Welcome to the 2016 Academic Year. I hope that each of you is as excited as I am!

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I particularly welcome all our new families to the Patrician Brothers’ College community. I hope that you can join with our current families in creating a vibrant and living Catholic community.

I encourage every student to play their part in ensuring that Patrician Brothers’ College is a better place for their having been here this year.

I look forward to working with each of you in 2016.

Please be kind to each other,

Santo Passarello
School Dates for 2016

TERM ONE
Thursday 28 January - Friday 8 April

TERM TWO
Tuesday 26 April - Friday 1 July

TERM THREE
Monday 18 July - Friday 23 September

TERM FOUR
Tuesday 10 October - Friday 16 December

Thursday Sport
Parents, please note the dismissal times of the different sports for Thursdays. Students doing sport outside the College will be dismissed from their respective sport venue between 2.30 to 2.40pm (see table below). This is to enable students to return to the College should they need to catch buses from the school grounds. All school-based activities will conclude at the normal Thursday time of 2.40pm. Year 12 students are of course at school in tutorial groups.

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The 2015 School Yearbook will be available shortly. We will advise students when they arrive.

Website
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Our 2016 College Theme

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Year 7 2016
Our Year 7 students have begun their journey here at Patrician Brothers’ College. They are in no doubt that they are here to grow in their faith and to learn!
Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival was a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It provided young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. The first Festival was held in Melbourne, December 2013. In 2015 young people were invited to attend the Festival hosted by the Archdiocese of Adelaide. The festival gathered over 3500 young people from around Australia. The Australian Catholic Youth Festival took a scriptural verse as its theme - ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.’ Matthew 5:8.

Patrician Brothers’ College was represented by Mr Anthony Silvestrini, Bailey Broom, Daniel Brown, Zach Thompson and Yvan Musni.

Student Reflections

‘It was an exciting opening to be amongst over 3000 enthusiastic Catholics from all over Australia. Through the seminar it enabled me to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Catholic and how the Catholic values are important in everyday life. Praying the Rosary along with 3000 other young Catholics had a major effect on me.’

Bailey Broom

‘All in all I had a wonderful time and definitely look back with no regrets. We got involved in everything and for me I have vastly deepened my connection with God and can honestly say it was the best experience of my life.’

Daniel Brown

‘Plenary made me wonder about my own faith and the belief of God. Once again, Jason Evert made me think about how marriage has become a joke because men and women don’t know how to truly love one another. Mass made me feel connected as a community with God. During confession I was able to confess all my sins and learn what I should do to lessen my sins. This confession helped me build my relationship with God.’

Zach Thompson

‘In attending the ACYF, it has shown me how to live my life as a good catholic. I learnt that you don’t have to do anything special and out of this world to be a good Catholic. One can just perform random acts of kindness and still be considered saintly. The journey to being in the image and likeness of God is similar to that of climbing a mountain - the adventure and climb is difficult and full of obstacles but it is rewarding at the end. The festival has shown me many ways to contribute to the community whether it be through prayer, giving to charity or simply by giving your time for others. It has also deepened my faith and relationship with God. This was a true lifetime experience that will be remembered by me and many other like-minded Catholics.’

Yvan Musni

Reflection from Mr Anthony Silvestrini

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival at the Adelaide Convention Centre was to say the least, life changing, as a relatively young Catholic myself searching deeper into his own Catholic faith. 3500 young Catholics all in the same area to celebrate being Catholic and having a passion for their faith and love for God. No fear or sense of danger, just buzzing with excitement, joy and happiness to be there (especially for the arctic air-con supplied and the superb food!)

The theme was ‘Blessed are the Pure of Heart for they shall see God (Mk 5:8)’. This idea of being ‘Pure’ was explored in all the seminars and workshops I attended and I came back from this festival feeling refreshed with a new insight and view of the world and the life God has blessed me with. Going alongside with the Year of Mercy, little mistakes seem so much larger to me now, challenging me to improve and become an image of Jesus as much as possible each day.

The 4 boys from Year 10, lucky enough to experience this life event with were Yvan, Zach, Daniel and Bailey. From my perspective, each of the boys had varied experiences from the festival but all got something out of it. They all really enjoyed Jason
Evert from America talking about Chastity in a personal, fatherly perspective and the fact he didn’t harp too much on scripture. They also really enjoyed the foosball jumping castle!

