



St Patrick's College 2018

Orientation



**A Catholic Boys' School in
the Edmund Rice Tradition**



Mr Chris Mayes, Principal

Welcome to St Patrick's

Through your presence with us, you will play a significant role in the life of the College. I believe this to be a wonderful College and I hope that your experience at St Patrick's will be rewarding and fulfilling.

You will add to a wonderful tradition that began in 1952 when St Patrick's College received its first students. It is a tradition based on respect for the dignity of all and a love for knowledge grounded firmly in the Catholic ethos. Over the next five, six or seven years you will have innumerable opportunities to develop your talents and character. I hope you make excellent use of each opportunity that is placed in front of you. You will be asked to contribute to the development of our community by playing your part and sharing your talent and not only growing and improving yourself, but also the capacity of those around you. You will develop friendships at St Patrick's that will last a lifetime.

By the time you reach your senior year, it is our hope that you will have developed the skills and character that will take you confidently into the next phase of your life journey. It is my prayer, and that of the St Patrick's College community, you will be ready to take your place in society and be committed to ensuring that your contribution to this nation will be positive and creative and that you will make a difference.

In the coming years, be assured that the staff of St Patrick's College seek only to assist you to become the best person that you can be. Starting at St Patrick's College is not difficult. We ask three things of you to assist you to be the best you can be. Firstly, a work ethic that allows you to try hard at everything you do. Secondly, a respect for yourself, your teachers and other staff and students. Finally, a willingness to enjoy your time in this community and to respect our Catholic traditions. I look forward to meeting you on your first day and watching with your parents as you grow and develop through to your senior year.

Welcome to St Patrick's and may God bless you each day!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'C Mayes'.

Mr Chris Mayes
Principal



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College Leadership Team



Mr Chris Mayes,
Principal



Mr Frank Torrisi,
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Mr Darren Kearney,
Dean of Students



Mr Christopher Campbell,
Dean of Teaching and Learning



Mr Tim Kenny,
Dean of Identity



Ms Elizabeth Gaber,
Dean of Administration

College Leaders 2018



Daniel Champness
College Captain



Harry Lawrence
College Vice Captain



Miguel Vergara
College Vice Captain



Jack Smith
College Vice Captain

Student Well-Being and Behaviour Development

Well-Being and Behaviour Development Program

As a community we strive to build 'Men of Action' at St Patrick's College. Our well-being programs are designed to support our young men as they strive to be men of faith, men of learning and men of humility.

Every student and family who enters the St Patrick's College community is welcomed into one of nine Houses as a means to develop spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually. The House system also provides leadership opportunities for young men from Years 5 - 12. Each House is led by a House Dean and student House Leader. Houses are made up of 140 students from Years 5 to 12. Throughout their life at St Patrick's, students belong to a House Tutor Group consisting of 19 students from Years 5 – 12 led by a Group Tutor who will remain with your son throughout his journey. Tutor Groups are an integral component in developing an environment of trust, support and friendship for your son.

Our Well-Being and Behaviour Development Program also places significant emphasis on developing cooperative group relationships. The highest levels of cooperative group relationships are found when our young men feel a high level of pride in being part of their school and receive a high level of respect from all members of the St Patrick's College community.

Belonging to a group and feeling as though you are playing a significant role within that group is vital in the development of adolescent boys. For this reason, the St Patrick's College Well-Being team, which consists of our two College Counsellors, nine House Deans and the Dean of Students have chosen to adopt a model of Student Wellbeing and Behavioural Development based on the concept of Restorative Practice.

For St Patrick's College operating restoratively means to have high expectations and insist on high standards of behaviour while providing high levels of support and care for each individual. In any behavioural intervention the St Patrick's College community focuses on restoring any harm done and view the incident primarily as a teaching opportunity.

Important Aspects of the Program

Outdoor Education Camps

We offer a sequence of age appropriate camps which have been specifically designed to build resilience, confidence and friendships. The Year 5 camp '*Friends, Mud and Surf*' and the Year 7 camp '*Positive Group Relations and Increased Self-Confidence*', are held early in Term 1 to ensure as a community we have the best opportunity to create and strengthen friendships for the year ahead.

All students are required to participate in camp experiences from Years 5 to 9. All camp fees are built into the school fees. If at any time you have concerns about your son's ability to fully participate in these compulsory camp experiences, please contact your House Dean to ensure appropriate steps can be put in place to enable him to successfully access this experience.





Big Brother - Little Brother Program

The Big Brother - Little Brother Program will for many young men foster a special bond of brotherhood between himself and a senior student, that in some cases, will continue well after he has left the College.

The Program assigns every new student (the Little Brother) with a student commencing Year 12 (the Big Brother). The students are placed in the same House Group and the same Tutor Group. The Little Brother and Big Brother will connect at the beginning of each school day at Tutor Group or House Assembly.

More broadly, the Program aims to assist new students to the College to familiarise themselves with school procedures; by providing a friend for the new students who will also be able to help them make friends around the College; and by offering a point of contact for new students if they encounter problems during the early stages of their time at the College.

St Patrick's College Anti-Bullying Program

Bullying has always occurred in schools, and unfortunately will continue to do so, especially with the advent of cyber bullying. At St Patrick's College we do not view bullying as a normal part of growing up, and we will never accept the view that it is part of the 'toughening up process' that a child is required to go through during their teenage years.

Although bullying may never be fully eradicated in schools, the staff at St Patrick's College promise that all reports of bullying will be investigated fully, dealt with swiftly, and done so in a manner that is respectful to all parties.

Our Anti-Bullying program runs for the entire year with Week 4 of every term being our 'Men of Action Week'. The Week 4 program involves all students stopping classes at the same time to undergo a lesson run by their Group Tutor and our Year 12 students.

This lesson covers anti-bullying strategies, and an explanation of the action students should take if they see, or are a target, of bullying. The St Patrick's College Anti-Bullying program challenges those young men who are not bullies or targets, to play a powerful role in reshaping the inappropriate behaviours of others.

We encourage you as parents to teach your son to speak up on behalf of children being bullied. Bullying is significantly reduced if bystanders are prepared to make a stand. As a community we continually discuss with our young men that there is no such thing as an innocent bystander when someone is being bullied. We are all responsible for the safety of each individual student within our community: staff, parents and students.

If at any stage you have any concerns regarding any child within the St Patrick's College community, please don't hesitate to contact your family's House Dean or the Dean of Students.



Getting to Know Your House



COFFEY HOUSE

"Dedication and Participation"

Coffey House is named after Brother Coffey - the first Principal of St Patrick's College from 1952 to 1957. During his time, he displayed inspirational leadership and made St Patrick's a wonderful centre of Christian life and learning.

