. They both demonstrated not only aptitude for Biology, Physics and Chemistry in Year 11 but an innate curiosity and well-developed scientific literacy.

Along with being awarded a framed certificate of recognition, the students have been invited to attend a tour of the Victor Chang Institute to learn first-hand about its activities, which will hopefully continue to develop their interest in science and may one day lead to a career in science.

Mr Santo Passarello and their teacher, Mr Robert Gange, were fortunate to be invited, along with the student's proud parents. Congratulations John-Michael and Hrishikesh!

Mr Chris Ferry, Science Coordinator

First Holy Communion

On Saturday the 21st of November the following students made their first Holy Communion at St Patrick's Church in Blacktown: Michael Tan, Anare Seru, Liam Vella, Alex Kingsley, Nathan Carroll, Tyler Geelan, Clyde Muller, Bryce Cairns, Luke Wilson and Tyrell Muller. The students had several weeks of preparation, led by Mr Kim Crawford and Mr Greg Beacroft. Congratulations to the students and their families and thank you to Fr Peter Confeggi for making their First Communion so memorable.

Mr Greg Beacroft, Sacrament Program Coordinator
Year 7 Social
Our boys were simply wonderful!
Thank you to all the staff whose presence ensured a successful evening for our students. Thank you to:
Mr Heath Borg, Mr Nathan Campbell, Mr Jim Prendergast, Mr Scott Durham, Ms Jacqueline Mercieca, Mr Adnan Saleh,
Mr Danny De Alwis, Mr Thomas Barton, Mrs Courtney Spencer, Mr Bruce Baker, Mr Mark Hendy, Mr Anthony Hrvatin,
Mr Justin Sheteh, Ms Alyssa Magno, Ms Sarah Bennett, Mr Matt Hartigan, Mrs Jessica L’Estrange, Mr Scott Gallen, Mr
Van D’Morias, Mr Dominic Cullen, Mr Michael Benitez, Mr Brett Sullivan, Mr Manny Scalone, Ms Kahlie Taouk, Mrs
Vikki Forrest, Ms Jaimee Bocasan, Mr Jordan Williams, Mr Chris Ferry, Mrs Danuta Paton, Mr Vince Cavalleri, Mr Brian
Edmonds, Mr Santo Passarello + Year 11 Students – Michael Spencer, Leeroy Brown, Delahoya Manu and Ethan Koong.
Merit Awards
As we head towards the end of 2015 many students are rushing to get their Merit Awards in and we have seen a huge number of Merit Award recipients this fortnight. Special mention must be made to Mitchell Gallagher of Year 9 who has accumulated 200 merits to achieve a Principal’s Award. This feat is occasionally achieved by some of our senior students and for a junior student to have achieved this milestone is simply exceptional.

Mitchell is a young man who gives up his time to contribute to both College assemblies and the College Mass every Thursday morning. He walks 3km to school every Thursday morning to help set up the Mass and then serves at the altar. He also assists Mr Robert Gange with the running of College assemblies. It is these contributions that prospective employers look for in our young men and Mitchell is well on the way towards this journey at Patrician Brothers.

Bronze Awards
Tanishq Aldonkar 7C11
Naman Bathla 7C18
Rohit Bathla 7C17
Campbell Burgess 7C15
Christian Canales 7C16 5 Awards
Parumpreet Chadha 7C17
Miguel de Guia 7C16 2 Awards
Tauvao Falaniko 7C16
Mailefihi Ika 7C13
Joseph Jabbour 7C15
Breydan Koong 7C14
Aryan Lal 7C13
Samuel Loizou 7C13
Summit Lucas 7C16
Tyreece Matangi 7C13
Sebastien Michel 7C12
Liam Murcia 7C15 3 Awards
Liam Norton 7C13
Connor O’Brien 7C12 3 Awards
Bailey O’Reilly 7C13 2 Awards
Adrian Perera 7C15
Isaac Rosario 7C16
Aditya Saini 7C17 2 Awards
Sebastian Salmon 7C18 2 Awards
Marquel Sarahia 7C12 3 Awards
Marko Siric 7C14 2 Awards
Aljenn Soliva 7C13
Jack Stewart 7C16 5 Awards
Sibi Subramanian 7C18 2 Awards
Max Tromp 7C13
Christopher Uta 7C12
Andrew Wehbe 7C12 2 Awards
Donovan Boney 8D24
Daniel Carrick 8D16 2 Awards
Braith Egarchos 8D20
Jermaine Khamphet 8D22
Matthew Mendens 8D22 2 Awards
Patrick Moriarty 8D16
Ethan Pillay 8E9
Amit Singh 8D16
Nicholas Suryathyo 8D16
Benjamin Taulalai 8D17
Benjamin Carrick 9B1 2 Awards
Mitchell Gallagher 9A23 7 Awards

