



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

26 February 2019

### ALPHA for YOUTH 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,



Your son has shown some interest in participating in the 'Alpha for Youth' series. Year 9 and 10 students from both St Pius X College and Mercy Catholic College are being invited to participate in the program through our local Chatswood Parish. The sessions will be held in Term 2 on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 until 5pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms in Kirk Street. Each session will begin with an afternoon tea and a chance for our students to mingle and come to know each other in fellowship and community. The series will begin on Wednesday 1 May and will conclude on 26 June 2019.

During each session 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 their 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?** Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 until 5pm (see the below dates for each session).

**Where?** Parish Meeting Rooms in 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.

**Dates in Term 2:** Session 1: 1 May, Session 2: 8 May, Session 3: 15 May, Session 4: 22 May, Session 5: 29 May, Session 6: 5 June, Session 7: 12 June, Session 8: 19 June Alpha Retreat Day, Session 9: 26 June.

With the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in December 2019 focusing on the theme "*Listen to what the Spirit is saying?*", 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 complete and return the attached permission and medical information form by Friday 22 March to Mr Adrian Brannan, Youth Ministry Coordinator. If you would like any more information please email [abrannan@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au](mailto:abrannan@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) or call on 0414 826 326.

Yours sincerely,

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