House Colour - Blue



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Hayden Jones
Coffey House Leader



Kaide Connors
Coffey House Leader



Cruz Alexander
Coffey House Leader



KENNEDY HOUSE

"Strive to Conquer"

Kennedy House is named after the tenth Principal of the College, Mr John J Kennedy who lead the College as the first appointed lay person from 1995 - 1999. During his time as Principal, the College saw the introduction of a vertical House system with four Houses initially created.

House Colour - Purple



MR JOHN TUCKER
Kennedy House Dean

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Brady Jeffery
Kennedy House Leader



Jack Franklin
Kennedy House Leader

Getting to Know Your House



MOONEY HOUSE

"Fun and Participation"

Mooney House is named after the fourth Principal of the College, Brother Mooney who was Principal from 1966-1971. During his time the College improved its facilities greatly. He was responsible for many of the buildings we see at St Patrick's today.

House Colour - Green



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Ethan Rees
Mooney House Leader



Tom Kelman
Mooney House Leader



O'ROURKE HOUSE

"Together in Strength and Spirit"

O'Rourke House is named after Father Patrick O'Rourke. Father O'Rourke was the Parish Priest of Sandgate who decided to establish a school to relieve the pressure on the overcrowded Sandgate Convent. Father O'Rourke began to search for a site for the school and he purchased Morven in 1951 for £12,500.

House Colour - Yellow



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Jack Noble
O'Rourke House Leader



Benjamin Pelling
O'Rourke House Leader

Getting to Know Your House



QUANE HOUSE

"Burning with Ambition"

Quane House is named after the third Principal of the College, Brother Quane who was Principal from 1964 to 1965. He established a Sports Committee and kindled a new interest amongst parents and students.

House Colour - Red

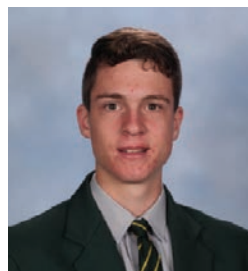


MR DOM CROWLEY
Quane House Dean

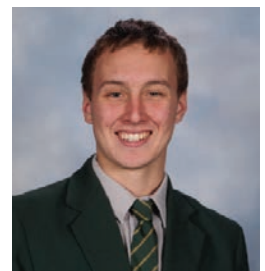
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Benjamin Salter
Quane House Leader



Jackson Olley
Quane House Leader



Jarred Megaw
Quane House Leader



RICE HOUSE

"Fortune Favours the Brave"

Rice House is named after Edmund and his family, which is represented by the inverted black "V" on the Rice House crest. The Rice House crest also recognises the traditional land owners through the artwork inside the Celtic cross, which is a symbol of the Christian Brothers' Irish origins.

House Colour - Orange



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Murdoch Hogan
Rice House Leader



Lochlan Black
Rice House Leader



Jett Bradley
Rice House Leader

Getting to Know Your House



RYAN HOUSE

"With Unity Come Success"

Ryan House is named after the fifth Principal of the College, Brother Ryan who was Principal from 1972 to 1977. Br Ryan's great love was sport. He was instrumental in improving the on-field results of St Patrick's College teams.

House Colour - White



MRS JANET GARSIDE
Ryan House Dean

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James Hall
Ryan House Leader



Miguel Bello
Ryan House Leader



TREACY HOUSE

"Unyielding Faith"

Treacy House is named Brother Patrick Ambrose Treacy. He has been described as the greatest Christian Brother, after the Founder Blessed Edmund Rice, who ever lived. His faith, energy and dedication underpinned the beginning and growth of the Christian Brothers in Australia.

House Colour - Teal



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Matthew Stride
Treacy House Leader



Tyler Isonaga
Treacy House Leader



Tobias Batson
Treacy House Leader

Getting to Know Your House



XAVIER HOUSE

"By Wisdom, Faith and Courage"

The Xavier House name arises from the legendary work of St Francis Xavier. He is considered the greatest missionary since the Apostles and is an outstanding role model to all of the religious and lay messengers who followed.

House Colour - Maroon



MR MATTHEW ROBERTSON
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Callum Waite
Xavier House Leader



Connor Scurr
Xavier House Leader

College Counsellors

The College has two dedicated counsellors to help support parents and students as they move through school. Students and/or parents are encouraged to talk to House Deans about concerns and seeking support from the College Counsellor.

For students in Years 5 and 6 a parent, teacher or House Dean can refer a student to see the College Counsellor. However, parental consent must be provided. The teacher or parent referring the student will need to complete a referral form and discuss the referral with the House Dean. For students in Years 7-12, a teacher or parent can refer a student to see the College Counsellor by completing a referral form. Students are also able to let a teacher or their House Dean know they would like to see a Counsellor and can contact the College Counsellor directly. Parental consent is not a requirement for secondary students.

Referrals and parental consent forms are available on the College website, Connect or from House Deans. The Counsellor can be contacted by phoning the College Office or by emailing counsellor@stpatricks.qld.edu.au.



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Frequently Asked Questions

The First Few Days

To assist your son in his first few days at St Patrick's College, we have put together a list of common questions our young men ask.

What day do I start and do mum and dad need to be there?

All students in Years 5 and 7 start on Tuesday, 23 January 2018. The school day will commence at 8:30am. The St Patrick's College community is a welcoming and safe place, so in an effort to further build upon your son's resilience, we encourage families to allow their son to make his own way to the plaza on the first day. Staff and his Big Brother will there waiting for him. Parents are encouraged to meet friends for a coffee and to then join us for a brief welcoming ceremony in the Christian Brothers Building at 8.40am if possible.

What uniform should I wear?

All students are asked to wear their formal uniform on the first day of school. Socks up, shirt in and tie on. Please ensure he also brings his College bucket hat which must be worn at morning tea and lunch.

Do I bring all of my equipment and books?

Students are required to bring all their equipment on the first day. These will be placed either in their desk or locker dependent their Year level. Lockers and a College lock will be supplied on day one for all students in Year 7.

How will I get home?

Please ensure as a family everyone is aware of the location for collection in the afternoon. In many cases his Big Brother will be waiting with him. As a family we ask that you have a Plan B organised if Plan A does not work on the day. Plan B should include a specific time that you require your son to return to the Student Office to contact you. If you are ever running late, please ask him to move to the plaza to wait as there are always staff present.

Where should I go if I am lost or unsure of where I should be?

If at any time a student finds himself in a situation where he is unsure about the location of his class please tell him to remain calm and go to Student Office. Many students are unsure in the first week of the location of their classes and the Student Reception are ready to assist.

What is the most important thing to remember about my first week?

It is normal to be nervous, even those students who have been at St Patrick's for many years are nervous on the first day of the year. The most important thing to remember on your first day is to have fun, make friends and enjoy every second. When you are in Year 12 you will look back and laugh about how many times you got lost. We also encourage you to get involved in all the activities offered and to ask lots of questions.



Help Reference Guide

St Patrick's College encourages a partnership between students, parents and staff. If any concerns or problems arise, it is important to have a solution or answer at home and at the College. This occurs when the appropriate person is notified as soon as a concern arises. The following table gives you some guidance for the appropriate action to take.

