From the Principal

Reality TV

At the risk of improving the ratings of many of these television programs, I feel compelled to voice my dismay!

Television can be a great educator. It entertains, informs and widens horizons. At the same time, it can have negative effects on impressionable children, presenting warped values and distorted images of what constitutes human happiness and responsible behaviour.

A recent study revealed that during prime time, 74% of shows contained some sexual content – usually without any mention of responsibility, commitment or consequences.

The surge in the number and popularity of ‘reality’ shows has compounded this problem. The primary basis for many of these shows seems to be to put people in painful, embarrassing and humiliating situations for the rest of us to watch - and, presumably, laugh at and be entertained by.

It is bad enough that many of the social media vehicles have reduced the capacity of parents to appropriately supervise what children are doing. Reality TV simply adds to the number of potentially negative and destructive influences on young people.

It has been said that this generation of children is being raised by technology. It’s surely time for parents and teachers to make sure that at least our reassuring voice, outlining boundaries and acceptable behaviour, is heard!

Please be kind to one another,
Santo Passarello

New TAS Facilities

In this edition of ‘The Focus’ we celebrate the brand new multi-million dollar TAS facilities (Wood, Metal, Graphics, Construction, Design and Technology, Computing and Food Technology). Pictured are Cooper Pereira, Year 10, and Mr Alan Dadisho.
From the Assistant Principal
The last 3 weeks featured several highly successful events at Patrician Brothers’ Blacktown. Last week, our Year 11 and 12 students gathered for the Senior Social Dance with students from Nagle College. The attire and behaviour of the boys was outstanding and the night was a roaring success. Our social dances with Nagle College, from Year 7 right through to the seniors, have been highly successful in recent years and a major factor in this has been the generosity of our teachers to organise and supervise these events after school hours, often during the busiest times of the school year. This generosity doesn’t go unnoticed by the College Executive and we are certainly grateful for the commitment of our teachers to your sons. We also held our annual Swimming Carnival last week and judging by the feedback that we have received from parents, staff, and students, it was one of the best in recent memory. Participation rates were outstanding, attendance was high. House spirit was overwhelming and the standard of competition was intense.

Last Monday we held our Term 1 Progress Interviews. This year we decided to focus on our Year 12 students as they begin the countdown to their Half-Yearly Examinations, which will be held in the final two weeks of Term 1. As always, the critical factor in turning around the fortunes of these students is the extent to which the school and parents are able to work together and deliver a consistent message about persistence and application.

Events on the horizon in coming weeks are Year 7 2017 Open Night on Wednesday March 23, Holy Week liturgies on Thursday 24 March and Year 7 Camps from Monday 4 April to Friday 8 April. Open Night on 23 March will follow a similar format to previous years, starting at 7:00pm in the Hall with a short general input session followed by a tour of the school including displays of learning, extra-curricular and sporting activities. However, this year, with the opening of our extensive new facilities, there will be an additional afternoon session from 4:00-5:00pm to provide tours for parents of our current students. These tours of the new TAS, Creative Arts, Performing Arts and general learning spaces in A Block and D Block will depart the administration block courtyard every 5 minutes during this hour under the direction of our staff and students.

In terms of reminders for this fortnight – as all parents would be aware, student attendance has been a major focus this year following an extensive review of attendance data from 2015. Students whose attendance was of particular concern last year received formal notice of review for this year, while all other students received a letter explaining our expectations and outlining the consequences that could follow in cases where attendance rates fell below the diocesan target of 93%. With a view to keeping all parents informed, in the next fortnight we will be generating letters that provide up-to-date attendance data for every student. Please feel free to contact the relevant Year Coordinator if the attendance data contained in these letters raises questions or concerns. Secondly, most parents would appreciate the fact that the Year Coordinators and Homeroom Teachers have been tireless in encouraging all students to adopt the full and correct uniform in the weeks since school resumed this year. In the vast majority of cases, students and parents have been totally supportive, realizing that our uniform not only has an impression factor in the local community, but that it also assists students to develop commitment and pride in their school community. However, for this to have full effect, we need the support of all parents and students. Like many aspects of school life, and for that matter, life in general, it only takes one or two individuals to tarnish the appearance and hard-earned reputation of the whole community.

