

# TERM ONE

- We welcomed 64 Boarding Students into the brand - new Boarding Precinct, 35 of which were new to St Patrick's College

- Two new staff members joined the Boarding Team – Mr Ryan Bullock as Housemaster and Jarryd Van Der Linde as our third GAP Tutor

- Three of our Boarding students received Chris Nolan awards for finishing in the top 15% of their class for particular subjects



- Over 150 friends and family joined us for our Welcome to Community Mass and Dinner

- Four of our Boarding Students won their division at the BAS Head of the Lake Rowing Regatta, two as members of the 1<sup>st</sup> crew

- Two Boarding Students represented the College at the annual Walk with Mary, carrying the statue of Our Lady Walsingham through the streets of Melbourne



- Nine Boarding students volunteered their Saturday morning to assist at the Community Event, Walk Off the War Within.



- Several of our Boarders were recognised as award winners at the 2018 SPC Cricket Presentation Evening

- A number of Boarders participated in both the Rugby Tour to Canberra, and the Football Tour to Melbourne



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## TERM TWO

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- Stage 2 of the Boarding Precinct build started to take shape with the construction of the new dining room and kitchen

- Nine Boarders represented our Community at the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service, assisting with the wreath laying during the day, while one of our Year 10 Boarders performed in the College Marching Band during this service

- Our annual Bring A Friend to Boarding event was a wonderful evening which included an “Amazing Race” around the College, an American themed dinner, and group games in the gym.

- All Boarders attended the opening night of Beauty and the Beast – a collaboration between St Patrick’s College and Loreto College

- Three staff and two year 11 students, attended the Australian Boarding Schools Association State Conference, focused on Mental Health Issues for Young Students and Online Safety

- As part of National Boarding Week, the SPC Boarders conducted a Winter Woolie Drive, collecting donations of blankets and clothing for those less fortunate than themselves. This tied in with a 1km walk with fellow Boarding Schools, Ballarat Grammar and Ballarat Clarendon College, celebrating the ABSA initiative – “Boarder’s Run Australia”. In theory, this meant that if each Boarder across Australia, walked 1km, they would have walked the circumference of Australia – 23,000km



- Over 100 of our Boarding Community friends and family joined us for our Term 2 Mass and Dinner, coinciding with Reconciliation Week. The dinner included a Welcome to Country, a bagpipe solo and traditional Scottish fare. It was a wonderful celebration of the cultural diversity within our Boarding Community

- Flexi-boarding was introduced to the wider St Patrick’s Community – an opportunity for students who may have difficulty accessing educational or co-curricular activities within the College, due to their home locations.



- We opened the Precinct doors for our “Open House” where we invited Staff to come and view the Precinct and see where and how the Boarders live. This coincided with an invitation to the Year 12 Student Council who joined us for a night in Boarding.

# TERM THREE

- While having to farewell two of our GAP Tutors after their year with us, we welcomed three new “Gappies” into our Boarding Community – Macky, Ruan and Ollie.

- This term we hosted two Exchange Students from Linden Hall High School in Japan, Kojiro and Mitsuki, joining us as year 9 students.

- We unveiled the new kitchen and dining facilities for the Boarding Precinct. Over 130 friends and family attended this historical event which was the final piece of the Boarding Precinct puzzle.

- Two of our Flexi-Boarding students attended a very successful music tour to Sydney.

- The Year 10 enterprise challenge kicked off with a challenge to test the thinking and entrepreneur skills of our year 10 cohort. The challenge consisted of groups of two, planning and executing an idea which resulted in a profit being made – which was then donated to a charity within the Community.

- Applications were received, and interviews conducted for those interested in the role of Boarding Captain for 2019. Applicants were exceptional, and all handled the process with confidence and composure. It was with great pleasure that Josh Wilson-Stanton was announced as Captain, with Jack Tillig as Vice Captain.

- Mr Silcock undertook a wonderful journey to the Northern Territory to meet with and connect with the many families of our boarders that reside in areas such as Darwin, the Tiwi Islands, Jabiru and Alice Springs. It was a rewarding and insightful trip that has provided increased knowledge how we, as a Boarding Community, can better assist, not just our Indigenous Boarders, but all our Boarders.

- Our Year 12 Indigenous Boarders were recognised at a dinner in Melbourne, for all graduating Indigenous students in Victorian Catholic Schools.

- Boarding students featured heavily in the award winners at the annual John James Medal presentation night, taking out both the 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII Best and Fairest and Best on Ground in the Grand Final.

