



# The Focus



29 July, 2022  
Term 3 Issue 1

## Diary Dates

<b>Monday 01 August</b> Trial HSC Exams Commence
<b>Monday 15 August</b> Trial HSC Exams Conclude
<b>Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 August</b> Year 7 Camp
<b>Wednesday 17 August</b> HSC Major Works Exhibition
<b>Friday 19 August</b> Year 11 Reflection Day

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## From the Principal Leader

### Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

Welcome back for Term 3 to all students, staff and parents as we commence Semester Two of our academic year. I hope students and parents found the recent holiday break to be restful, allowing plenty of time for their families to enjoy each other's company. A special welcome to those new families whose sons have joined this Patrician community. Our students have settled back into their normal school routine and appear rested and refreshed. Term 3 is a busy term for everyone. I encourage students to engage with the many opportunities available and become involved in the life of the College.

### Welcome

As a College community, we welcome the following new staff members this term - Mr. Zahra, Mr. Howard, Ms. Zdrilic, and Ms. McLean. We wish them well in their new roles at the College.

### Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Semester One Reports for students were sent to families via Compass recently. I was delighted to see that many students have demonstrated impressive academic achievement in a range of areas. Results such as these are achieved through effort, dedication and commitment to their studies. Well done to all students. The College has continued to progressively facilitate Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for families. Such events represent a great opportunity for parents to receive feedback from their son's teachers about his academic progress and development.

### Uniform and Personal Presentation

Students have had recent reminders about College expectations concerning the correct wearing of uniform and personal presentation. These expectations are outlined in the College Diary on pages 11 and 12. Please be aware that the College blazer should be worn to and from school. The College jumper may be worn under the blazer, but not be used as an alternative to the blazer. The College thanks families for their support with this matter.

### Year 12 Holiday Revision Program

Our Year 12 students are busy preparing themselves for their Trial HSC exams, which commence this Monday 1 August, 2022. My thanks to many of our teachers who willingly gave up their time during the recent holidays to hold revision classes for our Year 12 students. Special thanks to the Dean of Knowledge Management and Analytics, Mr. Robinson, who organised and co-ordinated this program. Learning is a partnership, and the success of this program is testimony, not only to the commitment that was displayed by our senior students, but also to the dedication and professionalism of our teachers.

### Tell Them From Me (TTFM Surveys)

I wish to thank the many parents and carers who completed the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) parent survey recently. The College appreciates the input and feedback into the school progress process. The information will be reviewed and will support our College to continue to strive for transformation.

## Principal Leader cont.

### **Reflection**

*The fruit of silence is PRAYER*

*The fruit of prayer is FAITH*

*The fruit of faith is LOVE*

*The fruit of love is SERVICE*

*The fruit of Service is PEACE*

*- Mother Theresa*

God bless,

Frank Chiment

**PRINCIPAL LEADER**

## Assistant Principal - Pastoral Care

Term 3 is off and running and there have already been a number of major events involving all year groups across the College.

The past fortnight has included School Photo Day, Year 7 and combined Years 8 and 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Evenings, College Assembly, routine vaccinations for Years 7 and 10, Allwell Testing for Year 8, Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Zoom meeting, an NRL Cup match against Hills Sports High School, and Semester One Achievement Assemblies for all year groups. Many thanks to the parents who braved the cool weather and attended the various Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews last week – the staff enjoyed the opportunity to speak with you about the progress of your sons in their various subject classes, and your sons appreciated the support you gave them, even if it took the form of some honest conversations and urgent revision of study plans.

In the next two weeks, we look forward to HSC Trial Examinations for Year 12, workplacement week for several senior VET courses, the NRL Under 13 Rugby League Gala Day, and Year 7 Camps at Narrabeen.

Finally, some reminders about some practical matters. Firstly – if your sons is showing any symptoms of colds or flu, please keep them at home. Covid is still lingering in our local community, and the variety of winter flu we have endured this year has been especially nasty. Secondly - thank you to all parents for your ongoing support in terms of our school uniform. This week we publicised and conducted a blitz on sport uniform,

and this will continue in coming weeks. Hoodies and jerseys were the particular focus, and it is pleasing to report that sport uniform in Week 2 was markedly better than Week 1 of this new term.

