



Holy Cross College, founded by the Patrician Brothers, 1891

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## Office of the Principal

18 October 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In January 2019 students from Sydney Catholic Schools will join Pope Francis and young Catholics from around the world to celebrate World Youth Day in Panama. Well over 600 students and staff attended the last World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland and Sydney Catholic Schools hopes a similar number of young people will be able to engage in a life-changing week of prayer, formation and celebration in Panama City.

As a first step in preparing for this pilgrimage of faith the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team is holding an information night for all students and parents who are interested in hearing more about the pilgrimage program. Holy Cross students and parents are invited to attend an information session to be held at the College on Monday 30th October from 6:30pm. This information session will address the following:

- The nature of the WYD pilgrimage
- Pilgrimage options
- Mission work
- WYD week schedule
- Post-WYD retreat
- Accommodation
- Student safety and supervision
- Process for payment, dates for payment, confirmation of interest forms
- Fundraising options
- Passport, visa, vaccination information
- WYD portal
- Collaboration with the Archdiocese
- Preparation events in 2018

Parents and students will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the Youth Ministry team and about any aspect of the WYD experience.

I encourage all parents and students who are at all interested in attending WYD in 2019 to attend this Information Night. Your attendance does not constitute any form of commitment at this early stage.

Yours Sincerely,

Phillip Stewart  
PRINCIPAL

