



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

21st February, 2017

Dear Parents,

The following is an information letter regarding the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 2017. As a community, St. Pius X College will be looking to have many students in attendance at such an exciting and faith filled event. The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival exists to:

- Provide a high quality formative and experiential opportunity for young Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ, in the context of the Catholic Church in Australia;
- Listen to and discuss the issues and challenges in the lives of young Catholics in Australia;
- Evangelise young people and empower them to be evangelisers;
- Provide young people with local examples and connections of vocations, social action, liturgy and prayer, catholic music and catechesis.

Some initial details about ACYF are below;

When? December 7-9th (Festival). The festival will commence after the conclusion of the school year.

Where? Homebush.

Who? The invitation is open to any students from Years 9-12 to attend.

Cost? Early Bird Registration for ACYF is \$250, transport for the 3 days is included but meals are not.

Why? To provide students with an encounter with Christ and the broader Australian Catholic Church, in order for students to discern their own faith journeys. Previous ACYFs held in Melbourne and Adelaide were incredible events. These festivals were fun events that offered a range of challenging workshops and presentations to choose from. The ACYF is a festival designed to be a party atmosphere! 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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As the College's Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, I have been in attendance at many events for youth, but the Australian Catholic Youth Festival is one of the most enriching and FUN experiences that is offered to our students to attend during their school lives.

I believe that ACYF is an invaluable experience and chance for expressing and exploring faith.

I wish to particularly point out to you that ACYF will be held immediately after the conclusion of the St Pius X College school year.

A mailing list will be formed and an information night will be held in Term 3. **Please fill out the expression of interest form below** for your son and you will be added to the mailing list for communication about ACYF.

If you would like any more information please email myself or visit <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

Sincerely



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Student's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Student's Email: _____

Parent / Caregiver Name/s: _____

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