Issue	Action
Student absent from the College	Contact the Absentee line: 3631 9077 or Email: absentee@stpatricks.qld.edu.au
Change of contact details	Via Parent Lounge
Concern with a particular subject	Contact the subject class teacher
Unresolved concern with a particular subject	Contact the relevant Head of Curriculum
Student unable to submit an assessment item due to illness	Make contact with the subject/class teacher or Head of Curriculum and email the assignment before 9am
General concern in a number of subject areas e.g. lack of motivation, progression, effort	Contact the House Dean who may also advise the various subject/class teacher
Behavioural concerns	Contact the House Dean
Overall development e.g. social , physical, spiritual, emotional	Contact the House Dean who may also advise the Student Counsellor
Changes to home life	Contact the House Dean who may also advise the Student Counsellor
Your son is absent for an extended period of time	Contact the House Dean who may also advise the Dean of Teaching and Learning
Bullying issues	Contact the House Dean who may advise contact with the Dean of Students
Loss or damage of laptop	Contact IT Student Support on 3631 9033 and notify the House Dean
Concerns regarding subject choices	Contact the Dean of Teaching and Learning
Student unable to complete a Detention	Contact the House Dean
Concerns regarding public transport issues	Contact the Dean of Students



Co-Curricular Opportunities

Culture



Head of Culture
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- Debating
- Drama Club
- Film Crew
- Instrumental Music (College funded lessons in Years 5-6, large variety of ensembles across the College)
- Musical (every two years in conjunction with St John Fisher College)
- Public Speaking
- Showcase (Inter-House event)
- Theatre Sport

St Patrick's College offers students an exciting and diverse range of cultural programs and activities. Designed to complement and balance the curriculum, these programs encourage participation, team-work, self-confidence and creativity. Students across all year levels are actively encouraged to extend and explore their interests and knowledge through participation in a range of cultural activities.

The cultural program provides students with opportunities for character development, decision making, problem solving and leadership. These experiences enrich the lives of students who may go on to pursue careers or lifelong interests in such fields. Activities on offer to students across Years 5-12 allow them to engage in cultural pursuits in both inter-school and intra-school settings and competitions. Cultural activities open to students include:

- Art Club
- Battle of the Bands
- Chess





Co-Curricular Opportunities

Sport



Head of Sport
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Throughout the 60 year history of the College, St Patrick's students have been involved in a range of sports. The Christian Brothers traditionally valued the role sport played in developing the young men entrusted into their care. The role of sport today at St Patrick's is directly reflected in the EREA Charter (2011) Touchstones of 'Liberating Education' and 'Inclusive Community.'

Students of all ages, abilities and ambitions are encouraged to pursue excellence and explore their potential within the realm of the College's extensive sporting program which includes inter-school and intra-school competitions. St Patrick's College is a proud member of the Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) which provide competition over three trimesters between eight independent schools.

The College has a full gymnasium to complement the sporting program and help support the health and fitness of students and staff. The Sports Assistant/Gymnasium Coordinator oversees the running of the gymnasium and provides both individual and sports specific gym programs. Students are able to take advantage of these professionally developed strength and conditioning programs related to the sports they participate in at the College.

Sports Offered at St Patrick's College

TRIMESTER 1	TRIMESTER 2	TRIMESTER 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Cricket Volleyball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country Rugby Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track & Field Basketball Tennis Golf



College Communication

Communication between the College and parents (and vice-versa) is very important. The College offers many forms of communication, and increasingly this communication involves technology.

We have outlined the many ways you can stay in touch with College and we ask parents to familiarise themselves with the options available. It is also important, that as parents you update your contact information whenever it may change so that we can maintain contact with you.

Parent / College Contact

Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in College activities and to cooperate with the College administration in all matters relevant to their son's development.

The College provides the opportunity to meet with your son's teachers twice throughout the year. Interview appointments are made electronically.

Parent Information Evenings are also organised periodically, these are targeted generally for Year levels or for specific purposes.

The College Newsletter - 'The Calling' is published each week. A notification will be sent home via email and on the College APP when the latest newsletter has been published on the College website. This is an important form of communication between the College and parents.

You may also receive a House newsletter throughout the year to update you on activities that have taken place in your son's House.

College Website

The College website, www.stpatricks.qld.edu.au front page is a source of recent news, important community announcements and popular links. It also is the site for parents to access St Patrick's College Connect.

Information relevant to current families includes:

- Access to current and past newsletters (the Calling)
- Calendar events
- 'Our Community' tab

Facebook and Instagram

The St Patrick's College Facebook page provides information about recent and upcoming College events. Becoming a friend of St Patrick's on Facebook will give you a look 'behind the scenes' into daily life at the College. As a community we love sharing our news with our families. Please look for the address (StPatricksCollegeOfficial).

The St Patrick's Instagram account (stpatsofficial) is a great way to stay up to date with some of our favourite images from College events and sports fixtures.



College Communication

St Patrick's College APP

The St Patrick's College APP is another great way to stay up to date with daily updates and information. The APP is used to also alert parents to any updates on urgent matters that may affect students ie. emergencies, transport updates, sporting fixtures or cancellations. It is available for free via the Apple APP or Google Play stores.

If you would like to download the APP to your Android phone or iPhone/iPad:

- Scroll to the bottom of the College website front page and select the relevant APP tab; or
- Search for 'St Patricks' in the Apple APP or the Google Play Store.

REALM - Our New Learning Management System

Over the past 12 months a dedicated team of staff have been tirelessly working on the development of a new Learning Management System - REALM. It will be accessible via our St Patrick's College APP and will provide a new platform for students, staff and parents to interact.

REALM for Parents

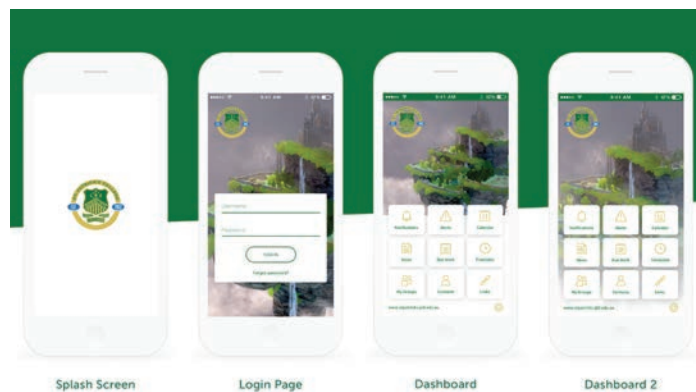
- As a parent you will have your own dashboard which will allow you to access specific information on each of your children, as well as information from the Principal and upcoming College events.
- You will also be able to see news direct from your son's class and teachers.
- News from any of your son's co-curricular activities will be available from individual pages.