The next reminder relates to participation in excursions and camps. As part of the organisation for excursions and camps, the school is required to work through a risk assessment of all aspects of the proposed event, including activities, transport, safety and management of students and staff. Ideally, all students in a class or team should have access to the benefits of an excursion. However, in some instances the Principal or Assistant Principal may deem it necessary to exclude a student from an event if that particular student’s recent behaviour suggests that their participation could present a risk to the safety of other students. Special events such as excursions and camps are a privilege rather than a right and occasionally we do need to invoke this clause. Your understanding is appreciated.

Finally, since the beginning of this school year we have been focusing on the safety of our students as they arrive and enter our school premises. While the majority of students are careful at all times and pay close attention to traffic signals and teacher instructions at the various gates and crossings around the school perimeter, it has been disturbing to see the number of students and parents, who flaunt all safety requests and take quite risks as pedestrians and drivers.

Mr Brian Edmonds

Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards at the upcoming Year and College Assemblies. Well done to Year 8 who seem to be consistently leading the way in the merit tally.

Bronze Awards
Thissum Gunawardana 7C13
Ayman Helmy 7C16
Jordan Liddiard 7C12
Harkirat Singh 7C11
Lucas Tabone 7C17
James Talty 7C14
Francis-Anthony Zaccheo 7C12
Javier Arispe-Jerez 8D18 2 Awards
Rohit Bathla 8D26
Marcus Jones 8D25
Liam Norton 8D20
Connor O’Brien 8D18
Joshua Watts 8D20
Andrew Wehbe 8D18
Amir Darabi 9B3 2 Awards
Chase Chapman 10C19 2 Awards
Jaden Victoria 10C5

Silver Awards
Rohit Bathla 8D26
Amir Darabi 9B3

Gold Awards
Rohit Bathla 8D26
Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!

Mrs Natacha Warrant, Merit Awards Convenor
Year 8 Industrial Technology Metal
The boys have been working very hard this semester to ensure they understand concepts and develop the right skills in order to create quality and practical projects. The addition of the new facilities has been a key element to promote student learning and encourage the students to aim higher in terms of their project work and practical based tasks.

This subject is about metalwork and making things out of metal. It is also about getting a deeper understanding on how metal is used in our everyday life. The things that I like about this subject is being able to work in fresh new spaces and that we are creating something practical that we may use later in life. My favourite thing about this subject is the fact that we get to work with metal. The new facilities are great because we are able to do our practical work in complete comfort and we have fresh new tools and machines to use. **Thomas Sultana**

**Industrial Technology Metal** is about creating useful things that will help us with life and developing correct metalworking techniques in order to create our designs.

I really enjoy the practical work, designing and working with Computer Aided Design Programs. I find it very interesting how I can go from a simple design to creating a working product by understanding and developing my knowledge within the subject.

The new facilities look fantastic and I can't wait to start project work and taking advantage of the new workshops and tools which have been made available to us. **Liam Daniel**

**Mr Anthony Hrvatin, Teacher**
Year 9 Food Technology
So far this Term, the Year 9 Food Technology students have focused on applying safe and hygienic work practices in their new state of the art kitchen. They have also explored various cultural influences on Australian cuisine. Students have investigated the traditional diet of Indigenous Australians and made cheesecake flavoured with lemon myrtle. Students were interested in the influence of the early British settlers and made damper. The also investigated the many other cultures that have influenced our cuisine and they have gained an appreciation for the wide variety of ingredients, equipment, food preparation techniques and recipes that are now available. Recently, students enjoyed making fried rice. They are currently conducting an investigation into the food traditions of a chosen culture and will prepare and present a traditional dish unique to that culture.