- For me, if I had to narrow my festival experience to 3 moments they would be the following. To be honest, I have been very sceptical for a while towards current Catholic hymns and worship songs because the lyrical content seems to have become very basic and watered down. After the festival however, my view on current Catholic music has changed. Not every song was amazing, but the majority got everyone singing and dancing and had a deep meaning and connection to the Catholic faith which has inspired me to try and write my own to hopefully progress further with my music ministry and have fun up on stage like the musicians were!

- The testimonies given by the guest speakers were another inspiring aspect. Not only personal but faith orientated which really struck me. These people were PURE and had a true fire and passion for God that I simply haven’t got yet. Jason Evert speaking about an abused girl who turned out to be his future wife, Steve Angrisano about his devotion to Mary every morning saying the Rosary, Sister Hilda suggesting you should whisper ‘I Love You’ every time you have the Eucharist was so simple yet so important! Fr Morgan about his other passion of climbing and telling us of his numerous masses on mountain tops. Bishop Mark talking so passionately about vocation options and so on.

- The 3rd and most important of the festival for me was Adoration with the plenary. Basically Adoration is the Blessed Sacrament out on display for an hour for you to have one-on-one time with Jesus to adore Him, and up until June this year, I had no clue this was part of the Catholic Church but I feel it’s the MOST important part! Experiencing this alone time was truly powerful, but what was one of the most powerful moments of my life was when 3500 people were so silent you could hear your heart beat and yet I felt alone with Jesus. The most silent experience of my life quite easily was with the most people I’ve been in a room with! The next day the boys and I received reconciliation, but before this we experienced Adoration again. During this service I felt a warmth in my tummy while kneeling and praying and I just know it was the Holy Spirit preparing me for reconciliation. After this I felt a huge weight lift off my shoulders and relief that I was becoming more PURE for God in my life. Now after the festival, I can honestly say when I pray now in Church that that warmth keeps coming back.
World Youth Day 2016

When: 15 July – 4 August
Duration: 20 Days
Where: Philippines & Poland

A group of students and staff from Patrician Brothers’ College will undertake the pilgrimage of a lifetime to have a mission experience to Bohol Island in the Philippines which was devastated by an earthquake in 2013. Pilgrims will spend four days working with young people in parishes, schools and orphanages. Following this mission experience, the group travels to Krakow, Poland to participate in and celebrate World Youth Day week with millions of young people ready to pray in solidarity with Pope Francis at World Youth Day.

The theme for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow will focus on mercy, one of the topics Pope Francis talks about most. The theme is “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy” (Mt 5:7).

Our Holy Father Francis has chosen the fifth of the eight Beatitudes, given by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, to show the importance of the Beatitudes which are at the heart of Jesus’ teaching. In his first Sermon, Jesus presents us with eight examples of qualities that bring us closer to the Kingdom of God.

The choice of Krakow and World Youth Day’s motto lead us to the Spark of Mercy. Since the appearance of Jesus to St. Sister Faustina, Mercy has been radiating from Krakow-Lagiewniki to the whole Church. Krakow is widely known as the centre of worship of God’s mercy, and young pilgrims who come will want to see the place of the revelations, Sister Faustina’s tomb, and the shrine – the place where St. John Paul II entrusted the world to God’s Mercy.

It’s worth noting that the fifth Beatitude sums up the first two years of Pope Francis’ pontificate as well. During that time he has striven to show the Church God’s love towards man and the necessity of being merciful to each other.

Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them
(Matthew 5:7)

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From the Assistant Principal

The new school year is well and truly under way and students in all year groups are to be congratulated on the way in which they have kicked off 2016. As indicated at the end of last year, there have been further changes to daily school times for 2016. This year school will commence every morning at 8:45am. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the day will conclude at 2:50 and on Thursday the finishing time will be 2:40pm. Please note that there has not been any change to actual teaching time. We now have 5 periods each day other than Thursday, each lesson being one hour in duration. Lunch will continue to be 30 minutes except on Thursday which will be 40 minutes. These changes have been introduced to reduce interruptions during the day and assist students in remaining more focused on their learning. Appropriate notification has been provided to all transport providers. These changes to times will also affect a number of other activities and events that occur after school. Some changes will come into force immediately, including afternoon detention, sport training sessions and Homework Centre, which will all start slightly earlier. Other changes will be communicated to students and parents as events approach.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

| AM Duty        | 8:25-8:45 |
| Home room      | 8:45-9:00 |
| Period 1       | 9:00-10:00 |
| Period 2       | 10:00-11:00 |
| Recess         | 11:00-11:20 |
| Period 3       | 11:20-12:20 |
| Period 4       | 12:20-1:20 |
| Lunch          | 1:20-1:50 |
| Period 5       | 1:50-2:50 |
| PM Duty        | 2:50-3:10 |

