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As we close the chapter on our 125th year and reflect on a wonderful 12 months of celebration, it is equally enriching to be able to look to the future and envisage an ongoing world of opportunity for the boys of today.

There is no better example of this than the incredible new boarding precinct which is now complete and providing a caring home-away-from-home for boys from across Australia.

Built over the past two years at a cost of \$7m, the boarding precinct occupies the north-west corner of the College and bring all our boarding students together under one roof for the first time in decades.

It ensures the ongoing survival of boarding at St Patrick's for generations to come and has re-opened boarding to boys from Year 7.

A full report on the official opening of the facility can be read on page 19 but, as this photo of the new McArthur Dining Room clearly shows, our young boarders are relishing their new headquarters.

We anticipate hundreds of boys will continue to do so for many years to come. 🍀

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Cover: Former Headmaster Br Bill Wilding delivered a stirring toast to St Patrick's College at the 125th anniversary dinner which was held at the MCG on October 12.

This Page: The College's youngest boarding students enjoy their new surrounds following the opening of the kitchen and dining rooms in the new boarding precinct. Photos: Jeremy Bannister



Headmaster's Column

► Mr John Crowley | Headmaster

The following is a transcript of the address Headmaster John Crowley delivered at the 2018 Vaedictory Dinner.

"One of the most privileged roles I have as Headmaster is to address members of our College from time to time at various events throughout the year. I consider it an honour to do so as it means I have the chance to communicate on behalf of the entire community important messages that reflect who we are, what we stand for, and what our hopes and dreams are for the 1400 boys we educate.

Tonight, however, I want to share with you the voices of others in this, our 125th year as a College. Words that have been spoken at key moments in our celebrations throughout the school year, words that have influenced me greatly. Words that have been beautifully crafted from the heart which contain deeply profound messages for each of us here tonight as people who can positively shape the future.

The first words I would like to share with you comes from our boys. In 2017, we asked them to reflect on the central question: what really makes a great man at St Patrick's College? Their response to this question was remarkable, and it continues to resonate with me, so much so that we made a video to capture the essence of their insights. I hope each of you have had the opportunity to watch our Great Man Video. One overriding theme in these responses spoke of the importance of compassion.

As a Catholic school, in the Edmund Rice tradition, where our actions are underpinned by the Touchstones, we strive to become men of compassion. Compassion comes in many forms including being present for others in need and building a welcoming and inclusive community for all.

There will, of course, be those key moments in life where each of us will be called to be people of compassion. Those telling moments where we are a witness to the struggles of others and where we can either choose to reach out or turn and look the other way. As a school community our hope for each of you graduating tonight is to carry these words in your hearts throughout your life. To be men who see the need and act. Men who hear a cry and offer comfort. Men who can see the wounds and burdens that many in our society carry and know that healing for these people can only occur when they are filled with light of others, not darkness and silence.

A little over a month ago we gathered over 400 people at the MCG for our major 125 year celebration. For me, the stand-out feature of the evening was the speech delivered by our 2018 College Captain Sam Williams. Sam is a remarkable young man who has done an incredible job in leading our student cohort this year. I was particularly inspired by the following words he offered us in highlighting our connection to each other, and your connection as Paddy boys.

Whilst the College has undoubtedly changed drastically over the last 125 years, tradition is still at the core of life as a current student. Our rich history is interwoven into everyday life and is an essential component of what makes



- 1: Headmaster John Crowley delivers his address at the 2018 Vaedictory Dinner which was held on Friday, November 23 in the Br. W. T. O'Malley Sports Centre.
- 2: Headmaster John Crowley congratulates Bailey Pearce on completing Year 12 and graduating from St Patrick's College.



