

# Liam Duggan

SPC 2009 - 15



**ST PATRICK'S** College has played a massive part in helping me achieve my dreams.

I was lucky enough to receive a quality education whilst enjoying all St Patrick's had to offer outside of the classroom. The best of both worlds.

The amount of opportunities that St Patrick's presents is incredible and taking some of these opportunities has allowed me to develop not only as a footballer but more importantly as a person.

The football program allowed me to really enjoy my footy with my best mates wearing a jumper that means so much to not only us, but all involved with SPC.

Under the guidance of Mr Clark I learnt a lot about humility, respect and resilience - values that all boys who put on the jumper learn from being a part of the program. Given the opportunity to captain the SPC 1st XVIII, I was honoured to be able lead the boys onto the field to play, memories I will cherish forever.

I'd like to thank SPC, and Mr Clark in particular, for the opportunities made available for me and helping me along my journey. Ecka Dora.



# Jacob Hopper



SPC 2014 - 15

I **COME** from a small town in Leeton, NSW, and as much as my move to St Patrick's College was full of excitement it was just as equally full of fear and the unknown.

As you can imagine the first couple of weeks of my move were some of the more difficult and challenging weeks of my life. It was not until my first game in the treasured green, white and blue jumper that I truly felt I could call St Patrick's and, as an extension Ballarat, home. The 1st XVIII football program eliminated any fear that I may have had, instead it fostered a feeling of hope and optimism.

The 1st XVIII football program is similar to a family, led by the fatherhood figure Howard Clark. The football program is a brotherhood in arms playing in total friendship and a love for one another. I will never forget the boys that I played with and was fortunate enough to lead. I will never forget the long-sleeved collared guernsey and the emblem stitched in front of my heart - I held these relationships in my heart as I depart St Patrick's College.

The SPC culture, founded upon passion and care, is what separates the school and its football program from any other. I thank and am forever grateful to the football program for making St Pat's home. In the words of great mate, fellow Old Collegian and Richmond player, Dan Butler "I will forever bleed the green, white and blue". Thanks always, St Patrick's College.



# Drew Petrie

SPC 1995 - 2000



**ST PATRICK'S** College gave me an opportunity to learn through its education, play sport both as a subject and after hours, but most importantly created an environment for me to develop as a person. In my mind, being intelligent and/or successful at sport comes a distant second to that of being encouraged to lead a respectful and honest existence.

St Patrick's had a lot of success on all sporting arenas when I attended the school from 1995 to 2000. I believe this was built on the foundations of what was learnt away from the fields of battle. Working within a group in your classroom encourages team work and co-operation, vital ingredient to on-field synergy. Playing in the 1st XVIII saw you lining up alongside students from Years 10 - 12. Communication on the footy field with fellow students of varying year levels was taught away from classrooms and training sessions. It was taught through the relationships and friendships developed in the lunch times and before and after classes began - during College life you might say. With the guidance of Mr Gerard Ryan and Mr Howard Clark, those that were a part of the football program quickly understood how to become a great team. And most of that was instilled in us even before we had touched a football. I'll be forever grateful of the guidance given to me by Gerard and Howard.



# Dan Butler

SPC 2009 - 14

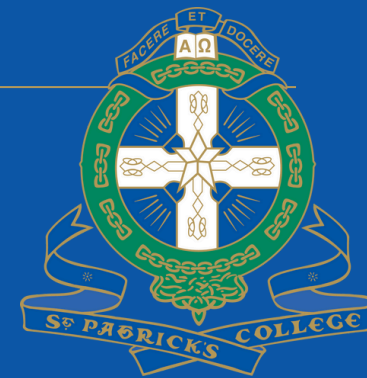


**PULLING ON** a St Patrick's College 1st XVIII jumper is something I wanted to do from the moment I walked in the gates of the school. The jumper itself encapsulates everything it means to be a Paddy's boy, pride and brotherhood the first things that come to mind. Every day of my life, I imagine myself playing another game for this prestigious school - I would kill for another four quarters in that jumper. The development the school, along with the football programme, gave me was second to none, shaping the person I am today, on and off the field. The dedication and hard work from coach Howard Clark is the driving force behind why everyone wants to play school football, and why all younger boys aspire to pull on the famous jumper. This program offered me a world of opportunities, from travelling Europe and playing Gaelic all over Ireland, to being a part of the record breaking five-peat on the MCG. Given the opportunity to be the Vice Captain of this side under Duggo was an honour and something I will cherish for the rest of my life. Thankyou to SPC and Howard for giving me all these opportunities, I cannot speak highly enough of this wonderful school. My heart will forever bleed green, white and blue. Ecka Dora.