Thursday

| AM Duty        | 8:25-8:45 |
| Period 1       | 8:45-9:45 |
| Period 2       | 9:45-10:45 |
| Recess         | 10:45-11:50 |
| Period 3       | 11:50-12:05 |
| Lunch          | 12:05-12:45 |
| Sport Assembly | 12:45-1:00 |
| Sport          | 1:00-2:40 |
| PM Duty        | 2:40-3:00 |

For the information of all our new students – and as a timely reminder to our continuing students - there are several other items that are worth mentioning as the year commences. As already communicated to all parents, student attendance will be a major focus in 2016. Poor attendance undermines the learning and progress of our students and often develops into a habit that threatens their employment prospects when they leave school. For this reason, we need to take a firm line with students who are regularly absent or late. The Year Coordinators will work closely with the Homeroom Teachers and front office staff throughout the year to ensure we meet the benchmarks set by the Catholic Education Office but we will also need the full support of all parents if we are going to be successful. In addition to the measures already being employed to monitor and improve student attendance, in Term One we will launch a new electronic attendance system that automatically sends a text message to parents of students who are absent from school. Schools already using this system have indicated extremely positive feedback from parents.

A reminder that the front driveways of the College - both entry and exit from Flushcombe Road - are not accessible to parents or family members at any time for pick-up or drop-off of their sons. As you would understand, both gates carry high amounts of pedestrian traffic throughout the day, particularly immediately before and after school, so it would create a dangerous situation for our students if we allow parents to use this area as a kiss-and-drop zone in the way that some primary schools operate. For this reason, we require that students are dropped or collected at K Mart car park or other safe areas in nearby streets.

Along similar lines – our students are constantly reminded to only cross Newton and Flushcombe Roads at the designated pedestrian lights and we need parents to support us in this safety message. Disturbingly often, we witness parents calling their sons to run across the road to their car through heavy afternoon traffic. The school zones offer limited protection but it is quite obvious to any casual observer that some drivers simply ignore these speed limits.

Another important reminder – that chewing gum is banned on our school premises. Gum causes considerable damage around the school each year, especially to floor coverings and furniture, and the cost of cleaning and repairs is significant. Students who are caught chewing gum will receive an automatic afternoon detention.

Finally - some reminders about correct summer uniform. While the vast majority of students have returned to school in full and correct uniform – a small number were issued with firm reminders on the first day. Some of the students with serious uniform issues were sent home until problems were addressed while others were able to resolve minor issues at the time.

Please note the details of our uniform requirements - as listed in our 2016 Student Diary. The images provided will hopefully add further clarification for students and parents.

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Some examples of correct and incorrect uniform

Correct School Shoes

Correct Sports Shoes

Correct Grooming

Did you know that there is a DIRECT correlation between outstanding academic performance and good grooming, wearing school uniform with pride and receiving Merit Awards!
**Specific Information:**

- The College Blazer is COMPULSORY during Terms 2 and 3 and can be worn without the jumper. However, the jumper cannot be worn without the blazer.
- The school shirt must be tucked-in neatly and ties worn in the correct manner at all times.
- Boys must wear the style of trousers supplied by the College Uniform Shop and approved for use at Patrician Brothers’ Blacktown. No variations in style, material or colour are permitted. All boys need to wear the approved school grey socks.
- Shoes must be of the formal lace-up type and are to be blackened and polished. Laces should also be black. No variations to this rule will be allowed. All families should be clear on the College definition of ‘black polishable lace-up formal school shoes’ before proceeding with enrolment.
- Boys are not permitted to wear T-shirts which are visible beneath the school shirt.
- The only jewellery permitted is a watch. Chains with small religious medals or crosses may be worn around the neck but the chain must be long enough that they are not seen above the “V” of the shirt. Boys may not wear earrings or studs of any type (including clear plastic) at any time.
- Hair is to be neat and tidy. Hair must be of natural colour. Extremes of length or fashion are not acceptable. For example - undercuts, rat’s tails, mullets, swept, unkempt or shaved designs are not permitted. Boys’ hair should be no longer than collar length and the fringe must be above the eyes. Students must be clean-shaven at all times. The school reserves the right to make rulings on the acceptability of any student hairstyles.
- School tracksuit tops, sweatshirts and hooded tops may not be worn with the school uniform.
- Sports uniform is worn for Thursday afternoon sport and for timetabled PDHPE lessons. For PDHPE lessons, students should change into their sports uniform at the start of their PDHPE lesson and will be given time at the end of the lesson to change back into their uniform.
- On Thursdays - students must wear full sports uniform. This includes the wearing of the school track suit top but NOT the school jumper. If for any reason the sports uniform is not available then full school uniform must be worn.
- Sunglasses and the college cap are permitted during recess and lunchtime but should never be worn indoors. Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses and the College cap at outdoor sporting events, especially during summer months. The official College cap is the only headwear that is permitted.
- While not legally bound to – the College does accommodate some limited examples of religious symbols from other faith traditions within the uniform guidelines but these must be approved by the Principal or Assistant Principal and may involve negotiation with parents.