St Pat's so unique. The College's past does not define us, but it does inform and inspire us. For we are constantly aware that we do not just share the school grounds with current students. Instead, we are connected to the memory and legacy of the thousands who have walked the corridors before us. The numerous photographs which occupy pride of place in the school halls are a testament to the pride which all of us share in this past. They are the most obvious manifestation of the link which we have with all the past students of the College, a link which transcends time and place to connect us all as Paddy boys. They remind us not only of what we inherit as students of the College, but also of the legacy which we leave behind for those who follow us.

It is this connection to our tradition, so beautifully expressed by Sam, that is so special to life at St Patrick's College. Sam quite rightly points out that our history doesn't and shouldn't hold us to a fixed path, a way of being without the possibility of change, but rather, illuminates a journey of possibilities of what might be. In life, it is important that we see the security of our past traditions, including those we have personally experienced at SPC, not as a safety net from which everything is supported, but as a fire that kindles our desire to dream bigger, to explore, to be people who are bold and willing to offer something positive and new to others and the world around them. The connections you enjoy as Paddy boys, which will now be felt in a different way as "Old Boys", is a gift you receive. But never forget the importance of giving something back. If you don't give back, what will future generations of students connect to throughout their journey at St Patrick's?

Brother Bill Wilding, former Headmaster of St Patrick's College also addressed the audience at our 125 year celebration.

Bill commented:

Here at St Patrick's you receive a Catholic education which is moulding your character, teaching you an appreciation of life, giving you a set of values, and so preparing you for happiness in the future. Throughout its 125 years SPC has been an inclusive place.... Our students include the ordinary, the unsung heroes. Of the 20,000 students there have been fine Christian men, husbands, fathers, citizens, pillars of and contributors to their communities. But we also celebrate those who have served the Church, the contributors in many professions, to charitable causes, the 84 who gave their lives in World Wars I and II and more recently in Iraq and Afghanistan, the State Premiers, the Olympians, the Test Cricketers, the Brownlow Medalists and the countless AFL players and other sportsmen.

These words offer great insight into the crucial role each of you play in making the world a better place. I think Br Bill is making the point that greatness isn't tied to an occupation or title but by the way people treat others around them. Be men for others. Be men who help liberate people for whom life can sometimes be tough. Never assume everyone around you has had the same opportunities that have been given to you because the truth is that the world is not always fair and many people live their lives

without a voice and without hope. Be a light for a world that is crying out for leaders who care little for what others think of them but who understand deeply the humanity, dignity and divine found in all of us.

Thank you to our parents and carers for trusting us with your most precious gift - your child. I hope this graduation tonight reminds each of you of the enormous effort you have put into raising your sons. As a parent myself, it is not always a smooth journey. It is a selfless one, tiring at times, but incredibly life-giving. It leaves an indelible and profound mark on all of us.

To each of the young men graduating tonight. I hope each of you live a life full of laughter, friendship, love and connection. Always remember to tell your family, friends and partners you love them unconditionally. Tell them often because life is unpredictable and full of unexpected changes. Always remember you have a connection to SPC that is lifelong. Reach out to someone when you need a hand. The sun will always rise on a new day filled with unlimited potential. This new dawn offers each of us a new chance. And finally, may God bless each of you now and into your future." ♣



→ 3: More than 650 people attended the 2018 Valedictory Dinner which transformed our gym from a sports centre to a major function room.

→ 4: Outgoing Year 12 students, from left, Jesse Chapman, Oscar Grigg, Jack Deane, Ryan Mulheron and Xavier O'Shea sang a welcoming prayer at the Valedictory Dinner.

2018 College Awards

The presentation of major College awards for 2018 took place during the Transfer of Leadership Assembly in the final weeks of Term 3.

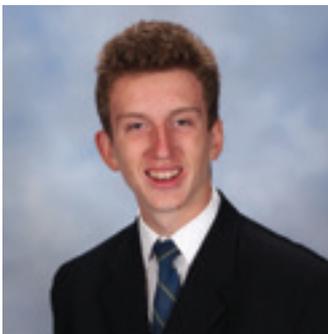
Traditionally the College's annual Speech Night was the setting for the presentation of awards however an increased focus on faculty/sport/co-curricular specific awards in recent years often came at the expense of interest in attending Speech Night.