- You will be alerted to all news items relating to your child via the Notifications bell.
- You will be able to view subject information, assignments due and assessments, timetables and grades for each of your children.

REALM for Students

- As a Learning Management System, REALM will be the main interface for our students' learning. Each subject will be delivered and managed via REALM, with subject content and assessments, class pages, timetables and co-curricular activities.
- Students will also use REALM to upload their assignment pieces and receive feedback directly from their teachers.

Communication regarding REALM and its roll-out will commence in Term 4. We are really excited about what REALM will offer all members of our community.



Splash Screen

Login Page

Dashboard

Dashboard 2



College Communication

Parent Lounge

Parent Lounge is accessed from the Connect Parent Portal page, with a link on the left hand side. All families are encouraged to regularly access Parent Lounge to keep up-to-date with information and activities across the College and pertaining to their son.

Parent Lounge allows parents to keep up to date with:

- Student information: student attendance, general details, immunisation details, medical details, assessment due dates and task sheets and student timetable.
- Student reports/progress at school: provides up-to-date information on your son's results across his subjects.

Student Absentee Line

- Absences must be advised before 9am
- Advise the Student Office by either calling 3631 9077 or email absentee@stpatricks.qld.edu.au
- An SMS text is sent around 9am each day if a student is absent from school without notification. This can be sent to both parents if you desire.

College Calendar

Each year every family is given a hard copy of the College calendar. This provides easy access to events and dates throughout the year. The College calendar is also available online via the College website and the St Patrick's College APP which you can sync with your calendar on your phone.





The Essentials

The following information is provided to assist our new St Patrick's College families with some of the essentials you will need as part of College life.

Attendance and College Hours

Students are to be in attendance at the College by 8:25am, the first bell is at 8:28am with Tutor Group at 8:30am. Any lateness must be explained by a note from home and recorded with a late stamp from the Student Office. Students are expected to sign in via the computer system at the Student Office as soon as they arrive late for school. Students are dismissed at 3:00pm.

Appointments for doctors, dentists etc. should be made outside of school hours where possible. Holidays and vacations should not be planned during term time.

College Office Hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm.

College Services

The Merchandise Store

The Merchandise Store is the official supplier of College uniforms. A Thrift Shop also operates within the same premises. EFTPOS facilities are available as well as the option of phoning credit card details through to the shop.

During school terms the store is currently open Tuesday 12:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 10:00am – 2:00pm, and Thursday 7:30am – 11:30am. These hours include before and after school as well as morning tea and lunch breaks to accommodate students doing their own shopping.

Volunteer helpers are also welcome and the roster is once

a month. The direct line to the Merchandise Store is 3631 9055 and the convenor is Mrs Julie Bowden.

Text Books

Any hard copy required text books are distributed through the Book Hire Scheme the week before school commences from the Library. The Book Hire Scheme works to assist parents to meet the costs of their sons(s) education by minimising the cost of expensive text books.

All books, once they are issued, are the responsibility of the borrower even if reported lost or stolen. If a book is lost, stolen or damaged, it must immediately be reported to the Library.

Tuckshop

The Tuckshop at St Patrick's College is open every day of the school year and caters to the needs of over 1300 hungry students (including breakfast from 7:45am). A wide selection of healthy food is available with slight variations to the menu from season to season. When choosing menu items we are mindful of the recommendations of dietitians.

The Tuckshop is convened by Mrs Demetria Karydas, who is well skilled in anticipating the needs of growing young men.

Parents are invited to volunteer for the Tuckshop roster. Volunteers are welcome to telephone the Tuckshop directly on 3631 9050.

Student ID Cards

Students will be issued with an ID card at the beginning of each year. This ID card is used for ID, printing, signing in late and borrowing books from the Library. If lost at any stage a replacement card can be organised by the staff in the College Office at a cost of \$10. The ID card is also used to load print credit to enable students to use the College printers. Currently printing costs are 10c for a black and white copy and \$1 for a colour copy.

Fees/Levies

Term 1 Tuition Fee accounts are invoiced generally in the last week of January. Fee accounts for Terms 2, 3 and 4 are invoiced during the first week of each holiday. Fee accounts are payable within 2 weeks of the invoice date or as noted on the College calendar. In addition to Tuition Fees, there are general purpose levies and a Building Fund which families must pay. The College also expects that a minimum of one term's notice be given in writing for withdrawing a student from the College. A full term's tuition fees may be charged should this notice not be given.

Lost Property

We expect students to look after, and be responsible for, all their belongings. All of their clothing and equipment should be CLEARLY MARKED with their name. Valuables or large sums of money should be given to the House Dean at the beginning of the school day. Lost items are usually returned to the Student Office if found. A message can be placed in the notices or College newsletter should items not be located through the Student Office or House Dean.

One-to-One Laptop Program

Every student in Years 5-12 will be provided with a College laptop – students are not permitted to use their own devices to access the College network services. Laptops are issued to students in the week before school begins and students must transport these in the College approved T.A.N.C laptop bag.

Some homework activities will require the use of the laptop, and therefore the student is expected to take the laptop home and use it for this purpose. Whilst at home, students are expected to charge and complete routine maintenance on the machine so that it is ready for use at the beginning of the next school day. Chargers should not be brought to school.

Important Dates - Term 1, 2018

MERCHANDISE STORE - 9:00am - 3:30pm	
10 January	Year 5
11 January	Year 5 & 6
12 January	Year 7
15 January	Year 7 & 8
16 January	Year 8 & 9
17 January	Year 10
18 January	Year 11 & 12
19 January	Year 12
22 January	All Year Levels
23 January	Merchandise Store Open 12:00pm - 4:00pm
24 January	Merchandise Store Open 12:00pm - 4:00pm
25 January	Merchandise Store Open 07:30am - 11:30am
27 January	Merchandise Store Open 10:00am - 2:00pm
29 January	Years 10 - 12 Blazer Fittings

TEXT BOOK COLLECTION - 8:30am - 3:00pm Library - AV Room	
18 January	Year 7 & 8
19 January	Year 9 & 10
22 January	Year 11 & 12 and all Year Levels

Years 5 - 6 textbooks will be handed out in class by the teacher.

2018 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT	
23 January 8:30am - 3:00pm	Years 5, 7, 12 and all new students in other year levels to attend
24 January 8:30am - 3:00pm	All Students
26 January	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Sick Bay Procedures

Sick Bay is attached to the Student Office and if a student is sick he is to report to the Student Office. The Student Office staff will take care of the student and, when necessary, they will contact parents to collect him. Due to current guidelines Panadol cannot be administered to students by staff members.

Administration of Medication

A parent/legal guardian must gain the written authorisation of their child's medical practitioner for any medication to be administered at school. This must be achieved by completing the appropriate school form, a copy of which is available from the Student Office.

Student Diaries

Students are supplied with a Student Diary at the start of each school year. The diaries are given to the students to help them with their organisational skills.