# Jesse Palmer

SPC 2013 - 14



**HEADING TO** St Patrick's at the beginning of 2013 was easily one of the best decisions I made for my education, football and development. The school gave me a lot of opportunities which I'll never forget. The football program brought me a lot of enjoyment and opportunities. I was fortunate enough to play alongside my best mates which is something I'll never forget.

I can't say enough about the St Patrick's football program and the influence it had on me both on and off the field. It was a privilege to play for a school with such a great history, values and tradition. I was taught skills that fast tracked my career and helped me get the most out of myself. It was the most enjoyable football I've played, alongside great people including mythe entire coaching panel.

Thanks to St Patrick's for the opportunities the school gave me. I'll never forget it! I look forward to following the College in the future and am very proud to say that I'm an Old Boy.





# Martin Gleeson

SPC 2013 - 14



“**THE ST PAT'S** football program helped me develop my football and myself as a person throughout the year. As I was only at St Pat's for 2012, I was only part of the programme for one year and without being involved in the programme I doubt I would be where I am now.

The program is by far the best school footy setup in the country and it is evident by how much fun I had and the amount of great people I have met and now call my mates.

Playing school footy for St Pat's was the most enjoyable footy I have played due to the countless hours put in by the football department and other members of the College staff.



# Mitchell Brown



SPC 2002 - 06

**MY TIME** at St Patrick's College were the best years.

The College and, more importantly, the culture gave me the tools to shape who I am today. Apart from receiving a quality education I received the values which are most important to me as a man in my life today. Loyalty, mateship, passion, love and care. There is no lecture, exam or test that could teach these values. You can only be taught this by the spirit in which every student and teacher brings to the College every single day - the "St Paddy's Spirit".

There is no better place to find this spirit than within the St Patrick's Football program. This spirit is nurtured by our mentor Howard Clark. This great man has created an environment for young aspiring boys to realise their dreams of one day playing at the highest level. The program gave me the building blocks to make the transition into AFL football easier and ultimately gave me a headstart in my professional career. Not only did the program teach me to get the best out of myself on the field but, in times of hardship, off the field I learnt to be resilient and find a way out of the darkness.

It goes without saying that there is something special almost divine about pulling on the St Pat's football jumper. A jumper which hasn't changed in over 120 years, a jumper which represents the "St Paddy's Spirit".

I will always cherish my time at St Pat's and, in particular, the mentorship from my good friend Howard Clark.



# Jack Neade

SPC 2010 - 12



**I JUST** want to sincerely thank the school for giving me an opportunity to relocate from Elliot in the Northern Territory to not only play footy, but also to attend school.

Without St Patrick's College, I wouldn't have completed my Year 12 and accomplished my goals of being drafted into the AFL.

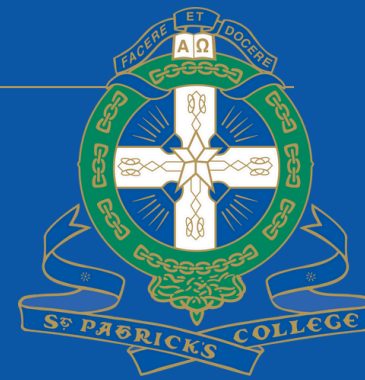
Also, with my brother Ben, being the first boy from Elliot to have satisfactorily completed Year 12, I'm extremely thankful for St Patrick's College for making Ben and myself feel very welcome and comfortable during our four years at the school.

I will always remember the school most fondly.





# Michael Close



SPC 2011 - 12



**ST PAT'S**, where do I start with my journey?

St Pat's was the best decision I have ever made for my education, family and for my football. As soon as I arrived at the school, not only students and staff but also the whole wider community, which helped me, grow as a person, welcomed me.

The school offered a range of opportunities and the two biggest ones for me were boarding and school football. Boarding is what made me looking forward heading back to school on holidays as I made lots of mates, but not only were they just mates, they were mates for life!

Boarding had its own little community that made us united as one and stick together.

School football gave me experiences that I will never get again as I got to play football with my best mates for my school. We showed a lot of passion and mateship to our school and community as I was lucky enough to be in a winning Herald Sun Shield premiership, which was played on the MCG.

I will never get this chance again to play with my mates for life in the same team so we will never forget that moment we had together and will cherish it for the rest of our lives. I thank St Pat's for the opportunities that it gave me and look forward to following how the school is going and very proud to be a 'St Pat's Old Boy.'