In Food Technology so far this year, I have learnt that there are different temperature zones like the danger zone and the cold food zone. I also learnt that there are different types of bacteria that may cause food poisoning. **Angelo Justin**

In Food Technology so far this year, I have learned how to cut food safely without cutting any of my fingers! I also learnt about the early settlers to Australia and how it was hard for them to grow food because of the harsh Australian conditions. **Markel Vaela**

In Food Technology so far this year, I have enjoyed cooking with my fellow classmates, meeting new people and communicating with them during practical lessons. **Malek Mawut**

**Mrs Krista Erenavula, Food Technology Teacher**
Year 9 Graphics Technology
The Year 9 Graphics students have commenced the course in the newly constructed D Block. The students have been supplied with drawing boards and drafting equipment. Orthogonal drawings have been the basis of the initial learning. Teaching has been made more effective with the introduction of “The Hover Cam”. This allows the teacher to draw on a board and have the image projected to the LED screen television. The students will be applying the techniques learnt to produce their own “letter box”. Students will soon commence using Computer Aided Drawing programs to create simple sketches. Patrician Brothers uses the Pro-Engineer drawing application. This allows the production of technical drawings on computer, assisting the creation of three-dimensional drawings.

Currently in Graphics we are learning how to draw orthogonal drawings utilising our new facilities such as the drawing boards, the hovercams etc. We are very lucky to be in the new facilities for this subject. Our teacher is very helpful with making us learn various techniques. I am most excited about doing CAD’s in Graphics later in the year. Pawanjot Jas

In Graphics we do orthogonal drawings which include doing practice sheets first to get all the correct measurements. The things I like about the new facilities are the ducted air conditioning and large new TV’s. We also now have a hovercam which is really cool because we can see what the teacher is doing from the back of the classroom. I am looking forward to using some great new equipment and doing some challenging drawings throughout the year. Brayden Findlay

In Graphics I am learning how to draw an orthogonal drawings. I like the fact that the teachers trust us with the equipment in the classroom. I look forward to improving my drawing skills and graphics. I also like to draw things on computers. Sid Ndaira

In Graphics we are learning to sketch lighter lines and orthogonal drawings. The new facilities have air conditioned rooms. There is also a hover cam and other new technology. I look forward to CAD drawing in Graphics. Tua Collardey

So far Graphics has been a most enjoyable subject. I have enjoyed learning about technical drawings and the design industries drawing types and standards. At the moment, we are working on an orthogonal drawing of a base plate. It really challenges my skills to work out where the lines match up and it is really rewarding to see the final product of your hard work. I really enjoy using the new spaces and equipment and I can feel it improving the efficiency of my work. I really look forward to learning how to use computers for technical drawing. Overall, Graphics is a very enjoyable subject. Matthew Mendens

Mr Michael Benitez, TAS Coordinator

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Year 9 Information Software and Technology

Information Software and Technology have covered a range of topics relating to different areas in the field of Information Technology. These include Hardware, Software, Interface and Multimedia. The use of Google Classroom as a shared working space and Google Drive as a place to store all our work has enabled a significant improvement in productivity and engagement. It really makes communication between student and teacher easy and makes it easier to create and submit tasks. Both classes are lucky to be timetabled in our new building and have displayed significant gratitude to the facilities that have been provided for them to improve their learning.

Mr. Adam Hartigan, Teacher

Year 10 Graphics Technology + Industrial Technology

Wood

Graphics is pleasurable because Mr. Dadisho teaches CAD software such as ProEngineer very clearly. Recently in class we have been working on our assessment task, which requires us to create product models such as bottles, pencil sharpeners, pens, glue sticks, USB sticks using all the features of ProEngineer.

Izak Ziberras

Mr. Dadisho’s graphics class is highly enjoyable as he gives us detailed explanation on how to use CAD software ProEngineer and how we can implement it into our designs. We have had two class activities that demonstrated all the features of ProEngineer. One required us to make a Coffee Cup as an individual part whilst the other was based on a Water Bottle with two parts that required assembling. Additionally we learned how to assemble component, render, produce an exploded view and save our finished products as JPEGS.