They are also means of communication between teachers and parents. Parents are requested to write any notes regarding the student in the diary so that the teacher can view the comments and respond. Teachers will also make notes regarding student behaviour, concerns regarding assignments or homework, notes of commendation and other general notes within the diary.

Homework

The College expects that each student will take responsibility for completing written homework and study each evening. The amount of homework to be set each day will vary according to the particular year level requirements, courses of study and individual student abilities. As a guide, the following times (each school night) are suggested as minimum if students expect to achieve the best possible results:

APPROXIMATELY

Year 5	45 minutes
Year 6	45 minutes
Year 7	1 hour (45 mins written homework)
Year 8	1 ½ hours (1 hr written homework)
Year 9	1 ½ hours (1 hr written homework)
Year 10	2 hours (1½ hrs written homework)
Year 11	3 hours (2 hrs written homework)
Year 12	3 hours (2 hrs written homework)

It is also understood that there may be reasons why, on some occasions, students will be unable to complete this work. On these occasions, parents and caregivers

are requested to write a note in the Student Diary explaining the reason their son was unable to complete the homework.

Support Groups

Parents are invited to participate in the following groups:

College Board

The College Board is an expression of the desire of the Congregation of the Christian Brothers, Oceania Province, to implement the principals of Collaboration, subsidiary and shared responsibility in the policy making of St Patrick's College. The general aim of the College Board is to promote the welfare of the College through the implementation of principles and the Gospel values of Catholic education and in particular, through the fostering of the Edmund Rice tradition, especially Edmund's concern for the poor and marginalised.

College Foundation

The St Patrick's College Foundation is the community and fundraising arm of the College. Their aim is to care for our community by supporting the College's 'good will activities' These activities include the College Bursary program and Paddies' Van. The Foundation also supports, to a lesser extent, significant College building projects. St Patrick's College has a proud history of giving.

St Patrick's Old Boys' Association

To foster the interests of past student of the College and to continue to promote the interests and advancements of the College.

Cultural Support Group

To promote and support the College's cultural activities by assisting in the organisation of such events, raising funds for further development, and to maintain strong parent support for the students. Meets downstairs in the Christian Brothers Building on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm.

Sport Support Group

To provide and support the College's sport activities by assisting in the organisation of relative events, raising funds for further development and to maintain strong parent support for the students. Meets in the Board Room on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

Term Dates

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TERM 1

CLT, NEW STAFF AND MIDDLE LEADERS	Monday 15 January	
ALL TEACHING STAFF	Tuesday 16 January	
NEW STUDENTS AND YEAR 12 STUDENTS	Tuesday 23 January	
ALL STUDENTS AND CLASSES RESUME	Wednesday 24 January	
AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Friday 26 January	
LAST DAY OF TERM 1	Thursday 29 March	10 Weeks

TERM 2

PUPIL FREE DAY	Monday 16 April	
TERM 2 BEGINS	Tuesday 17 April	
ANZAC DAY	Wednesday 25 April	
LABOUR DAY	Monday 7 May	
LAST DAY OF TERM 2	Friday 22 June	10 Weeks
REPORTING WEEK (STAFF ONLY)	Monday 25 June – Friday 29 June	

TERM 3

TERM 3 BEGINS	Monday 16 July	
ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW	Wednesday 15 August	
LAST DAY OF TERM 3	Friday 21 September	10 Weeks

TERM 4

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	Monday 1 October	
TERM 4 BEGINS	Monday 8 October	
VERIFICATION DAY STUDENT FREE	Monday 22 October	
LAST DAY TERM 4	Friday 30 November	8 weeks
REPORTING WEEK (STAFF ONLY)	Monday 3 December - Thursday 6 December	



Men of Action

The following information is provided to assist our new young men of St Patrick's College with their day to day College routine. We ask that parents are aware of this information and support their son/s in adapting to these important routines.

Daily Guidelines

- Students are to be in attendance at the College by 8.25am. Any lateness must be explained by a note from home and recorded with a late stamp from the Student Office. Students are expected to sign in via the computer system at the Student Office as soon as they arrive late for school
- Permission to leave a class must be obtained in writing from the class teacher.
- Permission to leave the College grounds between the time students arrive at the College and 3.00pm must be sought from the Student's House Dean or the College Dean of Students .
- Each student has his timetable for the day. He must adhere to this and be punctual. A spirit of dedication should be part of every student's attitude to his studies.
- Homework is set daily and is to be completed with due care and attention. All homework should be recorded in the College provided Student Diary.
- Without teacher supervision, students are not allowed in College buildings outside of class times. This includes corridors, stairwells and other internal areas.
- The Library is open for students before and after school and during lunch. Students booked into the Library for lessons are to assemble in the area outside the Library. All bags are to be placed in the racks provided for them.
- Running games are not allowed in and around the College buildings.
- Food/drink must not be consumed in College buildings. However, the consumption of water is permitted in the College buildings during the school day.
- Care of the environment is important. All rubbish is to be placed in bins. In particular, care should be taken not to damage plants, garden areas, lawns and equipment.
- Students may not bring implements that could be used as weapons to school; these may include butter knives, fruit knives or craft knives or chisels.
- Chewing gum, smoking, the use of skateboards and electronic devices are not permitted at the College or College functions.
- The consumption of prohibited substances by students at College functions is expressly forbidden.
- The College cannot take responsibility for items of value if they are not stored in the Student Office e.g. mobile phones, iPods and money.
- If mobile phones, iPods or any electronic devices are seen or heard during the school day they will be confiscated by teachers. All such devices should be placed in the Student Office or locked in the student's locker.
- School bags are not to be carried around the College during school hours. Only drawstring bags are permitted. All students in Years 8 to 12 are issued with a locker and lock which are expected to be used on a daily basis.

Student Pledge

We believe our Call as members of the St Patrick's College community is to be:

Men of Faith

Live our life through our faith and spirituality.

Men of Learning

Acquire knowledge, skills and a desire to make the world a better place.

Men of Humility

Accept and welcome all members of the community while standing in solidarity with those at the margins.

The St Patrick's College student is a young man of integrity who will make a difference to the community through his:

Faith

by actively engaging wholeheartedly in the life and mission of the College.

Learning

of College values, expectations and traditions through action and example, while striving for educational excellence.

Humility

by valuing diversity, leading through service and forming respectful relationships.

It is through being a Man of Action that we build a caring and inclusive community filled with compassion, justice and peace.

College Prayer

God our Father, Bless the community of St Patrick's.

Help us all – students, staff, parents and friends – to grow in strength as Christians and to be a good example to all.

Encircle us with your loving care.

To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity, and to those in sorrow, joy.

Through the intercession and example of St Patrick our College Patron, and Mary, our Mother of Perpetual Help, may we grow in faith and may our love for You and one another become deeper in our daily lives. Amen.