- In front of almost 180 people, ten Boarders were recognised for their contribution and achievements throughout the 2018 SPC Rugby Program



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## TERM FOUR

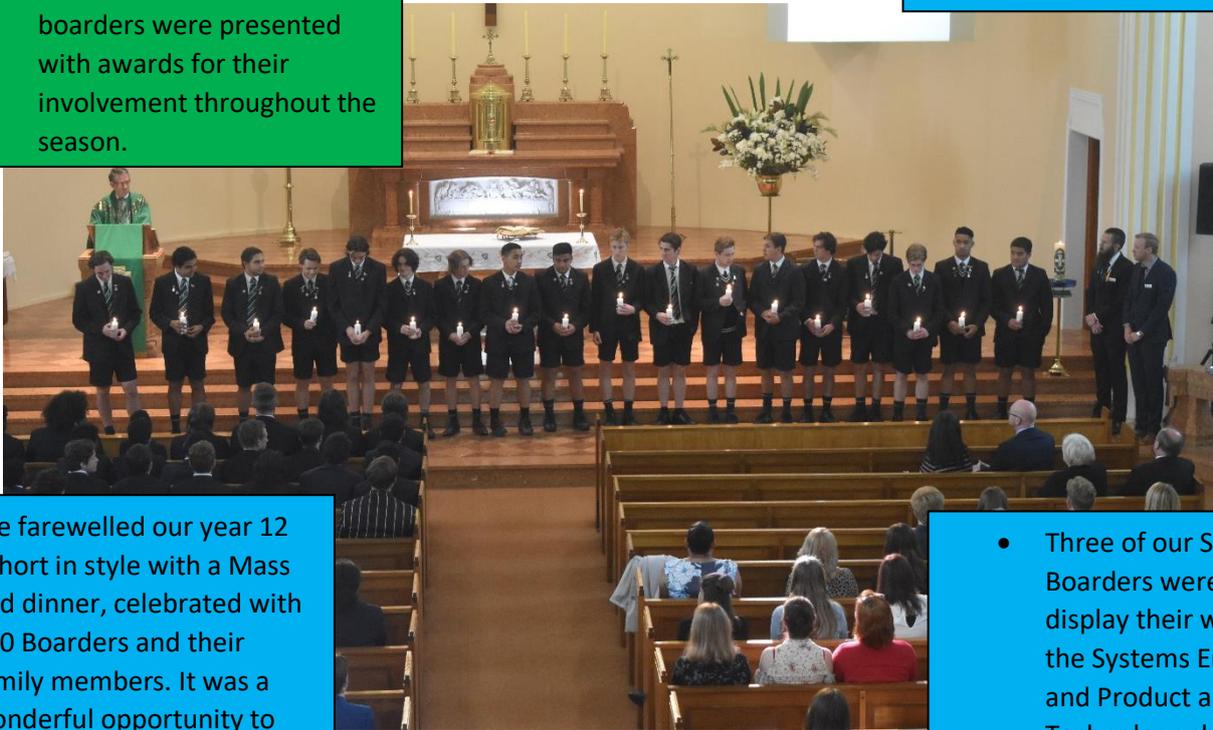
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- The official opening of the Boarding Precinct was held in front of over 150 guests, supporters, friends and family. Along with current Boarders and families, the opening was attended by many Old Collegians and members of the wider Community.

- At the 2018 SPC Basketball Presentation Dinner, several boarders were presented with awards for their involvement throughout the season.

- The Applied Learning Program celebrated their successful year and in doing so, recognised several Boarders who were acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to the Program

- Ten Boarders represented the Boarding Community and the College at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service of the End of World War I at the Ballarat Arch of Victory. The Boarders assisted in laying a wreath to acknowledge and remember all that served throughout the War.



- We farewelled our year 12 cohort in style with a Mass and dinner, celebrated with 170 Boarders and their family members. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of the graduating Students, while also sharing in many memories and stories of their time as Boarders.

