

2020 STUDENT LEADERSHIP INVESTITURE

Fr Jim McKeon, Mr Casey, Mr Ticli, parents, grandparents and family online, students throughout the school and Year 12 2020 – Good morning all

On behalf of the College I warmly congratulate our Year 12 2021 on their Investiture today and for our student leadership team led by Liam Chang, Nick Ward and Alex Ramsbottom. I ask God's blessing on every Year 12 student and pledge the support of the school for their Year 12.

In offering you this support I urge each of you to seize the great opportunities of your HSC year to learn and achieve to your potential. Students in Australia and more specifically here at St Pius X College are tremendously fortunate to be able to undertake their learning face to face in a safe and supportive learning environment AND with the great prospect of further education, training and employment. It is for you to make the most of your God given talents and the opportunities given you by your parents and the school.

The final year of your education at St Pius should be one where you give everything you can. Your maturity in approach to study, leadership and service should now shine. I admire you as already your group is characterised as one united friendship group. No division. Working together, helping each other. I acknowledge your commitment today in service of the school and I look forward to hearing Liam Chang's address us today and the plans for 2021.

This Year 12 has enormous capacity – you have incredible talent. A balance of intellect, culture, sporting and enormous spirit with the potential to succeed in all aspects of our school and truly make a difference in the school.

What will be the measure of your leadership? Time will tell. I do know this - Your leadership must be characterised by service, compassion, good example, humility and care for others. Build upon our great school spirit and take special care for the younger students and those in most need. Work hard, learn and lead the school in faith as an authentic Catholic school in the way of Blessed Edmund Rice. Your group is unique and I ask God's blessing on your final year at the College.

Just as you make your pledge to the College today, on behalf of the staff, students and parents I commit our strength, skills, support and care to each and everyone of you. Congratulations on your investiture today and let's make 2021 a fantastic year – Fide et labore!