College Song

We're the sons of SPC
Faithful, true and loyal we'll be
Raise her green and gold
And cheer with voices bold
Rah! Rah! For S P C. U Rah! Rah!
We will try in every game,
Strong of heart and true to her name.
We will ne'er forget her,
And we'll cheer her ever,
Loyal to S P C.
U Rah! Rah!

Chorus:

Cheer! Cheer! For old S P C
Our Alma Mater facing the sea.
We'll uphold the green and gold
No matter what the years may hold
What tho' the odds be great or small
Good old St Pat's will win over all-
While her loyal sons are marching
Onward to victory. (Repeat Chorus)

College War Cry

St Patrick's Warcry 1 – 2 – 3
S-H-O-R-N-C-L-I-F-F-E!
SHORNCLIFFE!
Green and gold, green and gold
Shornie, Shornie, brave and bold.
Yah, Yah, Yah, - Yah,
Shornie, Shornie, Yah, Yah, Yah,
Who are, who are, who are we?
We're the boys of S P C.

The Call

Come the day and come the hour
Come the power and the glory
We have come to answer Edmund's call
From the grand old hallways of Morven

Chorus:

St Patrick's, St Patrick's
Together standing tall
Shoulder to shoulder
We'll answer Edmund's call!

From the height of the hills of Shorncliffe
We see the beauty of the bay
We are proud of those who've gone before
Through the grand old hallways of Morven

Chorus

Hearts of steel and heads unbowing
 Vowing never to be broken
 We will fight the good fight, for the green and gold
 From the grand old hallways of Morven

Chorus x 2

General Expectations

St Patrick's College expects all its young men to be faithful to the example set by Edmund Rice. Students have a responsibility to display a manner and etiquette befitting a gentleman at all times. The College expects our students to be men of humility. This is demonstrated through:

- language, behaviour and actions which are a reflection of home, College and Christian values;
- courteous, kind and friendly greetings between adults and fellow students (both within and away from the College);
- courtesies extended to dealings with parents, the public and other members of our community.

As men of faith our students are encouraged to attend Chapel each Friday morning for mass, and actively participate in class, House and whole College Masses.

Transport and Public Transport Expectations

- Full College formal uniform is to be worn to and from the College.
- All movement to and from the College is to be direct. Once on the school grounds, students must not leave without permission.
- Students may travel home from sports training in their training gear.
- In public, students' behaviour and language should be exemplary. The use of public transport is usually at reduced fare and the normal courtesies such as offering seats, standing back for other passengers and ensuring clear passageways must be observed.
- When crossing roads, students must be aware of all courtesies and traffic regulations involved. Lights and marked pedestrian crossings (where available) must be utilised. Students (where possible) should cross in groups to minimise disruption to vehicle traffic. When travelling to and from the train station/Curlew Park students are to travel via the designated route with no deviations.

- Students travelling to and from the College on bicycles must adhere to traffic regulations. In particular, students must wear a helmet correctly buckled up.
- Students (Year 12 only) may seek permission from the College Principal to drive to the College. Accompanying passengers must also seek written permission from the College Principal to travel in vehicles.

Student Diaries

Students at St Patrick's College are supplied with a Student Diary at the beginning of each school year.

The diary is to be carried by students to all classes and must be placed on the desk at the beginning of each period. At the completion of each lesson, the student will be required to write the homework and study requirements for that lesson in the diary. Each student then has a written record of the homework and study requirements for each evening.

If the student forgets his diary on a particular day, he is required to obtain a single page diary entry sheet for that day from the Student Office.

The diary is considered College property and it is expected that it will be well maintained at all times, without graffiti or inappropriate pictures. Failure to maintain the diary to the required standard will mean that student must buy a new diary. A student who loses his diary can obtain a replacement from his House Dean. However, there will be a cost for the new diary.

Mobile Phones

- Mobile phones are not to be used during the school day.
- They are to be switched off and placed in the Student Office or left in the Student's locker during school hours. There are no exceptions.

DO NOT

- Use a mobile device to cheat in exams or assessments.
- Use the device to bully another person (student, parent, staff or members of the public). It is a criminal offence to use a mobile device to menace, bully, harass or offend another person.
- Take, store or display inappropriate images/videos or send such material to other devices.

Rights and Responsibilities

At St Patrick's College, all staff and students have rights and each member of the community has the responsibility to respect the rights of other members within the community.

RIGHT	RESPONSIBILITY
Each person has the right to be accepted and treated with understanding and compassion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility to accept others – both students and teachers – and to treat them with understanding and compassion.
Each person has the right to be treated with politeness and respect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility to treat others with politeness and respect. I have a responsibility to respect the authority of teachers. If necessary I should be able to disagree without being disagreeable but ultimately I must acknowledge the legitimate authority vested in College personnel.
Each person has the right to obtain maximum benefit from all lessons and classes to ensure full potential growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility to co-operate with teachers and other students to make sure that lessons proceed productively and that I keep up-to-date with required work. I have the responsibility to behave so as not to interfere with other students' rights to learn. I have a responsibility to be punctual, to attend classes regularly and to participate as fully as my talent allows.
Each person has the right to be aided in the growth of self-control and self-discipline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility to exhibit willingness to learn self-control and self-discipline. In enjoying my rights, I have a responsibility not to deny the rights of others and I would expect to be corrected if I do so.
Each person has the right to have a clean and well maintained school and grounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility to care for the school environment – to keep it clean and be prepared to remove litter.
Each person has the right to be free from physical danger at school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I accept that teachers may more readily see dangers than I do and I have a responsibility to obey their instructions. I have a responsibility to tell teachers about defective equipment or fittings or structures.
Each person has the right to be safe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility to make the school safe by co-operating in all procedures and by not threatening or hurting anyone in any way.
Each person has the right to expect his/her property to be safe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility not to steal, damage or destroy the property of others.
Each person has the right to expect that his/her health will be respected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility to obey both the criminal law and school regulations in relation to alcohol, drugs, motor vehicles and bicycles.
Each person has the right to expect the local community's support and respect and to have pride in the College.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a responsibility to behave so that the community will respect the College.