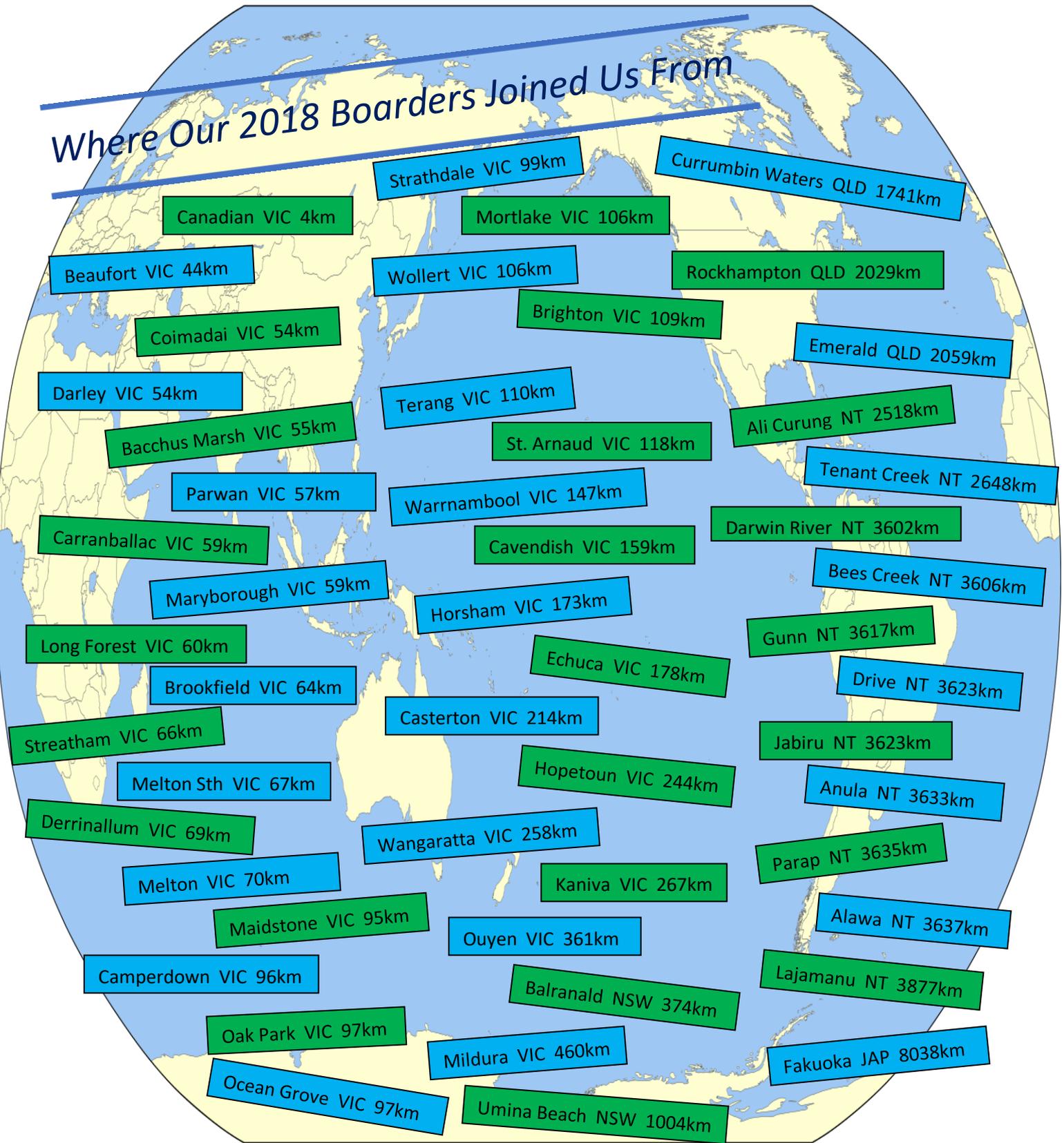
- It was wonderful to have several Boarders volunteering at the first ever, Run for A Cause Ballarat event. Boarders were course marshals, supporters and encouragers during the 5km and 10km events.

- For the first time, we welcomed our 2019 new Boarding Students to join us for an Orientation Weekend. This ensured that our incoming Boarders were given a taste of being a Boarder at St Patrick's College by undertaking several activities, joining in with Boarding routines and meeting current Boarders.

- Three of our Senior Boarders were invited to display their work as part of the Systems Engineering and Product and Design Technology showcase. The Boarders worked tirelessly to produce amazing pieces of work that were admired by many.

- The 2018 Valedictory Dinner was a wonderful opportunity for our Yr12 Boarders to be formally recognised and acknowledged for their achievements throughout the year.

# Where Our 2018 Boarders Joined Us From



# What benefits do you receive from being a Boarder at St Patrick's College?



Being able to meet new people and experience new things.

Hudson, Year 10

Learning to be independent and be more respectful

Harry, Year 7

Growing to become more independent.

Ethan, Year 12

Better social skills and respect.

Keanu, Year 7

I'll be able to make friends easier in the future.

Deegan, Year 8

I am able to get all my homework done in study sessions.

Tom, Year 10

The individual lifestyle and learning to cope being by yourself.

Josh, Year 11

Responsibility and resilience.

Archie, Year 10

Easy to get into a study routine and focus on academics, but also easy access for school sports.

Regan, Year 12

Getting a quality education.

Adrian, Year 12

Learning a level of maturity and independence living away from home. Compulsory study benefits a lot as I would not study if I was at home.

Ethan, Year 12

Being independent to choose and be responsible for my own actions.

Xavier, Year 9

SPC Boarding teaches me to be more independent, St Pat's gives me a fantastic education that folks don't get back home.

Jayden, Year 8

Having a caring and supportive staff look after me and also to be staying in a very safe environment.

Kayne, Year 11

I am able to participate in early morning band rehearsals and after school footy and cricket.

Alex, Year 10