Silver Awards
Christian Canales 7C16
Miguel de Guia 7C16
Isaac Rosario 7C16
Jack Stewart 7C16
Sibi Subramanian 7C18
Nicholas Suryathyo 8D16
Benjamin Taulalai 8D17
Mitchell Gallagher 9A23
Michael Rosales 9A25

Gold Awards
Benjamin Taulalai 8D17
Mitchell Gallagher 9A23
Michael Rosales 9A25

Principal’s Award
Mitchell Gallagher 9A23

Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!
Mrs Natacha Warnant, Merit Awards Convenor

Year 10 Team Building
Year 10 took a little time out to engage in a team building activity. Teams were given the design task of having to build the tallest free-standing tower they could with only a bunch of straws and some masking tape.

After a few teams tried to stick their constructions to the floor, table or ceiling, students settled down to some serious problem solving. It was great to see team members discuss, try out, modify and succeed in their purpose.

This activity is good because everyone gets involved, it’s a fun activity and we all learn to work as a team. Brian Afu and Jonathon Petelo

This was a good activity because it gets everyone to combine together as a class and encourages them to learn how to build an interesting construction. Leo Simona

The activity is bonding people together as they work as a team. Josh Curran

This activity had everyone in our homerooms involved and working as a team. These skills are very important for our future, especially in the work environment. It was also fun at the same time. Peter Lotovale
From the Director of Studies

Reminder to Year 12 2015
2015 HSC results will be delivered to students via email and text message from 6.00am on Wednesday 16 December 2015. Students will be also able to access their results via Students Online. Students need to log into Students Online – My Details and check that their email addresses and mobile telephone numbers are correct. Students should use their personal email address, rather than school email address, if they are not going to have access to their school account in December.

HSC Celebratory Breakfast/BBQ 16 December 2015 – students should not forget to turn up to this significant event and share their successes with staff and other students. The HSC is an important milestone for many students and for some it is important to discuss options available to them as they look to the future and the possibility for further study whether through university, TAFE or as an apprentice doing full time work and part time study. Education is a life-time occupation as the job market keeps shifting in focus and jobs disappearing while new ones are being created.

Step Up Into Senior School (SUISS)
This program was successfully completed by Year 10 students. Thank you to Mrs Maguire for her organisation of this opportunity for the boys to get a real experience of Senior Work. The boys were receptive, engaged and eager to start the next phase of their journey to complete the HSC. The school offers a broad curriculum and has links with other educational providers such as The Saturday School of Community Languages and the Open High School. Year 11 2016 have already been issued with their booklists so it is imperative that these texts are purchased at the start of the 2016 year. Nothing sets students back further than not having the texts they need to refer to and use when work begins. Motivation to succeed is lost as they get further and further behind. Make sure that your sons have given you the booklist and that the books are purchased before the start of the year so that your sons “hit the ground running”. Benjamin Franklin encapsulates the meaning of success very succinctly in his words “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

HSC All My Own Work
At the start of next year all Year 11 will be completing the HSC All My Own Work modules on-line through BOSTES. This is mandatory before they can be even enrolled in starting their Preliminary Year. It is all about ethical scholarship and good research skills. It is important that boys start school on the date given as these workshops will be held at this time so that the boys can be enrolled into the Preliminary Course.

Holidays are a great time to increase the time spent reading!
All year groups are encouraged to read high quality texts in the holidays. For all students time spent reading high quality texts is essential. Through reading students can encounter new ideas, explore different points of view, see a narrative progressing and develop empathy with characters, events, settings and plot. Parents, the more exposure your son had to good texts, the better! Also encourage your sons to talk about what they are reading. Students who read and talk about what they read are making meaning of content and get smarter! Yes, smart is something you become. Through reading, a student’s knowledge base increases and so does the pool of words he can use when writing. Reading is essential to learning.