Simon Koutoulas

I really enjoy practical demonstrations conducted by Mr. Dadisho. The class is presently at the early stages of starting Practical work on the Desktop Clocks and Mr. Dadisho has been demonstrating Pocket Screw joining technique. Additionally he has been getting us involved in taking part and recalling the steps involved.

Zigee Parker-Gregg

This subject is enjoyable as it involves practical work. We are commencing on our projects soon and we are all required to produce a Desktop Clock. Recently we have been watching Mr. Dadisho demonstrate practically how to produce the front and back frames using the Pocket screw joining technique.

Jayden Gatt

Mr. Alan Dadisho, Teacher

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Year 10 Industrial Technology Metal Work
This year our Year 10 Metal class will be designing and building a garden ornamental sized ‘Wind Mill’. The class is currently completing their design portfolios. This includes drawings of the finished product they are hoping to create. To complete this job to a high standard, the students will require good hand skills and thorough knowledge of various metal processes.

Mr Scarpin explains how to complete our portfolios with high detail and how we can implement our knowledge and skills in the workshop. Simon Koutoulas

The good thing in metalworking is that we know what we are going to make. We may also be able to use these skills in the future. Michael Rosales

Metal work is good because there are life skills which we can learn that we’ll be able to use throughout our lives. I am a little daunted about the job we are building but I’m sure I’ll complete a fine job. Loclan Banfield

Mr Adam Scarpin, Teacher

Year 11 Information Processes and Technology
Information Processes and Technology has a primary focus on understanding how computer hardware and software communicate with each other. The students develop an understanding of information systems and how they are designed, implemented, and run in today’s society. The construction of the new Technology and Applied Studies building has provided the boys with a safe and positively engaging learning environment and opens up new revenues of teaching which previously were not possible.

Personally, I’ve always had a fascination for computers, so studying Information Processes and Technology as well as Software Design and Development has enriched my understanding of concepts and technologies which were previously unknown to me. Throughout this subject so far, I’ve especially enjoyed learning about how to design and create cohesive databases that can then be exported and used in a variety of other ways in conjunction with other software. So far I have enjoyed learning about the enriching course content as well as learning how to use a variety of industry recognised software. Vincent Akena

I love Information Processes and Technology because it gives the head start into a vast and ever-growing industry. You gain skills in logical thinking through understanding that happens behind the scenes of the computer industry. Every lesson has helped me to grow through the positivity of each Lesson. The new facilities have been a massive expansion that has brought new learning spaces, as well as more opportunities for both me and my class mates to engage in each lesson. Marwin Manlangit

Mr Anthony Hrvatin, Teacher
Year 7 Food Technology
For the first time in the history of Patrician Brothers’ College, our Year 7 students are able to study Food Technology thanks to our brand new multi-million dollar facilities—AND they love it!
From the Director of Studies

Year 12 Examinations
Year 12 Examinations are being held from Tuesday 29 March to Friday 8 April. All Year 12 students must attend the exams as per the timetable. If there is a problem, then students are expected to contact the school and leave a message with Mr Domars or Mrs Paton. Students need to pay attention to the starting times of each exam as these are slightly different due to the school’s earlier starting time. Due to the earlier start most exams finish earlier too, which means there are no late afternoons. As all these examinations are part of their formal assessment schedule, students must make a serious attempt on every section of the exam. It is not acceptable to attempt only the multiple choice questions. Boys MUST attempt every question on the paper. A reminder that electronic devices are not allowed in the examination rooms/hall.

Student Newsletters
Students in Years 11 and 12 were sent Students Online Bulletins last week. This newsletter contains information about their personal Students Online accounts, as well as useful links to sites to help with their studies. Please ask your son to check that he has received these emails. The emails were sent to his school email address. If your son has not received the bulletin, encourage him to go to the BOSTES website, go to Students Online to either activate their account or check their contact details are correct in My Details. Year 10 students will also receive a newsletter in the coming weeks.

