

Distinguished guests, staff, parents and boys of Pius, it gives me great pleasure to present Lachlan Donlevy with a GOLD colour award for his achievement in Music.

Lachlan Donlevy's love of Music began at an early age when he started playing the trumpet at just age of 6. When he was in Grade 4, his family moved to the USA and Lachlan started singing in a choir, where he quickly grew confidence and skills. While overseas Lachlan toured in both the US and Europe, with a highlight being his opportunity to sing in the magnificent Carnegie Hall, in New York.

On returning back home to Australia, Lachlan commenced his studies at St Pius X College. Here his participation in choirs and ensembles, increased in number each year. In his senior years, Lachlan has been part of the College Orchestra, Senior Concert Band, Contemporary Music Ensemble, Intermediate Jazz Band, Senior Choir and Senior Vocal Ensemble. On many occasions has been the lead Cantor at College Masses, liturgies and assemblies. Lachlan has worked as an assistant conductor with our Junior and Senior Choirs. And Lachlan represented the College this year at the Rotary Club of Chatswood's Gordon Waterhouse Memorial Music Scholarship event.

In 2015 Lachlan successfully auditioned for a place to join the Gondwana, Young Men's Choir. This is a national choir of the highest calibre. He has toured within Australia and performed in many concerts and events at the Conservatorium of Music, City Recital Hall, Port Arthur Tasmania and the Sydney Opera House. Lachie has also been selected for the past four years to attend National Choral School, where he has had the opportunity to perform with some of the greatest vocalists, composers and conductors from Australia and Europe.

One of Lachlan's highlights has been to perform here at school during our Twilight and College Concerts. As Performing Arts Captain and Cultural Prefect for 2019, Lachie has been thoughtful about bringing music to the wider community and making it a key part of connecting our community. He truly loves the joy that music brings to others and considers himself very lucky to be part of our great community of people who share his same passion. Music has become a huge part of who he is and will certainly be part of his future journey as he leaves St Pius X College. Lachlan hopes to study music therapy and combine his passion for Music with helping vulnerable children to recover from significant trauma and illness.

Please join with me in Congratulating Lachlan Donlevy and thanking him for his amazing work as our Performing Arts Captain.

Ladies and Gentlemen I am also privileged to present Oliver Osborne with a GOLD award for his Terrific Achievement and Contribution to Music

Oliver's love of music also started when he was young, he began piano lessons when he was 5 and trumpet lessons when he was 9. In 2012 Oliver commenced his studies at St Pius in Year 5 and immediately joined the Junior Concert Band playing trumpet and in 2013 he joined the Junior Jazz Band and Junior Choir.

On starting high school in 2014 he decided to concentrate solely on the Trumpet and progressed through the intermediate school ensembles. In 2017 he joined the Senior Concert Band, College Orchestra and Senior Jazz Band (here on stage today).

During his time at St Pius Oliver has performed in every Twilight Concert (23 so far!), ANZAC day and Remembrance Day services both at the College and at OLD Church and Primary School, College Anniversary Concerts, Eisteddfods, Open Days, Award ceremonies, performance nights and the yearly Manly Jazz Festival.

In 2017 Oliver successfully auditioned for the Northern Youth Wind Ensemble, a Youth Band based in Sydney. This group rehearses weekly and performs concerts regularly throughout the year. With this band Oliver has competed at local, state and national band championships, both as part of the ensemble and as a soloist. In 2018 the Band placed 1st in the National Championships held in Victoria and Oliver placed 8th as a National soloist. This year Oliver is undertaking Music 2 and Extension Music and was selected to play 1st trumpet in the Manly Jazz Festival Big Band (a combined schools band).

Oliver is incredibly passionate about music and proactively seeks out professional instruction and feedback in order to improve. He has attended courses with the Sydney Youth Orchestra, and the Queensland Conservatorium of Music and has sought masterclasses with professional musicians including composer Brendan Collins and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra's trumpeter, David Elton. Oliver is keen to pursue a professional orchestral career at the conclusion of his schooling at St Pius X College.

Oliver we thank you for your dedication to music at St Pius X, we commend you on your Gold award today and we wish you every success in your musical future.