Thanking you for your ongoing support.

**Brian Edmonds**

**Assistant Principal – Pastoral Care**



We are aware of the financial strain that  
COVID-19

is having on some families  
and its impact on their capacity to  
pay school fees.

Payment plans can be set up that go into 2023  
and these can be done by  
BPay, Direct Debit, at the Post Office,  
at the College or over the phone by Credit Card.

If you are experiencing hardship,  
fee relief may be granted  
after the appropriate paperwork is completed,  
and assessed by CEDP.

### **If you have any queries, please contact:**

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email - [jpalmer4@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jpalmer4@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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on 8811 0309

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email - [ccapolupo@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ccapolupo@parra.catholic.edu.au).

## Assistant Principal - Learning, Teaching and Innovation

### Semester One Achievement Assemblies

It was wonderful this week to celebrate the achievements of so many fine young men in Years 7 - 12 who attained awards for **Academic Excellence** and **Academic Achievement** at year assemblies. These mid-year celebrations are an opportunity for the students of a particular year group to celebrate the achievements of their year group with one another. As a mid-way point, these awards are a stepping stone to our formal awards ceremony later in the year.

The criteria for these awards is as follows:

#### Academic Excellence

*This award recognises the academic success of students who have gained outstanding results across a broad range of subjects. They have achieved a high grade point average excelling in their studies in Semester 1, 2022. This award is presented to the top 5% of students within their cohort.*

#### Academic Effort

*This award is presented to students who have applied themselves consistently and to the best of their ability throughout the semester. They have achieved within the top 5% of students in their year group based on application areas outlined in the Learning Profile on semester reports.*

It was particularly pleasing that we issued a considerably higher percentage of awards for Academic Effort to Year 11 than the stated criteria. This was because we had a higher number of students who sat equally with a high attainment of **Consistently** descriptors in each of the Personal Profile areas of the report. Well done to all recipients on their achievements.

### Trial HSC Examinations

We wish all of our Year 12 students the best of luck as they commence their Trial HSC examinations next week. These students have been working for two years in preparation for the HSC. These Trial HSC exams are an important assessment task for each course and also an opportunity for the students to experience the look, feel and process of a HSC exam operation in readiness for October. Please keep our students in your prayers over the coming few weeks.

### Automatic Homework

I would recommend the following 'automatic homework' in situations where your sons suggest little or no stated homework exists:

- Organisation for learning: use the College Diary to plan the week and to map out tasks for 2022 (the calendar is on COMPASS Portal for parents and students).
- Completing upcoming assessment tasks (before the

due date) in smaller sections or tasks to break up the large scope of a task (this could be planned out in the diary).

- Reading a novel, either the school novel being studied or one of student choice.
- Watching the mainstream news and noting events and current affairs on a global, national and local scale (this is an important aspect of learning that is increasingly being lost with the move to streaming services and social media).
- Maths Quizzes available via Smarter Maths (all Years 7 - 10 students have an account that has been accessed in recent Maths classes).

You may wish to print this page out and leave it in a handy location to guide your conversations with your son.

### ELES Study Skills Handbook

A reminder you that our school is a subscriber to the study skills website [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

This website will help you develop essential skills for academic success. There are units of work on improving time management skills, how to study, research skills, summarising, technology use, brain and memory and much more. Everything you need to know about becoming a more powerful learner and improving your marks at school can be found on this site. For example, learn how the colour of your room affects your ability to study, what the best study techniques are for your type of brain, how to improve your handwriting and useful software and Apps to block yourself from technology distractions.

You will also see lots of useful handouts, grids and planners at the bottom of the THINGS TO PRINT page.

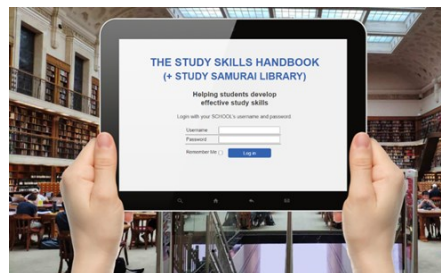
To access the handbook, go to:

[www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

and **login** with these details:

username: **PatBrosBlacktown**

password: **100success**



The more of this website you can work through, the more you will set yourself up for academic success.