Mrs Danuta Paton

Year 9 Commerce Trade Show 2015

On 26th November 2015 Year 9 students participated in a Commerce Trade Show. The Trade Show is an event run exclusively by the Year 9 Commerce students. Teams of Year 9 students promote a product of their own creation or develop an existing product to “customers” (a selection of Year 7-8 students). The Trade Show serves as a practical way for students to feel the experience of marketing and advertising an idea.

The atmosphere was tense with anticipation! Market stalls were created to provide various categories of product such as games, technology, hair products, drinks and sprays. There was heated competition as potential customers entered the Show. Every stall battled for each and every customer vote by enticing and using a range of persuasive techniques. Some even resorted to giving away lollies.

The show ended with a big team effort by all the participants for students to feel the experience of marketing and advertising an idea.

The show ended with a big team effort by all the participants and teachers with everyone helping to pack-up and clean the learning space. We believe this was a great opportunity for our community. Every member participating in the show was more than satisfied with the result and the engagement of the Year 8 students and teachers who entered the Trade Show.

Tej Kehal, Aryan Sheth-Patel, Eric Tan, Rikish Kamboj, Year 9 Commerce Students
Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day

Year 7, 2016 joined our school community on Friday 27 November for their Orientation Day. The Orientation Day is an opportunity to meet the Peer Support Leaders, become clearer in what is expected from a student in high school and experience some aspects of the day-to-day running of the school.

The weather was kind to us and added to the enthusiasm for the planned activities with the Pastoral Care Team, the Peer Support Leaders and most importantly the Year 7, 2016 boys themselves.

A big thank you to the Year 10 boys who were involved with the day. They showed an enormous amount of commitment, dedication and flexibility in engaging their youngsters and making the day the success that it was. Mrs Karen Davidson, Mr Van D’Morias, Ms Melanie Gearing and Ms Denise Grzelj deserve particular praise for their outstanding contribution to the day.

I would also like to thank our new Year 7 students for the way they engaged in the day. We have made a wonderful start to school life at Patrician Brothers, Blacktown and I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Mr Dominic Cullen, Year 7 Coordinator
2016 School Timetable

As forecast at the end of 2014, in 2016 we will be finalising the restructuring of the timetable. All lessons will be of one hour duration and we will have a maximum of 5 lessons on any given day. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the day will conclude at 2.50pm. The Thursday finishing time will be 2.40pm.

Please note that there has not been any change to the actual teaching time. The change will only affect the length of lunch each day. These changes have been introduced as part of a number of changes to assist students in remaining more focussed on their learning. Appropriate notification has been provided to all transport providers.

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Library Update

Display of the Month

This month, the College Library honours the occasion of Remembrance Day by displaying a collection of books about Australia’s involvement in the First World War. This year marked the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War One (1914–18). Reflect and be inspired by the Australians who died or suffered as a result of war by reading about their experiences of war.

Year 7 Blacktown Library Visit

“This term, Year 7 had an educational and interesting visit to Blacktown Library. Staff gave us a tour which helped us to find resources that would support us in our daily lives. We had different tour guides which showed many sections of the huge and amazing library. They showed us many great resources such as online databases, the wide variety of books, DVDs, CDs, computers and the YourTutor service. I had a valuable experience at the Blacktown Library and I hope everyone else did too.”

Adrian Perera, Year 7

YourTutor is an online, free tutoring service for students from Year 4 to 12 who are members of Blacktown City Libraries. Online tutors can help with Mathematics, Science, English, Assignment Research and Study Skills. The service is available Monday through Friday, 4pm-8pm, during school terms and holiday periods.

Go to http://blacktown.yourtutor.com.au and enter your library card number.

Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge

Win an iPad mini by entering the Summer Reading Challenge! This summer, Mr Greg Whitby will be launching the Summer Reading Challenge to encourage students to read! Students can read anything they like, whether it’s a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel.

This year, the challenge has been made easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize. All you need to do is explain in 50 words or less why you loved your book. Entries close at 5pm on 5 February 2016.

Enter online at http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge

TSFX The School for Excellence

TSFX are holding Prelim and HSC Summer school lectures at the University of Sydney Camperdown in January. These lectures are designed to help students develop skills to get ahead in their studies for the coming year and reduce stress.

The lectures are subject specific. If you are interested in some information regarding these courses, please come and see Mrs Forrest in the Library.