**Mr Brian Edmonds**

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**Merit Awards**

Our Merit Awards system rewards good and positive behaviours. You can receive Merit Awards for:

- Engaging with our learning and faith instruction
- Respecting teachers
- Contributing to school life
- Being a positive member of our school community.

Year 7 students are very excited, as some have already received their first merit for 2016. Ten merits will ensure they receive a bronze, five bronze awards receives a silver, two silvers and two gold awards will lead to a Principal’s Award -200 merits in total!

**Patrician Brothers’ College Merit Award System**

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 Semester Two Prize-Giving Ceremony 2015
At the end of 2015 we again took the opportunity of congratulating each of our academic achievers. These young men were a credit to their families and thoroughly deserved their success. They are certainly ready to contribute to our 2016 school theme ‘Build Faith, Build Knowledge’! Our special guests included the Hon Michelle Rowland, Federal Member for Greenway and Mr David Bamford from Rotary.
Semester 2 Prize-Giving Ceremony 2015
Principal’s Honour Roll Awards

Since the instigation of the Principal’s Honour Roll, many students at the College have made it their goal to work to the best of their ability and to have the honour of seeing their name on the Honour Board. At the end of each Semester, students across Years 7 to 12, who have achieved consistently outstanding results across all subject areas, are commended for their efforts.

### Year 7
- Rohit Bathla
- Flynn Broom
- Christian Canales
- Lewis Charter
- Miguel de Guia
- Aloha Kolo
- Luke Mulligan
- Adrian Perera
- Sahil Punjwani
- Isaac Rosario
- Aditaya Saini
- Anthony Simic

### Year 8
- Jorge Capati
- Manuel Fagela
- Caleb Gara
- Vishal Kumar
- Navkreet Lal
- Karan Mehta
- Anton Minaric
- Sebastien Navarro
- Fisii Pilitati
- Boehn Russell
- Mark Wehbe
- Jason Wormleaton

### Year 9
- Stephen Izquierdo
- Tej Kehal
- Aryan Sheth-Patel
- Karan Singh
- Gajan Sivanesan
- Jonathan Tabone
- Dennyson Veloso
- Izak Xiberras
- Stephen Izquierdo
- Tej Kehal
- Aryan Sheth-Patel
- Karan Singh
- Gajan Sivanesan
- Jonathan Tabone
- Dennyson Veloso

### Year 10
- Sidney Alcantara
- Anshul Arora
- Hayden Blankley
- Bailey Broom
- Ruel de Guia
- Malvin Khan
- Anthony Pecora
- Kiano Poment

### Year 11
- Mustafa Barrodawala
- Jaskirat Boparai
- Jayvee Datuin
- Jamil Dewan
- James Digwood
- Jaydn Field
- Joel Hogan
- Tomas Kennedy
- Jeremy Minett
- Clarence Ocampo
- Jason Pinto

### Year 12
- Giuliano Celani
- Thomas Doyle
- Samuel Healy
- Jiasheng Huang
- Rohan Hudson
- Rohit Louis
- Kenneth Medida
- Vince Quaem

### Special Awards
- **Mitchell Gallagher**, Year 9
  Principal’s Award
- **Bailey Broom**, Year 10
  Michelle Rowland Community Spirit Award
- **Edgar Zambrano**, Year 11
  2015 Rotary Citizenship Award
Chess Club 2016
We Are Back!
As another school year gets under way so too has the College’s renowned Chess Club. The return of Chess Club for 2016 means nail biting matches between long standing Chess Club members as well as finding the champions of the future from Year 7. Intense, yet friendly, chess battles are played out at lunchtimes and everyone is more than welcome to come and participate. Chess Club also offers players the opportunity to get involved in a number of highly competitive chess competitions including the MCS Chess Competition in Term 3 and the infamous ChessMania internal tournament later in the year. Chess Club keeps growing and growing with new members and new champions emerging all the time. So come to F9 at lunchtime to play some chess. Everyone is welcome!