Year 7 Public Speaking
Congratulations to two very talented speakers from Year 7 Harkirat Singh and James Talty who competed in the Catholic Schools’ Public Speaking Competition. Harkirat spoke about the value of education in his speech entitled “School Days” while James entertained the audience with his cautionary tale of “Be Afraid”. Both spoke with amazing clarity and confidence. They are now preparing for the next competition which is debating. They are looking forward to the challenge of showcasing their knowledge and wit against other Year 7 students from across the diocese. We wish them all the best for a successful and enjoyable debating season.

AIM High
The AIM High group has started in earnest. There was a launch of this extremely successful mentoring group on Monday 7 March and the first workshop on Organisation, Planning, Effective Study Habits on Wednesday during lunch time. Thank you to Mrs Davidson who ran that workshop. The next workshop for the boys will be held on Wednesday 23 March, by Mrs Gilchrist who will give the boys tips about Memory. A well timed workshop with exams looming the next week.

NAPLAN for Year 7 and Year 9
All parents of Year 7 and Year 9 should have received a letter from the school informing them about the NAPLAN tests. Please make sure that your son attends school on those days. The tests begin on Tuesday 10 May and conclude on Thursday 12 May. Friday 13 May will be a catch-up day. These tests are important as they provide information to schools about your son’s learning journey and teachers can use the data to support the teaching and learning programs being delivered.

Important Information for Year 12 Students from BOSTES
Students should always show their working in HSC examination questions that require calculations. This way the student can demonstrate to the marker that he has understood the process to be followed, and the marker may be able to award some marks even if the final answer is incorrect. If a student gives just a final answer that is incorrect to a question that is worth more than one mark, the student can only be awarded zero for the question.

To remind students about showing their working in their answers, the instruction Show all relevant working in questions involving calculations will be included in the following HSC examinations studied at school from the 2016 HSC examinations:

- Biology
- Construction
- Geography
- Industrial Technology

The instruction will appear at the beginning of the Section or Part of the examination where such questions may be located.

The same will also apply for the Semester 1 exams, any internal assessment tasks and the Trial HSC.

Mrs Danuta Paton, Director of Studies

Library Update
The Homework Centre has been a hub of activity, with student attendance numbers almost hitting the one hundred mark. With the addition of another class set of laptops to the Library in recent weeks, we now have over 60 computers available to students. Students are to be commended for their enthusiasm and their commitment to their studies. The Premiers Reading Challenge commenced this week with enthusiasm and their commitment to their studies.

Students are also invited to participate in the 2016 Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. The theme is optional this year. Please see Mrs Forrest if you are keen to participate.

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Homework Centre
Homework Centre in Week 9 will be on Tuesday 22nd March as Wednesday 23rd March is Open Night.

Year 10 RE and PDHPE Assessment Afternoon – Monday 21st March. Library will be remain open till 4.30pm. This is a perfect opportunity for students to ensure tasks are ready for submission by the due date. Get in early and save the stress of last minute printing!
Student Book Review
“The Giver Quartet” series by Lois Lowry, tells the story of a utopian society, where emotion has been eradicated from the lives of the community, creating a dull life. No pain, sadness or anger but a world, which is considered perfect through past and present - a world of sameness. The protagonist Jonas, Receiver of Memory is a 12-year-old boy who inherits all these lost memories, of emotion before the time of sameness. As he grows and develops a better understanding of the reality of this utopian society it changes into a dystopian society. He is the first person to understand the intentions of leaders of the utopian society, however different protagonists soon realise the reality of the situation as well.

As you delve into the pages you are taken deeper and deeper through the connection of all these protagonists through their own stories. This astonishing series will be absorbed in thought and wonder long after all of the pages are turned but allows the readers to travel along with the character as they are immersed through different perspectives of this futuristic reality. This series is incredibly thought provoking and has become well known to international audiences due to the creation of the movie “The Giver” based on the first sequel to the series. I absolutely recommends this to readers.