**Cathy Molloy**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Learning, Teaching & Innovation**

## Religious Education and Mission



### **Thursday Morning Mass**

A reminder that we celebrate Mass each Thursday at 8.15am in the Chapel. All staff and students are welcome to attend.

### **Breakfast Program**

Each Friday the College holds a breakfast for the community. It is operated by the College Faith in Action Team. This will be an opportunity for students of all year groups to come together as a community and for our Year 11 and 12 students to serve. This will be held in the Cafe.

### **Delany Reach Out 2022**

Each year, we raise funds for the Delany Foundation through the Delany Reach Out appeal. These funds go towards funding the Patrician schools in India, Kenya, Ghana and Papua New Guinea. You can donate to the Delany Reach Out 2022 through the Qkr app.

### **World Youth Day 2023**

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and the Diocese of Parramatta will again be participating in a World Youth Day 2023 (WYD2023) pilgrimage which will be held from Friday 21 July - Friday 11 August, 2023.

World Youth Day is a significant event for the young people of our Diocese. Past pilgrimages have been tremendous experiences of formation and encounter in which the faith life of pilgrims was nourished and developed through prayer, catechesis and community celebration. The WYD2023 pilgrimage calls our young people to journey with Mary and reflect on the theme "Mary arose with haste" (Lk 1:39).

Any Year 9 or 10 students that are interested in attending are to contact Mr. Hunt, Dean of Religious Education and Mission, by Friday 5th August. You can contact Mr. Hunt at:

vhunt@parra.catholic.edu.au



**Victor Hunt**  
*Dean of Religious Education & Mission*

## Dean of Knowledge Management &

### Analytics

Next week, Year 12 will start their Trial HSC Exams. This can be a very stressful time for students. Everyone expresses their stress in different ways. As parents, we need to be aware of how our sons are coping with the exams.



During the exams period, I encourage the boys to look after themselves. Good self care helps create a calm and productive environment. Exam performance also improves.

The website DoSomething.org is a great place for the boys to look at some great self care strategies.

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/self-care-study-guide>



**Mark Robinson**  
*Dean of Knowledge Management & Analytics*



## Resource Centre Update



### Calling for Pre-loved **Lego** Donations!

Our College Resource Centre would like to start a **Lego Masters Club!** This will involve Lego activities and STEM challenges running during lunchtimes in the Resource Centre. As a result we need LOTS OF LEGO!

If you have any **pre-loved and now unwanted Lego that you would be happy to donate to the College** please contact the College Resource Centre (02 8811 0316) or bring your Lego directly to the front office.

*All donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated!*

### The Importance of ACTIVE STUDY

Term 3 is a busy time for our students. There are many assessments due. Year 12 have their Trial HSC exams beginning in week 3 and Year 11 have their examinations at the end of this term.

It is a good time to consider and practice good study habits and techniques that will best help you remember information and concepts that you have learnt in class.

#### Good to Know:

**Reading is not studying!** Simply reading and re-reading texts or notes is not actively engaging in the material. It is simply re-reading your notes. It is easily forgotten.

### Passive Study is Not Effective

A lot of students think that by reading their notes, they will learn the material. This is not the case. This is a passive form of revision. Passive study means that you are not actively engaging with the material. You might be doing things like reading and re-reading, highlighting large passages of information, or watching a documentary. However, these activities do not require much effort. They may make you feel like you are studying, even though you are not actually being productive.

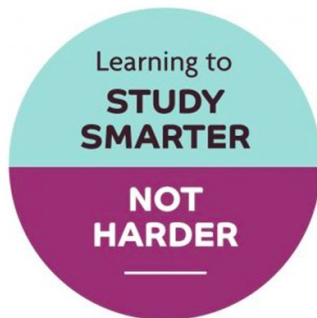
You need to actively engage in your study.

### Tips for active and memorable studying

The following strategies encourage you to DO something while you are studying. These involve you actively testing and recalling the knowledge you are trying to learn:

- Use mnemonic devices - Acronyms are a powerful tool for recalling information which makes them a fantastic memory aid.
- Make an infographic or use diagrams - Condense your notes down to an easily digestible visual form, simply taking notes in the form of graphic illustrations makes them more memorable.