What You Need to Know About Chess Club!
When: Lunchtime
Where: F9
Who: All Welcome!

Ms Charmaine Castellino and Mr Anthony Silvestrini
Representative Sport
Welcome to a new school year and the continuation of the 2015-16 representative sport season. As always, the College will participate in the Metropolitan Catholic Schools (MCS) weekly Thursday representative competition. The season began in Term 4 2015 and will conclude at the end of Term 3 2016. Sports that we compete in through MCS competitions and/or one day carnivals include:

- AFL
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Chess
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football

Specific details about these sports can be found on the MCS website (listed below).

Participation in MCS competitions and carnivals will once again be the pathway for our elite students to represent at a state and national level. There are other sports that have a pathway to higher representative honours that are not part of the MCS calendar. Information about these sports can be found on the NSW CCC website (listed below).

Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown has a proud history in representative sport and we look forward to enhancing this throughout the 2015-16 season. Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in 2016. If you have any questions regarding representative sport at our college please contact Mr Borg on 9671 3000.

MCS Website: www.mcscolleges.com
NSW CCC Website: www.csss.nsw.edu.au

Mr Heath Borg,
MCS Coordinator
Appeal for Cure of Cystic Fibrosis

Our community will recall that late last year a beautiful young woman by the name of Alicia Krawec lost her battle with Cystic Fibrosis. Alicia was the daughter of Michael and Kim Krawec. Alicia was just 34 years old. The Krawec family is well known amongst the Patrician community. Michael was previously the Principal of Delany College Granville and Patrician Brothers’ College Fairfield.

Alicia Cannon (nee Krawec) had suffered in recent years from respiratory conditions associated with Cystic Fibrosis. She and her husband Geoff carried the burden of this condition with remarkable bravery and a genuine faith-filled optimism.

There are simply no words to express the enormous sense of grief, sadness and numbness the loss of Alicia means to the extended Krawec family.

As a Patrician community we share in Michael and Kim’s immense grief.

This is a personal message from our dear friend Michael and his wife Kim:

We are trying to make a difference and support Cystic Fibrosis (Cf) NSW in memory of our late daughter Alicia Marie Cannon (nee Krawec) who passed away on 18th November 2015 at the age of 34.

Our goal is to raise $1,000+ to help Cystic Fibrosis NSW continue their important work, and we would really appreciate any assistance with sponsorship. Please see our Supporter page for the ‘65k 4 65 Roses Walkathon’.

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Arjun Nair is a name to remember, says Cricket Australia's Greg Chappell

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Cricket Australia's national talent manager, Greg Chappell, says 17-year-old Arjun Nair is one of Australia's brightest lights after his dominant performances against Pakistan and New Zealand's under-19s.

Nair, who made his first-grade debut for Hawkesbury when he was 15, has packed plenty into his young life, but Chappell believes the Canberra-born son of Indian immigrants has even more to look forward to.

Nair – who learnt how to bowl the doosra from watching YouTube and who enrolled at university when he was only 16 – starred in last month's tri-series against New Zealand and Pakistan in Dubai with 10 wickets and an 89-ball century against the tournament's eventual winners, Pakistan.

However, Chappell warned Nair not to rest on his laurels.

"He started as a batsman and the bowling took over, now he's picking up the batting again, which is good because it is important he offers something [more] than his bowling," Chappell said.

"Finger spin in Australia is challenging at the best of times and you just have to give yourself more opportunities to be selected.

"In this professional age it is important he offers as much as possible to maximise the number of opportunities he gets. Fielding is another aspect, like all young cricketers Arjun needs to make sure he naills that because you can't afford any deficiencies if you want to break through."

Nair will have no trouble heeding Chappell's advice. While he is about to start studying for his bachelor of business and marketing degree at the University of Western Sydney he invests a lot of time thinking about the sport.

"So many thought processes," he said. "When I'm not playing or training I'm thinking 'what more can I do to improve'.

"I'll train most days, I'm very hungry for wickets and runs and that's been the main key to what I've done. I think mental preparation is the key to succeeding."

Nair acknowledged YouTube's role in his rapid rise, revealing how he logged onto the website for hours on end to study West Indian cricketer Sunil Narine's doosra.
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