Stephen Izquierdo, Student
Mrs Vikki Forrest, Teacher Librarian

Year 7 Patrician Induction Day
On Friday 4 March representatives from each Year 7 home-room attended the Year 7 Patrician Induction Day at All Saints Catholic Boys College, Liverpool along with two Year 11 Peer Support Leaders and Mr Mark Hendy. The boys participated in a range of activities with Year 7 students from the other Patrician Brothers linked schools.

During the Year 7 Patrician Induction Day, we focused on three very important people in the Patrician Communities; Jesus, St Patrick and Bishop Daniel Delany. In one of the group activities we were given words such as Respect, Loyalty, Integrity and Faith. We then had to draw a picture about the word and say how it related to the three people. It was great to talk with the Year 7 students from the other Patrician Linked Schools and learn more about St Patrick and Bishop Daniel Delany. Maddix Fualau, 7C15 and Lucas Tabone, 7C17

We had a great day where we learnt more about the Patrician Brothers, Saint Patrick and Bishop Daniel Delany. We liked the prayer in which all the students from five schools participated and we enjoyed the interaction in groups with the students. Jordan Miller, 7C15 and Parav Joshi, 7C14

We learnt a lot about the Patrician Community. It was interesting to learn about the history of all the other schools but I especially like what I learnt about our school. Mr Hendy and the peer support leaders Bailey and Ken were great. Noah Pomente, 7C17

Today we learnt about Jesus, St Patrick and Daniel Delany. We spent time talking to the students from the other Patrician Schools. We had a lot of fun activities which brought the students together as part of the larger Patrician community. We shared knowledge about all the schools. The activity we enjoyed the most was the words that related to God. Some of these words Included: Respect, Integrity, Faith and Courage. The whole day was enjoyed by all the students and we now want to share what we learnt with all the Year 7 students at Patrician Brothers’ College, Blacktown. Declan Schell, 7C12, Thisum Gunawardana, 7C13, Jad Ghourizi, 7C11, Harkirat Singh, 7C11, Sharan Balachandran, 7C13 and Kevin Kennedy, 7C12

Today we learnt how to interact with the students in our wider Patrician community. The day started with a liturgy and then a number of group activities which mixed the students from all the schools. The Year 7 students who represented our school were exceptional with their positive attitude and the way they participated in all the activities during the Induction Day. Ken Leota and Bailey Broom, Peer Support Leaders

Sports Update
MCS Swimming
Congratulations to all boys who have been nominated for the MCS Swimming Carnival. A list of qualified swimmers will be available at school by Friday 18 March. Any questions can be directed to Mr Borg.

Communication
Up to date sport information can be viewed on the following sites: MCS Website, NSW CCC Website, @pbssport

Blacktown City Council Sports Awards Evening
Congratulations to Timothy Hodge who was acknowledged as the Junior Sportsperson of the Year for 2015 at their recent Gala Awards Night. This was in recognition of Tim’s efforts in the pool where he broke numerous state and national titles and was selected in the 2016 Rio Paralympic train on squad.

National Champion
Congratulations to Gordon Allan of Year 12, who recently competed at the National Para-Cycling Championships. At these Open Championships, Gordon won both the 36km road race and 18 time trial events. This is a wonderful achievement for Gordon who is still only 17 years of age and hoping to be considered for selection in the Australian Paralympic squad in 2016.

MCS Winter Sports
The winter MCS season has begun with matches being completed in Soccer, Rugby 7’s and Tennis. Our Rugby League selections have almost completed and these teams will commence their competitions at the beginning of Term 2. Congratulations to all boys who have been selected in these squads. I’ll also take this opportunity to remind parents and students that it would be appreciated if levies could be paid to the school office ASAP. Upon receipt of the levy, your son will then receive his training gear for 2016. Levies need to be returned to the office before your son can take the field. Any questions related to this can be directed to Mr Borg. Thank you once again for your continued support of our Representative Sport Program.