Whitehouse Institute of Design

Interested in a career in design? Whitehouse has a reputation as one of Australia’s leading privately owned design education institutions. Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia is marking its 27th year of excellence in Design education with a celebration of design thinking, creativity and innovation, and a showcase of the work of graduating students from across Creative Direction, Fashion Design and Interior Design disciplines. Join them at their Sydney campus on the 23rd and 24th of November 2015 from 6.00pm and see the culmination of 3 years of hard work, dedication and passion towards design.

Their graduates will present their designs and collections on the Runway at 7pm supported by graduate students, alumni, friends, family and staff. For further event information contact Whitehouse on 1300 551 433 or head to www.whitehouse-design.edu.au.

Book Review

5 Stars
James Salman - Year 10
Title: One Piece
Author: Eiichiro Oda
Genre: Adventure

One Piece is a book about a boy named Monkey D. Luffy who wants to be pirate. He is told he can’t and ends up eating the devil fruit. I recommend this book because it is funny and enjoyable with a lot of action and a great story line.

Mrs Vikki Forrest and Mrs Selina Wong,
Teacher Librarians
Between 28th - 30th October, the College’s 2016 Leadership team attended a leadership seminar put on by Br Aengus Kavanagh titled “Be the Difference that makes the Difference”. Fellow leaders in Patrician-linked schools also attended the retreat at Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa that ultimately created new working relationships and strong friendships. The boys attended lectures that focussed on ‘The Person’, ‘School Context’, ‘Leadership in Action’ and ‘Leadership Roles’, which made all of the leaders brainstorm, collaborate and problem solve for the better of the College. Here are a few thoughts from the 2016 Leaders about their retreat experience:

Delahoya Manu, College Captain

From the 28th til the 30th of October, the 12 of us leaders went on a Patrician Leadership camp along with 3 other Patrician linked schools. The schools were Delany College Granville, Patrician Brothers’ Fairfield, and Holy Cross Ryde. On this venture, we learned about the key aspects that a leader must possess as well as what role we serve in our specific leadership positions. Qualities such as teamwork, cooperation, synergy, balance, faith, community and passion were just a handful among the many qualities needed to be the best possible leader. Not only did we discover these qualities in ourselves as leaders, we also discussed what we wanted to implement into our school in 2016 to better the day in the life of a Patties boy. In a nutshell, the purpose of the camp was to better our interaction skills and to discover more about ourselves; us as a leadership team and ‘we’ as a Patrician community. On that note, upon departure, we received Patrician Leadership badges that have “Be the difference” on them, encouraging us to be the difference in our school community.

Edgar Zambrano, SRC Captain

The leadership camp was a fulfilling experience as it allowed us to learn what it takes to be a leader and strategies to improve our school and its environment. This camp also gave me the chance to interact with other school leaders from other patrician schools and create friendships and learn what other schools are like in comparison to ours.

Michael Spencer, Year 7 Mentor

Leadership camp was an experience unlike any other, as the opportunity to learn from other leaders and schools provided a great deal of ideas and knowledge. It gave us the chance to work on our own abilities while meeting new friends and interacting with the leadership teams of several different schools who shared their own initiatives so that we could implement them in our own school community. The experience was both enjoyable and valuable as we learnt many important lessons about leadership within our school community, and building a welcoming, friendly environment strong in our unique culture and our faith.

Steven Wehbe, Year 11 Mentor

The leadership team and I recently had the opportunity to attend a leadership retreat with other Patrician schools within our Patrician community. It was an inspirational experience as we joined new groups to learn how to become a better leader. I felt enthralled to make new friends and to bond with them whether it was on the ovals playing soccer, or in our workshop groups or just mucking around during our free time. The leadership retreat was overall a great experience and I learned a lot from it.

Braeden Rodricks, Massey House Captain
**Year 12 Formal**

What a night! A fabulous evening of dining and dancing was enjoyed by all. The Year 12 Formal was again held at the elegant Novotel, Norwest and the warmth and friendliness the boys displayed towards each other was a tribute to the spirit that exists amongst them. Special thanks to Ms Denise Grzelj, Mr Mark Domars, Mr Anthony Ventra and Ms Samantha Borg for their outstanding organisation of the event. The behaviour of the boys was exceptional and they certainly looked handsome dressed in their formal attire! It is a testament to our students that 42 staff chose to also attend on the evening! Congratulations to all on a wonderful night.
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White Ribbon Day
Patrician Brothers’ College was proud to support this wonderful event. It also included a flyover by an RAAF plane!