## Resource Centre Update cont.



- Explain it to a six year old - find someone who is totally unfamiliar with the subject, and see how well you can convey it.
- Self Quizzing - Use your flash cards to quiz yourself on how well you understand the key terms. Have a study partner quiz you on key information
- Put it into practice - Write practice answers to questions. Hand them to your teacher for feedback (and then respond to the feedback with another practice answer!)
- When answering practice questions, consider how you can approach this -
  - ◇ Open Book : have your notes open in front of you whilst you attempt a question.
  - ◇ Study before: read a question and spend time reading your notes before answering the question.
  - ◇ Exam conditions: answer an unseen question, under timed exam conditions with no study beforehand and no notes in front of you.

*And maybe most importantly - **Block Distractions!*** Put your phone in another room. Turn your computer to 'do not disturb'. Make sure that the time you allocate to study is spent studying.

### **Career Pathways Update**

Open Day season is here. Open days are a fantastic opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to gain a better understanding of their tertiary post school options. Most events are being held onsite at each institution, however, some events are being run virtually.

For more information, visit the website for the institution you are interested in attending. Additionally, students are encouraged to see Mrs. Lane in the Resource Centre if they have any questions or queries.

#### **Australian Catholic University**

Blacktown 30 July, 10am–2pm  
North Sydney 13 August, 10am–2pm  
Canberra 20 August, 10am–2pm  
Virtual event 10 September

#### **Australian National University**

Canberra: 20 Aug

#### **Charles Darwin University**

Casuarina: 28 Aug

#### **Charles Sturt University**

Port Macquarie: 7 Aug  
Wagga Wagga: 14 Aug  
Albury-Wodonga: 21 Aug  
Bathurst: 28 Aug  
Orange: 4 Sep  
Dubbo: 11 Sep

#### **CQUniversity**

Virtual open day (9am to 1pm): 27 Aug

#### **Griffith University**

Open Day, Gold Coast and Nathan campuses: 14 Aug (9am to 2pm)

#### **International College of Management**

Sydney 7 Aug

#### **Macquarie University**

North Ryde: 13 Aug

#### **National Art School**

Darlinghurst: 3 Sep

#### **Southern Cross University**

5 to 7 August

#### **Torrens University Australia**

On-campus: 6 Aug (10.30am to 1pm)  
Virtual: 16 Aug (4pm to 6pm)

#### **University of Canberra**

3 September

#### **University of New England**

Armidale: 6 May

#### **University of Newcastle**

Central Coast: 30 July  
Newcastle: 27 August

#### **University of Notre Dame**

27 August

#### **University of Sydney**

27 August (10am to 3pm)

#### **University of Technology Sydney**

27 August

#### **University of Wollongong**

Wollongong: 6 August  
South Western Sydney Campus: 30 July  
**UNSW**

UNSW Canberra: 20 Aug  
UNSW Sydney: 3 Sep

#### **Western Sydney University**

Parramatta City: 14 Aug

#### **TAFE NSW – Virtual Open Day**

24 – 26 August – Register [HERE](#)

*Marie Lane & Stephanie Hunt  
Resource Centre Leaders*

# Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students who are the recipients of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Silver and Gold Awards will be presented at the College Assemblies.

## Bronze Awards

Gerard Aloisio, 8 - D20	Evan Ng-Lam, 9 - B3
Braydan Barbagallo, 7 - C12	Joshua Nuval, 9 - B1
Harry Capovilla, 9 - D11	George Palmiotto, 9 - E9
Jesse-James Crane, 7 - C12	Riley Payne, 7 - C14
Marc Cuevas, 9 - E9	Aryan Prasad, 10 - C6
Douglas (Dougie) Faaoso, 8 - D22	Zac Sellwood, 9 - B3
Muhilan Ganesan, 9 - B1	Sartaj Singh, 8 - D15
Dilka Mataramba Kanattage, 11 - C1	Benjamin Steel, 7 - C17
Jayden (Tiger) Lyons, 8 - D20	Harrison Tauro, 8 - D20
Leo Mapuilesua, 8 - D18	Danesh Udachia, 7 - C18
Enrique Moneses, 8 - D15	Aviraj Varma, 7 - C16
	Charlie Xuereb, 8 - D25

## Silver Awards

Evander Kelly, 11 - C1

Good luck in the next fortnight!

