



MR SEAN BRANNAN – ST PIUS X COLLEGE CHATSWOOD

LIBERATING EDUCATION

Mr Sean Brannan is the Assistant Principal Pastoral Care at St Pius X College Chatswood. Sean has given extraordinary service to Edmund Rice education for the benefit of the students, families and staff of the College and the benefit of EREA schools and EREBB. Sean has been at St Pius X College for 19 years commencing in 2000. Sean is nominated for an Edmund Rice Education Charter Award under the Touchstone: ***Inclusive Community***.

Sean is the epitome of Inclusive Community as he is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and always committed to the common good.

Sean Brannan exemplifies our commitment to a holistic education integrating faith with culture and learning. Among the many gifts Sean brings to embodying this Touchstone, we recognise the following examples of his leadership:

- Sean is an outstanding classroom teacher of Religious Education, Senior Physics and PD/H/PE providing teaching and learning experiences that are authentic, relevant, rigorous and creative.
- Sean's pastoral leadership, personal witness and relationships are characterised by his unique ability to draw all together and call everyone to understanding and compassion through building self-belief and confidence enabling all members of the community to thrive and flourish.
- Mindfulness and wellbeing are enhanced through Sean's leadership of Peer Mediation, the Peer Mentor Program, and Peer Support Program enabling students to experience personal achievement within a safe, supportive and healthy environment.
- Indigenous Reconciliation is a passion for Sean who incorporates indigenous Education into all aspects of his Leadership in the classroom, mindfulness programs, school camps and our Outreach Program including our partnerships with Bowraville and Walgett. He led a contingency of over 50 students, staff, parents and Old Boys on the Red Dirt Immersion to Bourke and beyond. Sean is leading the development of the St Pius X Reconciliation Action Plan and already bringing this to life.
- Sean's high involvement in Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders has linked our students across the globe with other Edmund Rice schools as well as his contribution to the leadership of three College Expeditions completing the Kokoda Trail with students and parents and Immersions in PNG with Callan Services.
- Sean's leadership of Retreats, student camps and our week long Year 11 Snowy Mountains Hike demonstrate his enormous dedication to providing opportunities for formation, critical awareness of service and solidarity learning, environmental practices and personal development.
- Sean's prophetic leadership of our support for our community to learn and appreciate our servicemen and women through ANZAC DAY Ceremonies, Remembrance Day Ceremonies and Kokoda Expeditions instils a school-wide appreciation of the need to strive for the greater good of all society.
- Building student leadership is a priority for Sean as he coordinates this throughout the school, leading workshops, developing our Student Empowerment Team, Student Leadership Team and involving many staff in providing student voice in our College.
- Sean utilises his great coaching skills and pastoral care as a coach of Rugby and Basketball to develop the best qualities in his students.
- As an Old Boy of the class of 1986, Sean is an Executive member of the Old Boys' Association and contributes significantly to the many fundraising activities for school initiatives.

Sean is a positive and hope-filled leader who gives selfless and inspirational service and as an educator he truly “builds awareness and skills with which our students critique and build a better world for all.” (EREA Liberating Education paper 2015)

Throughout the network of Edmund Rice schools, Sean is acknowledged for his dedication and commitment to students at risk and in need. Sean’s drive and enormous generosity and his commitment to inclusivity and social justice are infectious. Sean recognises the impact that the Christian Brothers had on him since his own school days and he dedicates his service in similar ways.

What motivates Sean is his care for the students and his enduring passion to help them to live meaningful lives. He seeks to open their hearts and minds to make a better world for themselves, for one another and for God. He is a community builder and a truly inspirational leader and highly recommended for a Charter Leadership Award under the Touchstone of Inclusive Community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Couani', with a small dot at the end of the line.

John Couani
Principal