# Tom McDonald

SPC 2010



**MOVING TO** St Patricks College was a big decision for myself and my family and one that has changed my life. The decision was originally made to help boost my football career but it has had so much more of an effect on my life.

I still keep in regular contact with the friends that i made at the school and throughout the football program. The camaraderie and friendship that came from school football is like no other and one I will always cherish.

We had a terrific group and had a great season that resulted in two premierships and a lot of great memories. The move to SPC was also the reason I got the opportunity to be drafted to the MFC and I hope the school continues to produce many great players and people.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at SPC and would recommend anyone to get involved.



# Brad Crouch

SPC 2006 - 11



**“AT MY** time at SPC I was lucky enough to be a part of the footy program for three years and in those three years my football developed more than I could have ever imagined. In Year 7 all I wanted to do was to play First XVII Football. Years later to play First XVIII was an amazing experience. Since year 7 I have made many friends that I remain friends with today. This included great friends such as Mat Begbie, Nick O'Brien and Scott Spriggs, who all played huge roles in the success of our school football program. The friendships I developed through school footy was outstanding. When I shared the victory of the Herald Sun Shield Grand Final with them, as well as many other close mates, it was the best feeling I have ever had and was the best win I had ever been involved in. The program developed me a lot as a player and gave me great opportunities for my football to go further. Through history you can see why the program is seen as being so successful and why many people think that SPC is a breeding ground for AFL footballers. It will continue to be and I am humbled by the opportunity to pull on the jumper and play along side my best mates and for my whole school.



# Nathan Brown



SPC 2002 - 06

**“THE VERY** first experience I had involving the SPC football program was in Year 7 when we sat along the boundary line and watched the 1st XVIII play Ballarat and Clarendon College. To see what seemed like giants play with such passion and pride, all in front of 800 screaming boys, was very inspiring. From that day on, all I wanted to do was put on a St Pat's 1st XVIII jumper and play on the Main Oval in front of my school.

Year 7, 8, 9 school football was an experience that allowed me to play with my mates whilst being introduced to traditions and professionalism of SPC football. The way the 1st XVIII conducted themselves throughout the school, we had perfect role models in the lessons of sportsmanship, competitiveness and respect.

I remember the first time I pulled on the 1st XVIII jumper, I looked down at the green, white and blue stripe and remembered the first time I saw this jumper back in Year 7 and the way I had idolised it. To this day, this is one of my most cherished moments at St Patrick's College.

The high standard of tradition, values and professionalism accepted by all involved with the SPC football program helped me advance and fast track not only my career as a footballer but that of a 16-year-old boy learning important life skills that I still live by today.

I believe so highly in the SPC football program that I am proud to say it has shaped who I am today, giving me lasting life skills and sense of belonging and brotherhood to a tradition that is widely respected across the world.





NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Charlie Baker	1893-96	St Kilda
John Fogarty	1900	South Melbourne
Joe Fogarty	1900-01	South Melbourne, Essendon, University
Leo Seward	1900-01	University
Chris Fogarty	1900-03	Essendon, University
Bert Gregory	1904-06	Melbourne
Robert Thompson	1904-10	University
Leo Little	1906-11	University, Melbourne
Basil Nehil	1906-11	St Kilda, Essendon
Harry Neate	1907-11	Essendon





NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Joe Shortill	1910-12	Carlton, Fitzroy
Phil McCumisky	1914-15	Carlton
James Keogh	1914-15	Collingwood
Maurice Connell	1916-19	South Melbourne, Carlton
Robert Johnson Snr	1918-20	Melbourne
Reg Hickey	1921	Geelong
Joe Nunan	1919-23	Footscray
Sidney Dockendorff	1921-23	Richmond, Footscray
Maurice Sheahan	1920-25	Richmond
Thomas Barwick	1922-25	Hawthorn



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Bill Walsh	1926-27	Melbourne, Fitzroy
Dick Hingston	1928	Melbourne
Frank Halloran	1929	Melbourne, Footscray
Stanley Mullane	1928-29	South Melbourne, Geelong
Gerry Hayes	1931-34	Richmond, South Melbourne
Peter O'Donohue	1931-36	Hawthorn
Frank Howard	1935-37	Richmond
Edward Long	1935-38	North Melbourne
Frank McGrath	1939-41	Melbourne, Carlton
Terry Walsh	1941-43	North Melbourne



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Colin Dodd	1945-27	Fitzroy
Vin Williams	1946-47	Fitzroy
Les Mogg	1942-48	North Melbourne
Brian Molony	1948-50	Carlton, St Kilda
Frank Drum	1946-48	Richmond
John Elder	1948	Collingwood, South Melbourne
John James	1948	Carlton
Noel 'Toby' Elder	1949	Fitzroy
Tom Simpson	1949	Richmond
Joe Hickey	1945-50	Fitzroy