In response, the College in 2016 opted to discontinue Speech Night and instead give greater focus to the presentation of senior awards throughout the year. As such, events such as sports presentation nights, the Transfer of Leadership Assembly and year level specific award nights have taken on greater significance.

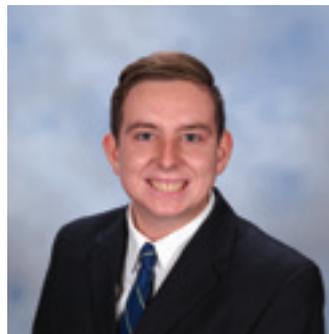
These pages list the major awards which would traditionally have been presented at Speech Night. ♣

Chris Nolan Distinction Award

The Chris Nolan Distinction recognises the outstanding academic achievement of students who have received a Chris Nolan Award in each semester of their six years at St Patrick's College. A Chris Nolan Award is presented to students who, based on their end of semester results across all subjects, finish in the top 15% of their Year level.



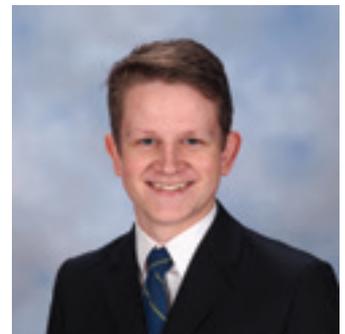
Joshua Findlay



Joel Fitzgerald



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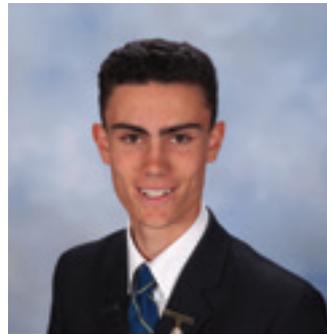
Ryan Mulheron



Jacob Nolan



Nathan Suttie

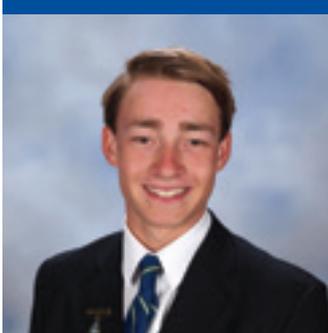


Samuel Williams

House Awards

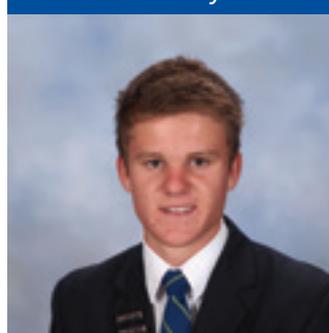
An award for a senior student who has displayed an outstanding attitude towards and has made a significant contribution to academic, sporting and social justice activities.

The Br J.B. Galvin Award



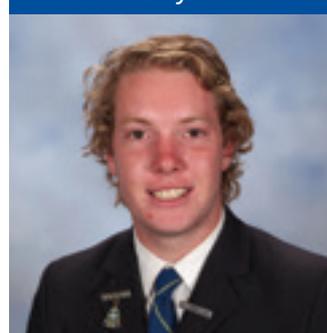
James Crilly

The Br E.F. Keniry Award



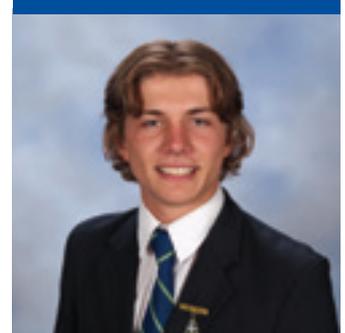
Fletcher Loader

The Br J.L. Ryan Award



Harry Augustine

The Br M.P. Nunan Award



Harry Turner

**Headmaster's Award
for Leadership**



Samuel Williams

Traditionally, the College Headmaster presents this award to the College Captain in recognition of his leadership of the College community.