NSWCCC
Congratulations to Samuel Barnett of Year 12 who was recently selected in the NSWCC Opens Softball squad that will compete at the NSW All Schools Championships.

Mr Heath Borg, MCS Sports Coordinator
Students enjoy more space

Renovations reach fruition for Patrician Brothers' College with new $6.5m D Block open with kitchen, classrooms and more

The wait is over for staff, students and families at Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown.

Renovations on the school’s D Block building are complete with students already enjoying the commercial style kitchen, technology rooms and classrooms for drama lessons.

The upgrades are part of the school’s $6.5 million refurbishment, which began in April after funding was approved by the Federal Government and Catholic Education Parramatta.

Despite a minor delay, the building opened its doors on Monday, February 15.

Patrician Brothers’ business development manager Steve Mulligan said the D Block renovations created much-needed space in the schoolyard and classrooms.

“It feels great to have so much extra space again,” he said.

The boys absolutely love the new classrooms.

We have some amazing new facilities at the school which will help the teaching and learning process for both teachers and students alike,” Mr Mulligan said the upgraded teaching space helped plan for the school’s future.

“Our numbers are growing rapidly and the D Block renovation gives us the required learning space to meet demand,” he said.

“It allows us to maintain class numbers to a healthy level as well as provide students with new learning opportunities.”

Patrician Brothers will also open a cafe for the school community, which is expected to open in April.

Patrician Brothers’ principal Santo Passarelli said the renovations followed four years of negotiations.

“It took a long time to secure the appropriate funding for a project of this nature,” he said.

“We are very thankful to the Federal Government and Catholic Education Parramatta for making the project a reality.

“The new building is a game-changer for how we do things at Patrician Brothers Blacktown. Changes will especially benefit the drama and food technology classes.

A $3.5 million Federal Government grant helped fund the project with the remaining costs split between the school and Catholic Education Parramatta.

An official opening ceremony will be held on June 6.
Matt Moylan is ready for captain’s role

By Patrick Fair

He may be taking on the captaincy, a potential new position and making a comeback from a serious injury, but the demeanor of Matt Moylan does not seem to have changed.

The 24-year-old returns from a long injury lay-off in the 2017 season, where he played just 11 NRL games.

Nevertheless, he appears to be comfortable and un daunted by the pressure of taking on the captaincy role.

"You too much will change, I just want to try and stay the same person I was before," he said.

"I've always been pretty confident about what I can do, so I think it'll help me as a footballer to mature."

"I've got a good role in the team and the boys know their role, so I think it will be a pretty easy transition."

The rise to the captaincy role has come quickly for the local junior, who has only played 50 NRL games.

Playing his junior footy with St Paul’s at Blacktown, Moylan also went to Patrician Brothers College, which has become known for churning out NRL players.

He came through the junior ranks at the Panthers, before making his debut in 2011.

In his relatively short time in first grade, Moylan has impressed a lot of people.

He has already played for the NRL All-Stars and City Origin and he’s come close to wearing both Green and Gold and Sky Blue.

Most importantly, he has impressed his new coach, Anthony Griffin.

At the time when Moylan was announced as captain, Griffin said he was very impressed by his composure.

"He's already achieved a hell of a lot in his short career, keeping in mind he's still barely turned 21 yet."

"Probably his composure and his presence are the things that have impressed me the most."

The appointment of Moylan as captain has been met with a positive response by a number of his teammates, including Bryce Cartwright.

Cartwright also went to Patrician Brothers and has known Moylan since he was a teenager.

"It's good to have a young local junior take over captaincy of the side," Cartwright said.

"We've still got a lot of older fellows who can help him out as well."

Cartwright ready to shine

By Patrick Fair

He's already been earmarked as a future representative star, but Bryce Cartwright is taking nothing for granted in 2016.

All eyes were on the young backrower in 2015 as he fought his way back from a broken ankle that threatened to end his career, to being one of the Panthers best.

For the first time in his career, the 21-year-old has the benefit of a full pre-season under his belt.

