



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

From the Principal  
**Mr John Couani**

18 March 2019

Mr Steve Hart  
Principal  
St Thomas of Canterbury College  
69 Middlepark Road  
Christchurch  
NEW ZEALAND

Dear Mr Hart and the community of St Thomas' of Canterbury College

I write to you in deep and profound sorrow regarding the senseless and tragic attack in Christchurch last Friday. This attack is not only an attack against Muslim faithful but upon all New Zealanders and indeed all of us.

At St Pius X College we have prayed on Saturday at Open Day with our community and again today at Assembly in solidarity with your grieving nation and we too grieve for the loss of life and the attack on freedom.

We have seen images of the suffering and agony in Christchurch and throughout New Zealand and we reach out to you, your students, staff, parents and whole community to express our heartfelt sympathy and extend our prayerful support to the victims, their families and indeed all New Zealanders. We want the community of St Thomas' of Canterbury to know that your friends and nearest neighbours in Australia share your grief. Know too that St Pius X College Chatswood, as your fellow Edmund Rice school stand with you at this time of enormous struggle and devastating loss

May you and your community draw strength in unity as you journey through these days and months ahead.

With our profound sympathy

John Couani  
**Principal**

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