

STAFF MEMBERS LEAVING AT THE END OF 2017

Mr Pat Whelan	Science and RE teacher	Mr Whelan has been an inspirational figure on staff for the past 15 years and the students and staff alike will miss Mr Whelan enormously. His wisdom, care and compassion for each student will remain with every student with whom he has made contact. We wish Mr Whelan every future happiness in retirement. Mr Whelan has held a range of positions in the College such as Religious Education coordinator and Social Justice Coordinator but above all he has been a teacher in every sense of the word. Pastoral care at SPX has always had a genuine champion in Mr Whelan.
Mr Paul Ticli	Year 9 Coordinator Science /RE teacher	Mr Ticli leaves us for Coffs Harbour with his family and he has been a superb teacher of both RE and Science at the College and leaves us after 11 years. Mr Ticli is the current Year 9 Coordinator but has also had this group since Year 7 as their Coordinator. Mr Ticli was also the Religious Education coordinator at one stage. We thank him for his service and we will certainly miss his energy, enthusiasm, professionalism and determination for the success for all his students.
Mr James Olson	English, RE, HSIE	Mr Olson has decided to take 12 months leave for 2018 and take time with his family. Mr Olson has served this College for 26 years and most of that time, he was the Deputy Principal. All the generations of Pius students who have been under his care will attest to Mr Olson's strong but gentle firmness, his consideration of all and his calm nature and patience in difficult circumstances. He is a man of deep faith and trust. Mr Olson has supported 4 Principals as Deputy and I sincerely appreciate his contribution and service.
Ms Ailish Garry	ICT Manager	Ms Garry has been a member of staff for the past 10 years in the role of ICT Manager. She has made a very significant contribution to the development of the school's ICT infrastructure and the introduction of the PLD program and the huge range of software used in the College for teaching and learning and for communication. Ms Garry has led the ICT helpdesk. She leaves us for a new school closer to home. We thank her and wish her every success.
Mrs Cathy Jellema	Office staff	Mrs Jellema retires from St Pius X College at the end of 2017 after 9 years' service and in every way each student will thank Mrs Jellema for her beautiful care of the boys through her work in the front office and sick bay. Mrs Jellema has done so much to support Year 10 ABW and all the staff know only too well just how much love and care she brings to our school. Mrs Jellema has helped with the Sports Department, the Camps, the Performing Arts and the Junior Library. We will miss Mrs Jellema and I know that many students and parents as well as the staff will miss her dearly.
Ms Julie Unsworth	Accounts office staff	For the past 11 years Julie has worked quietly and efficiently in the Finance Team looking after our Accounts. Ms Unsworth has given wonderful service and has been a very generous and happy member of staff. We thank Ms Unsworth for her service over many years.
Ms Felicity Whelan	Music teacher	Ms Felicity Whelan has been a Music and RE teacher at the College for the past 2 years and in a short time here she has made a significant contribution to both the Performing Arts and the Religious Education Programs. Ms Whelan has generously led the Junior Choir and Vocal Ensemble and she will be missed by students and staff alike.
Mrs Julie Ingram	Publicity and Promotions	Mrs Ingram has been responsible for the vast majority of the College's publications and promotions for the past 4 years and has done a marvellous job as can be evidenced by the excellent publications such as Pius In Profile, the College Strategic Plan, the HSC High Achievers' Booklets, and the Social Justice Statement to name just a sample. We sincerely thank Mrs Ingram and wish her well in her future.