



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

26 May 2017

ALPHA for YOUTH

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Your son has shown some interest in participating in an 'Alpha for Youth' series. Year 9 and 10 students from both St Pius X College and Mercy College are being invited to show interest in the program through our local Chatswood Parish. The sessions will be held at 3:30 until 5pm in the Bishop Barry Room on Kirk Street and each session will begin with a hearty afternoon tea and a chance for our local Catholic students to mingle and come to know each other in fellowship and community. The series starts with one session this term and continues with 7 sessions next term.

The students will watch short inspirational and educational videos on faith (which can be sampled here; <http://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/>) and will be given a chance to discuss these videos with peers, raising questions and seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith through relationship amongst themselves.

Alpha for Youth:

- Provides a high quality formative and fun opportunity for young Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ and grow in community.
- Centres not on catechism but around Kerygma; that is not around teaching but around relationship and the understanding that God loves each of us as Father.
- Is a journey taken in fellowship and uncovered through friendship and meaningful conversation with short, age appropriate and dynamic clips on various topics informing the discussion. The sessions run on topics such as; 'Why did Jesus die?', 'How can I have faith?' and 'Why and how do I pray?'
- Provides an environment to listen to and discuss with peers their thoughts, questions and doubts around faith in the context of their own lives and challenges.

When? Wednesdays from 3:30 until 5.00pm (Dates on the following page)

Where? Bishop Barry Room Kirk Street

Who? The invitation is open to any students from Years 9-10 to attend.

Why? To provide students with an encounter with Christ through relationship with one and other. As a community that promotes Discipleship in Christ through Gospel Spirituality, this is an opportunity for students to explore their faith no matter where they are on The Way.

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DATES

Term 2: Session 1: 21st June

Term 3: Session 2: 19th July

Session 3: 26th July

Session 4: 2nd August

Session 5: 9th August

Session 6: 16th August

Session 7: 23rd August

Session 8: 6th September and

Program Celebration: 13th August

Additionally a Sunday retreat day on 20th August

With the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in December and 2018 being declared as a 'Year of Youth' for the Australian church it is an opportune time to provide this program for the students to explore their faith and consider their own discipleship to the Gospel Values of Jesus Christ.

If you approve of your son participating in this activity **Please fill out the below permission form** for your child. If you would like any more information please email or call (0414 826 326).

Sincerely



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PLEASE RETURN DIRECTLY TO MR ADRIAN BRANNAN

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Dietary Requirements: _____

Parent / Caregiver Name/s & Signature/s: _____

Parent / Caregiver Email/s: _____