## The latest from the Languages team!

### COMMEDIA DELL'ARTE - ITALIAN THEATRE COMES TO PATTIES!

At the end of Term 2, the Languages team organised an Italian theatre incursion for the Year 8 Languages students. The performance focused on the famous Italian theatre style, known as Commedia dell'arte (Comedy of the profession). Commedia first became popular in Italy and Europe in the 16th century, and pioneered the idea of a paid, professional theatre industry. Commedia is defined by its use of masks to imitate characters, as well as the use of slapstick and other comedy devices that are still used constantly in modern theatre and television. On the day of the performance, the students were lucky enough to see a staged performance of Commedia, followed by a Q&A session with the actors. This was followed by a 'movement' session with the lead actor, during which students were able to learn some of the key movements of the characters they saw on stage.





**2022 PARENT SURVEY**

**CLOSES 31 AUGUST**



Catholic School Parents  
AUSTRALIA

# HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholic School  
Parents Australia  
is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia  
(CSPA) acknowledges the funding  
received from the Australian  
Government to support this work.

Have your say on what matters  
regarding the wellbeing and learning  
of your child.

For example, has COVID or your  
partnership with the school affected  
your child's wellbeing and learning?

If you are a parent or carer with  
a child in a Catholic school, CSPA  
would love to hear from you.

Click on the survey link and share  
your feedback to assist CSPA in  
reporting to the Federal Government  
and Catholic education.

Your feedback will remain  
anonymous.

Please consider sharing this flyer  
with other parents.

**[Click here for CSPA Parent Survey](#)**



# SPORTS REPORT



## NRL Schoolboy Cup Competition

### Round 3

**Patrician Brothers' College**

**vs**

**Hills Sports High School**

On Wednesday the 27th of July, Patrician Brothers' College played against the only undefeated team in the Tier A competition, Hills Sports High School, which was the final round match before the finals commence on 17th of August.

Patrician Brothers' College started the match strongly, in the 20th minute Wilson Decourcey scored the opening try for Blacktown to lead 4 - 0. Hills were able to score in the last few minutes before half time and convert to take the lead 6 - 4.

In the second half, an early error saw Hills score and lead 10 - 4, before Blacktown scored two quick tries to John Mah Chong and John Paul Donevski to take the lead 14 - 10. Unfortunately, Hills scored a try in the final 5 minutes to take the lead 16 - 14, which saw Blacktown in the dying stages throw the ball around, and an error saw Hills capitalise and score after the siren to win the match by 22 - 14.

Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown now play the top seeded school from the non-seeded schools. This will be a knockout match with the winner progressing to the semi-finals.

## **Term 3 PDSSSC Sport Update - Week 2**

### **Compass App**

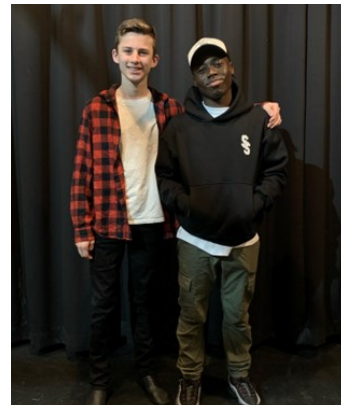
A friendly reminder to parents and students that all information about training and trials will be communicated to students via the Compass app, so please ensure students have the app downloaded on their phone and the notifications turned on. Most notifications from coaches about training will only be visible to students, so it is really important they have the push notifications turned on.

### **PDSSSC Athletics Carnival**

After three attempts to run our College Athletics Carnival for 2022, we have now had to progress students based on their submitted times and distances, so thank you to those who have done this. Students who have been successful in qualifying for the PDSSSC Athletics Carnival will be notified shortly once this information has been provided by the convenors. A decision will also be made shortly regarding our College carnival and whether we will be able to run one this year or not.