Uniform Requirements

TERM	YEARS 5-9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
SUMMER UNIFORM 1 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> grey shirt (with green/gold piping) NB T-shirts should not be worn under the formal grey shirt grey trousers or grey dress shorts long College socks (or short black or grey socks if wearing long trousers) plain black leather belt black, shiny leather shoes (formal hard leather) College bag College reversible bucket hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> grey shirt (with green/gold piping) NB T-shirts should not be worn under the formal grey shirt grey trousers or grey dress shorts long College socks (or short black or grey socks if wearing long trousers) plain black leather belt black, shiny leather shoes (formal hard leather) College bag College reversible bucket hat College blazer for special events/ Assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> grey shirt (with green/gold piping) NB T-shirts should not be worn under the formal grey shirt College striped tie all year grey trousers or grey dress shorts long College socks (or short black or grey socks if wearing long trousers) plain black leather belt black, shiny leather shoes (formal hard leather) College bag College reversible bucket hat College blazer for special events/ Assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plain white business shirt College plain green Senior tie grey trousers or grey dress shorts long College socks (or short black or grey socks if wearing long trousers) plain black leather belt black, shiny leather shoes (formal hard leather) College bag College reversible bucket hat College blazer for special events/ Assembly
WINTER UNIFORM 2 & 3	<p>As above plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College striped tie grey socks grey pullover with green and gold stripes College hoodie with PE uniform 	<p>As above plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College striped tie shorts replaced by long grey trousers grey socks grey pullover with green and gold stripes College blazer to/from school 	<p>As above plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shorts replaced by long grey trousers grey socks grey pullover with green and gold stripes College blazer to/from school 	<p>As above plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shorts replaced by long grey trousers grey socks grey pullover with green and gold stripes College blazer to/from school

Physical Education Uniform

The Physical Education uniform consists of:

- designated House athletics shirt
- green sports shorts with yellow stripes
- reversible bucket hat for PE classes and day wear
- College sports socks
- predominantly white sport shoes
- College 'hoodie' track jacket/pants

The Physical Education uniform must only be worn during Physical Education lessons or designated Sport days. Attendance at College and inter-College sporting fixtures (including House events) requires the full College uniform or the College sports uniform to be worn as directed. The correct St Patrick's College sporting uniform is expected to be worn by all participants when representing College/House teams. Note - the College day formal uniform must be worn as a participant or spectator for College sporting fixtures.

Dress Standards

The College formal uniform must be worn appropriately at all times. This includes ensuring that the above uniform requirements are met. So as to maintain a high standard of dress, the following specific regulations must be adhered to:

- socks up
- shirts tucked in
- belt holding shorts/trousers on the waistline
- black, shiny, formal school hard leather shoes (cleaned and polished)
- top button of shirt done up when wearing a tie
- grey/black socks with long trousers
- bucket hat if playing at break times (no hat, no play)
- T-shirts are not permitted to be worn under the school shirt.

Jewellery is not to be worn with the uniform:

- no earrings
- no body piercing (i.e. nose, eyebrows and tongue)
- no chains, wrist chains/bands
- no rings
- no tattoos

A crucifix may be worn on a chain around the neck. Unacceptable jewellery will be confiscated by staff and returned at an appropriate time.

If students are requested to attend a Saturday detention, full school formal uniform must be worn in the appropriate manner as set by the College.

Grooming

St Patrick's College requires students to maintain a high standard of dress and grooming so as to present an appropriate image of the College to each other in addition to the broader community.

- Students must maintain a high standard of personal hygiene.
- Student must be clean shaven with sideburns no longer than to mid-ear.
- Hair should be kept neat, tidy and above the collar, ears and eyebrows at all times. This is the underlying regulation regarding hair at the College.

The College Dean of Students will make the decisions as to the appropriateness of a hairstyle for the College.

The following specific regulations must be adhered to so as to ensure the above statement is maintained:

- Blade 2 is the shortest blade acceptable for 'all over' cuts.
- Hairstyles which draw attention to the student will not be permitted. This includes 'afro' hairstyles, buzz cuts, dreadlocks, mullet, undercuts, bowl cuts, tracks, tails, etc. and these are not acceptable in any form.
- If hair is coloured it must be one of these natural colours - blonde, brown, black or red - and 'regrowth' must be attended to. Streaks/tips are not permitted.
- Hair must be clean and combed on a regular basis.
- Hair should not be overly styled by the use of hair products.

In the case of a breach of the above regulations the following consequences will be observed:

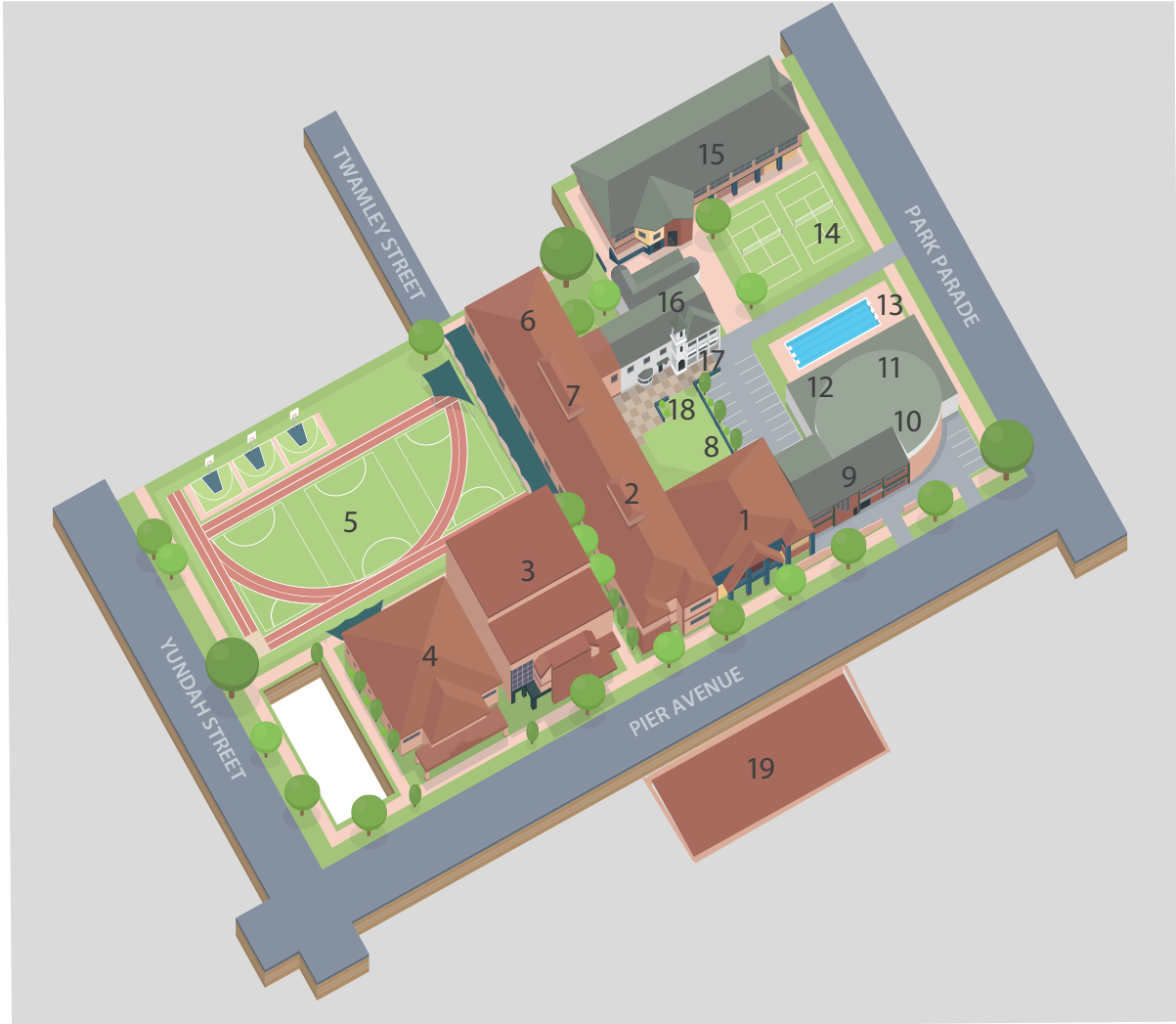
- Students returning to the College after a holiday break with inappropriate hair will be sent home until the hair style/colour meets with College guidelines.
- Students who fail to adhere to the College Hair and Grooming Policy despite reminders from House Deans or the College Dean of Students will be sent home.
- Hair which is too short - morning tea and lunch time detention each day until the hair has grown to a suitable length.
- Inappropriate hair styles or colours will need to be changed immediately (within 24 hours). Parents will be advised that students will not be allowed to return until hair meets College guidelines.