Having put in the hard yards on the training paddock and in the gym, Cartwright declared he was as strong and fit as ever on the dawn of the season.

He knows he has come a long way in the past 12 months, which he credits to his family and the club.

"I've got a great base of support at home and at the Panthers as well," he said.

"If I didn't have those two support bases, I wouldn't be standing here, 100 per cent." As he started to attract a lot of media attention and predictions about his future, Cartwright also linked to his family to keep him grounded.

"I guess it's easy when I've got a good family to bring me back down," he said.

"Just hearing that stuff makes you want to train harder, you want it more, you want it to be a reality."

"I've got a great base of support at home and at the Panthers as well." He is ready to take on the titanic challenge.

"Some of the guys in the team are in the same boat, so it's going to be hard to knock down a spot."

"I've got a great base of support at home and at the Panthers as well." He is excited to bring his talent to the grand final in October.

"I'm excited about the talent surrounding him at the Panthers and I'm excited to get out there."
Spinner makes debut

CRICKET

BY PATRICK FAHY

A 17 years and 318 days of age, off-spinner Arjun Nair recently became the 11th youngest player to make their First Class debut for NSW.

The former Patrician Brothers student was selected in the final 11 for the Sheffield Shield match against South Australia at the International Stadium in Coffs Harbour.

Nair sits just behind Pat Cummins (17 years and 299 days) and Josh Hazlewood (17 years 310 days) on the list of youngest players to make their First Class debuts for NSW.

The youngest player on that list is the late Ian Craig, who was 16 years and 249 days old when he first played for NSW.

He is the 736th player to represent NSW in First Class cricket. The 737th player was wicketkeeper Jay Lenton who made his debut in round two this season.

With Nathan Lyon in New Zealand and Stephen O’Keefe recovering from finger surgery, Nair received a call up after Blues off-spinner Will Somerville was ruled out due to to a finger injury.

The teenager held his own when thrown the ball, taking 2-71 from 20.2 overs as the Blues dismissed the Redbacks for 298 in their first innings.

Although he was selected as a bowler, Nair was one of the Blues best performers with the bat in their first innings. A century to Ben Roarer (109 n.o.) led the Blues home with five wickets in hand on the final day of the match.

Nair, making his First Class debut has capped off an impressive 12 months of cricket. He took 9-75 from 39.5 overs in a recent Futures League match against ACT and followed that performance up with 4-31 from 20.3 overs in a grade match.

Arjun Nair plays for Hawkesbury in the Sydney Grade Cricket competition, where he made his first grade debut at 15.

He has represented NSW Metro and Australia at under-19 level and this summer he was given a Sydney Thunder rookie contract.

PROUD MOMENT: Teenage spinner, Arjun Nair is presented his Baggy Blue cap by NSW skipper, Moises Henriques on the morning of his First Class debut in Coffs Harbour last week. Picture: Deil Carr Sports Shoot.
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WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK: 23rd March
9.00am Mass (St Patrick’s Church)
No Evening Mass (St Michael’s Church)
7.30pm Diocesan Chrism Mass (Parramatta Cathedral)

HOLY THURSDAY: 24th March
No morning Mass
9.00am Morning Prayer (St Patrick’s Church)
7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (St Patrick’s Church)
Followed by, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.00pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY: 25th March
No Morning Mass
10.00am Stations of the Cross

(MQOF Youth—St Patrick’s School Grounds)
3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion (St Patrick’s Church)
3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion (St Michael’s Church)

HOLY SATURDAY: Saturday 26th March
No Morning Mass
9.00am Morning Prayer (St Patrick’s Church)
7.30pm Easter Vigil (St Patrick’s Church)

EASTER SUNDAY: 27th March
7.00am (St Patrick’s Church)
8.00am (St Michael’s Church)
9.30am (St Michael’s Church)
10.00am (St Patrick’s Church)
5.30pm (St Patrick’s Church)
6.00pm (St Michael’s Church)

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