The RAAF Hercules can be seen below flying only a few hundred metres above the construction site at Patrician Brothers’ College.
A REMINDER—NEW Sports Polo Shirts

For a number of years a significant number of parents and students campaigned to change the sports polo shirt design. The reasons put forward were:

- To modernise the dated and unappealing ‘canary yellow’ sports polo
- To appropriately mirror the distinction between junior and senior students

As a consequence the College Executive determined that the change would take place in 2015. The rules regarding the purchase of the new sports polo shirts were:

- Year 7 2015—compulsory to wear the new sports polo
- Year 11 2015—compulsory to wear the new sports polo
- ALL other students have until the start of 2016 to begin wearing the new sports polo shirts.

We suspect that all students will probably want to update to the new design (it is far more appealing and a higher quality material that breathes and is easier to wash) - hence all Years 8-10 and Year 12 students CAN purchase the new polo shirt now if they wish. Additionally we have modernised the sports shorts as well. They are now a more modern design (with two zippered pockets) and easier to wash.

FROM 2016 ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE NEW SPORTS POLO
A small group of Presentation Sisters, under the leadership of Sr Mary Alphonsus Thearle, founded Nagle Girls’ High School (now Nagle College). The school takes its name from the founding member of the Presentation Sisters, Nano Nagle. The school opened in 1965, comprising two classes each of Years 7 to 9 and one class of Year 10 students. The school was surrounded by bushland, and the grounds and buildings had to be expanded to cope with the rapid growth in the area. In the ensuing years the school added necessary buildings and enlarged recreation areas, as the student population continued to grow. In 1993 the Presentation Sisters withdrew from Nagle College and the first lay principal was employed. A major rebuilding program commenced at this time, and in 1999 Nagle College enrolled its first Year 11 cohort. The philosophy of the Presentation Sisters, ‘In Deed Not Word’, is still the cornerstone of all that is taught and practised at Nagle, and the college maintains a close relationship with the Sisters. Today’s Nagle College is a modern, well-equipped secondary school, serving a multicultural community. It enjoys an enviable reputation in the area for achieving outstanding HSC results and for its role in supporting the wider Blacktown community.
Seeking Mentors

Would you like to give something back to your community?

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta’s Post School Options Team is looking for suitable employers to provide one-on-one mentoring in the workplace for secondary students. We are seeking people in small business who would like to give something back to their community and join this valuable and worthwhile program, on a voluntary basis.

The volunteer mentor hosts the student in the workplace for one day per week for 2 school terms (May to September, excluding school holidays). The mentor is both a personal and professional role model for the student. All mentors are provided with complimentary mentor training and receive a TAFE Certificate of Attainment ‘Mentoring in the Community’ for their participation.

Employers can be from any industry, as an individual in a trade area – clerical, administration, hairdressing and beauty, or connected to a major employer for example, Bunnings or Woolworths etc.

Please consider this call for assistance so that this program can continue to supply a valuable service to students in our Catholic communities. If you would be interested in becoming a mentor or finding out more information, please contact:

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Newspaper Articles

Touch football star represents NSW

By Patrick Fahy

JUNIOR touch football star Dylan Camilleri is in Adelaide where he is representing NSW at the Pacific School Games.

The 15-year-old, who attends Patrician Brothers College at Blacktown, has played at representative level for Penrith for many years and has also played for NSW Combined Catholic Colleges.

The Pacific School Games got under way on Saturday, November 21 and will finish this Sunday.

The games will feature 4000 school-aged students, competing in nine different events.

Dylan started playing football when he was four, and despite only being 15, is playing alongside 18-year-olds.

“He’s doing well above his age bracket,” his father Peter said.

“This is a good chance for him to not only represent NSW, but to go to the next level.”

“Once the games are completed, they will pick an Australian team and, if he makes it, that would be his first time.

“It’s a selection between all of the players there, so Dylan does have a good chance of getting picked, but then again so does everyone else.

Whatever happens, it’s a great opportunity for him to play at a higher level.”

Students from at least 12 countries, including every Australian state and territory, will compete.

Australian students qualify for the games through their state or territory school sport unit pathways and international students follow their national school sporting association pathways.

The core components of the Pacific School Games are to ensure a high level of international sporting competition, include curricular, educational and cultural opportunities and provide opportunities to interact with visiting nations.

The first Pacific School Games were held in Brisbane in 1982 as a lead into the Commonwealth Games.


Off to Adelaide: Dylan Camilleri is representing NSW at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. He’s pictured playing in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges under-15s team.

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