All consequences refer to the first offence. A student who is a repeat offender in this area may face more severe consequences. This will be at the discretion of the College Dean of Students.





St Patrick's College Map



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| 1. Dowd Building | 5. College Oval | 15. Morrisey Building |
| 2. Edmund Rice Building | 6. Tuckshop | 16. Morven Building |
| 3. Christian Brothers Building | 7. O'Connor Building | 17. Flag Pole |
| 4. Callan Centre | 8. Our Lady of Perpetual Help | 18. College Plaza |
| 5. Basketball Courts | 9. Memorial Garden | 19. Merchandise Store |
| 6. Basketball Courts | 10. Saward Building | |
| | 11. Fr Liam Chapel | |
| | 12. Waterford Building | |
| | 13. Gymnasium | |
| | 14. College Pool | |
| | 15. Tennis Courts | |
| | 16. Morrisey Building | |
| | 17. Year 5 & 6 Classrooms | |
| | 18. Morven Building | |
| | 19. College Office | |
| | 20. Principal's Office | |
| | 21. Administration | |

History, Heritage and Mission

History and Heritage

Schooling commenced at St Patrick's on 29 January 1952, with a roll of 172 students. Four Christian Brothers were chosen to pioneer the foundation. Br Coffey was the Superior of the Brothers' Community and the first Principal of the College. Since then, the Christian Brothers have continued to play an important part in the history and ethos of the St Patrick's College community.

The Founder of the Christian Brothers, Blessed Edmund Rice, was known for his concern for the poor and the marginalised. The College's non-selective enrolment policy is reflective of Blessed Edmund's original vision.

St Patrick's has been well served throughout its history by many exceptional teachers - religious and lay, men and women. Their efforts, supported by the partnership of parents, continue to enable young men to attain their full potential.

"Morven", the central building of the St Patrick's College campus, was constructed in 1864 as home for one of Queensland's first Parliamentarians, Mr John McDonnell. From 1890 to 1910 "Morven" was the official summer residence for the Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Wylie Norman. In 1951, Father O'Rourke, parish priest of Sandgate purchased "Morven" with the intent of beginning a school for young men.

The growth of the College has been steady. From its humble beginnings with 172 students, St Patrick's is now providing education to 1300 students in Years 5 to 12.

Motto

"Certa Bonum Certamen" is the College motto. It is Latin for "Fight the Good Fight". The motto was selected by the first Headmaster, Brother Coffey.

The Crest

The College Crest was created by Brother Brian Saward, one of the first four Christian Brothers at the College in 1952. Our College Technology Centre is named in his honour. Brother Saward explains the meaning behind the Crest elements as follows:

Shape: The Crest is shaped like a shield. The shield serves as a visual reminder that what the College teaches its community should protect them throughout their life.

Cross: This cross signifies that St Patrick's College is a Catholic school and reminds its community to employ Christian principles in their daily lives and decision making.

Rays: The rays stemming from the cross serve both as a signifier of Christ's example but also the example St Patrick's College students extend to the wider community as they model good citizenship.

Battlements: Below the Cross are "battlements", a defensive like structure, to remind the St Patrick's College community that the quest to live a good life can often be a battle. They are also shaped like a mitre, the ceremonial head-dress of bishops, to reflect that Archbishop Duhig officially opened the College in 1952 and served as a loyal friend and supporter of the College in its foundation years.

Motto: The motto was selected by the first Headmaster, Brother Coffey. Certa Bonum Certamen is the College motto, which is Latin for Fight the Good Fight.

In 2002, for the College's Golden Jubilee, the College Crest was redesigned to include a circle around the Crest, with two blue ovals included on either side of the shield, with the wording 'EST' and '1952' written in white text. A gold colour was introduced to the Crest to signify the College being established for 50 years.



History, Heritage and Mission

Edmund Rice Education Australia

St Patrick's College is conducted in the Edmund Rice tradition and offers a distinctive Catholic education philosophy. In 1802 Edmund Rice founded Mt. Sion School in Waterford, educating the youth of Ireland and starting the Christian Brothers. All schools and educational entities in Australia in the Edmund Rice tradition are bound by a Charter of cultural characteristics which comprise four key touchstones. Living these characteristics give Edmund Rice Education a special position in educating for liberation and possibility.

Edmund Rice Education Australia was established in October 2007 by the Christian Brothers in Australia and is an integral part of the Edmund Rice Network, the Catholic Church in Australia, and its associated Catholic Education Commissions and Offices.

The Charter

In 2004, the province Leaders of the Christian Brothers in Australia proclaimed the Charter for Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition, a document that captured the character and culture of our schools. The Charter challenges its schools, their leaders, staff, students and families to be faithful to this character and is to be seen as a 'living document', which will continue to evolve through review and reflection as the demands of our changing times are read and interpreted in the light of the unchanging Gospel (Charter, 2004).

The Charter together with Foundations, Formation and Renewal describe our distinct, though not unique, identity as Edmund Rice Education Australia. The Charter provides a practical expression of this identity and so is of crucial use in decision making, planning and review.

In 2011 a revised Charter was proclaimed. In the light of several years of reflection and wide consultation, the Charter uses four touchstones to describe the culture of an authentic Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition.

As Catholic schools in the Edmund Rice tradition, we aspire to be faithful to these four touchstones:

Liberating Education: We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.

Gospel Spirituality: We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community.

Inclusive Community: Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.

Justice and Solidarity: We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself.

Our Mission

We, the community of St Patrick's College, are inspired and guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

We seek excellence in teaching and learning, and aim to provide a Catholic, holistic, liberating education.

We strive for justice through building right relationships based on solidarity, service and respect for the dignity of every individual.



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