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Gerald 'Terry' Gleeson	1947-50	Melbourne
Basil Moloney	1955-57	Richmond
Kevin Hogan	1944-51	Richmond
William Arch	1951	Carlton
Brian Gleeson	1947-52	St Kilda
Bryan King	1952-53	St Kilda
Frank Pomeroy	1953-54	Geelong, North Melbourne
Marshall Younger	1949-55	South Melbourne
Gerald Crough	1952-55	Geelong
John Devine	1952-55	Geelong



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Robert Vagg	1954-57	Hawthorn
John Hogan	1955-57	Collingwood
Barry Kelly	1954-58	North Melbourne
John Cunningham	1955-58	Hawthorn
Michael Pickering	1956-59	North Melbourne
Brian Carroll	1959	Fitzroy
Ian Slockwitch	1951-60	Richmond
John Sheahan	1955-60	Richmond
Greg Dowd	1962-63	Footscray
Frank Dimattina	1963	Richmond, North Melbourne





NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Barry Richardson	1961-64	Richmond
Tony Sullivan	1963-64	Melbourne
Ray Ball	1962-65	Richmond, South Melbourne
John Bell	1965-66	Collingwood
Anthony Smith	1965-69	Carlton
Mario Bortolotto	1972	Geelong, Carlton
Gerard FitzGerald	1973	Geelong
Paul Armstrong	1969-74	St Kilda
Brian Brown	1973-75	Fitzroy, Essendon
Danny Frawley	1976-79	St Kilda



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Mick McGuane	1980	Collingwood, Carlton
Alex McDonald	1982-87	Hawthorn, Collingwood
Matthew Francis	1983-88	Richmond, Collingwood
Justin McGrath	1983-88	Fitzroy
Michael James	1987-89	Carlton
Anthony McDonald	1988-89	Melbourne
Nick Hider	1988-89	Collingwood
Martin Heffernan	1988-90	Geelong, Brisbane
Tony Bourke	1988-93	Carlton
Mark Orchard	1988-93	Collingwood, Sydney



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Paul Wynd	1991-93	North Melbourne
James McDonald	1989-94	Melbourne, GWS Giants
Peter Walsh	1989-94	Melbourne, Port Adelaide
Drew Petrie	1995-2000	North Melbourne, West Coast Eagles
Tristan Cartledge	1998-2002	Essendon, Richmond
Clinton Young	2003	Hawthorn, Collingwood
Matthew Rosa	2004	West Coast Eagles, Gold Coast Suns
Shaun Grigg	2001-06	Carlton, Richmond
Mitchell Brown	2002-06	West Coast Eagles
Nathan Brown	2002-06	Collingwood, St Kilda



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Matt Austin	2005-06	Brisbane
Nick Suban	2003-08	Fremantle
Will Young	2003-08	Adelaide
Daniel Nicholson	2007-08	Melbourne
Joshua Cowan	2008-09	Geelong
Tom McDonald	2010	Melbourne
Steve Clifton	1999-2004	GWS Giants
Nicholas O'Brien	2006-11	Essendon
Jack Neade	2010-12	Port Adelaide
Bradley Crouch	2016-11	Adelaide, St Kilda



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Tanner Smith	2011-12	Fremantle
Tom Downie	2010-11	GWS Giants
Martin Gleeson	2012	Essendon
Michael Close	2011-12	Brisbane
Matthew Crouch	2008-13	Adelaide
Dom Barry	2009-12	Melbourne, Port Adelaide
Liam Duggan	2009-2014	West Coast Eagles
Oscar McDonald	2011-13	Melbourne, Carlton
Daniel Rioli	2012-15	Richmond, Gold Coast Suns
Jacob Hopper	2014-15	GWS Giants, Richmond





NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Jesse Palmer	2013-14	Port Adelaide
Dan Butler	2009-14	Richmond, St Kilda
Tom Williamson	2012-16	Carlton
Dallas Willsmore	2010-13	Hawthorn
Brett Bewley	2008-13	Fremantle
Harry Sharp	2016-19	Brisbane, Melbourne
Josh Gibcus	2016-19	Richmond
Kai Lohmann	2016-19	Brisbane
Sam Butler	2016-21	Hawthorn
Aaron Cadman	2016-21	GWS Giants



NAME	SPC YEARS	CLUBS PLAYED
Sam Lalor	2019-22	Richmond