

Did you know that St Pius X will be offering Applied Philosophy to Year 9 in 2018?

Philosopher's Corner

**“What makes a human being a moral subject is the capacity
to transcend his or her point of view”
*Immanuel Kant***

In 2018 St Pius X will be running our first ever Applied Philosophy course. This will be a Year 9 Elective aimed at building a variety of skill sets that will serve students development of:

Critical thinking: building habits of rigorous thinking skills by exploring “What is knowledge?” through deep thinking accompanied by careful attention to logic and the structure of argument. This skill development can be transferred to all disciplines and supports students ability to build their literacy and communication skills (both written and spoken). Students learn to respond rationally to evidence and to reflect upon alternative perspectives. Students will develop deep conceptual understanding through the variety of learning processes undertaken in this course.

Ethics: student will be given the skills, processes and strategies to develop a personal understanding of their values: where these values come from and the consequences of these beliefs. Students develop a strong appreciation of social, political and cultural diversity as well as exploring personal and community ethical responsibility. Utilitarianism and virtue ethics are embedded in our study of current and historical ethical issues.

Philosophy: thinking philosophically helps students to develop intellectual autonomy. Students will learn to develop an approach to their independent learning: exploring how education can be about autonomous growth and the ability to flourish in their learning.

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