### **PDSSSC Dance Competition**

On Monday 25th of July, two Senior students travelled to The Joan Sutherland Centre at Penrith to participate in the PDSSSC Dance competition. This was the first year our students have participated in this competition. Riley DeLuca performed as a solo artist in the first category for the day, performing his Hip Hop routine. Mandla Ncube also performed as a solo artist with his Hip Hop routine. The boys performed extremely well, however this year wasn't our year. We look forward to participating in this competition next year.



**Mrs. Melanie D'Cruz**



## NSWCCC Football Knockout

Last week, our A grade soccer side went up against Marian College, Kenthurst to represent the PDSSSC in the CCC knockout. Both sides understood that the victory meant more than just bragging rights within the PDSSSC, but the opportunity to progress to play Edmund Rice College in the round of eight.

Both sides started off fairly slow, with trying conditions making it difficult to settle into the occasion. The best chance of the first half fell to Dylan Grandemange-Mewburn, where he turned nicely inside his defender, leaving him behind before his shot was well saved by a full outstretched keeper.

The second half, Marian College started to dominate both possession and field position making it difficult for the boys to create any chances. Some good defence and excellent saves by Zack Hardman meant that scores were tied at the end of normal time. The game went into golden goal, where a superb strike from outside the box finished the game in favour of Marian College.

Unfortunately, this means our season is now over, however it has been a very successful season. I would like to thank all the boys throughout the year for their dedication and commitment in representing the College and always playing in the right spirit.

*Mr. Scott Durham*



## Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League Championships

After a two year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League (ASSRL) Championships were held in Redcliffe, QLD during the first week of the Term 2 school holidays. Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown had 18 students who competed at the carnival, representing NSWCCC, including a record breaking 12 players in the U15 team. Each team played a minimum of three games across the week, with the U18's playing against CAS, NSWCHS and NSWCHS, while the U15's played NSWCHS, QLD Maroon, NSWCHS for a second time and closed out the week with a good win against QLD White.

The boys represented themselves, their families, the College and NSWCCC extremely well both on and off the field. Unfortunately, no current students in the U18 were selected in the U18's Australian Schoolboy team, however former student Isaiya Katoa was selected. In the U15, the decision was made this year to no longer select an Australian merit side, however the Daily Telegraph and other media outlets put together their own lists, with two of our students, Roman Tuaimau and Heinz Lemoto being named in the 'Top 20 U15 Schoolboy Players in Australia'. In the article, Heinz was referred to as "an edge colossus for his side with thumping running and jamming defence." while Roman was referred to as a handful in the wet and the dry for CCC." Throughout the tournament players from each team were also awarded 'Man of the Match' honours for each game, with Charbel Kheirallah and Isaiah Titoko-Wynbergen from Year 10 both earning this award during the week, while Heinz Lemoto received the NSWCCC U15 Player of the Tournament. As a College, we are extremely proud of all of these players' achievements and efforts throughout the competition and look forward to celebrating their successes in the years to come.





### **Patties Player Spotlight**

In a new addition to The Focus, part of our Sports Update will include a section for Patties boys who are achieving sporting success, either through a school pathway or external competition. As a College, we have a plethora of talented athletes across a whole range of sports, and we look forward to ensuring all of our students receive the commendation they receive as we share their achievements with the community.

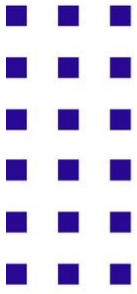
Our first player spotlight will be for Jason Attard of 9HRB1 who recently spent the week in Hobart, Tasmania representing NSW in the President's Shield for Ten Pin Bowling. The President's Shield is part of the Australian National Championships for Ten Pin Bowling, and Jason was not only one of 6 players selected to represent NSW, but the youngest of these players. After a tough week of competition in which Jason played 12 games a day against players from the other states, and a total of 36 games, the NSW team finished 5th overall. In what is arguably one of the toughest competitions for a player of Jason's age to compete in, his highest score recorded throughout the tournament was a whopping 266! As a College, we are exceptionally proud of Jason and are certain this is only the beginning of an illustrious bowling career.

#### ***Jason Attard - 9HRB1***



**Noah Meares**  
**Internal Sports & Representative Sports Leader**





# PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN



## ENROL NOW

### YEAR 7 2023/2024

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Fine young men striving for personal excellence centred in faith