**Howard Award
for Excellence**



Thomas Clark

First presented in 1955, this award is the gift of the Howard Family in gratitude for all that St Patrick's College did for the four sons who attended SPC from 1923 through to 1937. It is given for all round excellence, character, leadership, participation, academic pursuits and culture or sports

**Little Family Award
for School Spirit**



Xavier O'Shea

This award is presented in honour of the Little Family whose five sons attended SPC between 1904 and 1924. It is presented to a senior student who has displayed and developed school spirit among the students through his dedication and general service to the College.

**Edmund Rice Award
for Ministry**



Jacob Little

This award recognises a student who has embodied the spirit of Edmund Rice through his involvement in justice, action and reflective practice within the College, the community and the Edmund Rice Network.

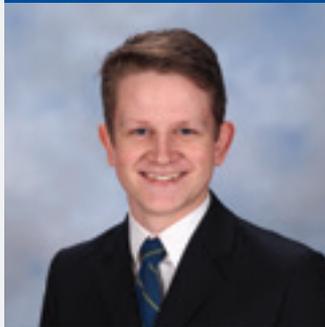
**George Devine Treloar Award
for Community Service**



Jacob Lohmann

George Devine Treloar Award for Community Service: Presented by Melbourne Pontian Greek community representative Con Antoniadis in honour of Old Collegian George Treloar - a Military Cross winner honoured for bravery under heavy fire in World War I. He then became a representative of the League of Nations High Commissariat for Refugees in northern Greece and between 1922 and 1926 was engaged in the resettlement of 108,000 refugees. George Treloar is now hailed as a national hero of the Pontian Greeks, descendants of whom honour his legacy by providing an annual award to a current St Patrick's College student. The award is granted to a student deemed to have acted in the greater good on a significant, philanthropic, community project in the school year.

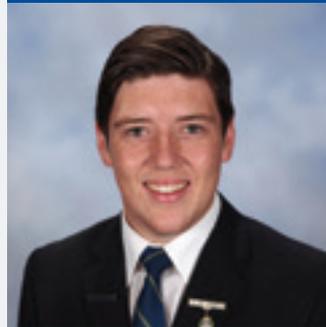
St Vincent de Paul Award



Ryan Mulheron

This award recognises a student who has embodied the ethos of the St Vincent de Paul through his involvement in service to his local community.

ADF Long Tan Award



Dean O'Brien

The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award provides a fitting tribute to the Long Tan veterans by encouraging and recognising in a Year 12 student the values demonstrated at Long Tan - determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership.

**Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas
Scholarship**



Samuel Williams

This scholarship is awarded each year to a hardworking, conscientious and worthy student who has shown an overall endeavour to pursue excellence in all areas of his school life and who wishes to continue to do the same in the future.

**St Vincent de Paul Tertiary
Education Sponsorship Award**



Jacob Little

The St Vincent de Paul Tertiary Education Sponsorship recognises the difficulty students from regional schools face in leaving home to study and begin a career. The sponsorship is designed to encourage and financially support a student to meet this significant challenge.

**Pierre De Coubertin Award
for Sportsmanship**



Samuel Williams

This award recognises a student who demonstrates consistent participation and commendable sporting behaviour in line with the Olympic ideals of participation.

**Catherine King Award
for Community Service**



Jude Jeandet

This award recognises a student who demonstrate all round excellence in contribution to the community - both internal and external to the College.

**Health First Award
for Community Spirit**



James Richardson

The Health First Award for Community Spirit celebrates the outstanding achievements of a Year 12 boarding student who, across the duration of his final school year, displayed extraordinary levels of commitment towards improving his local community.



Valedictory Dinner

It may have been held on a chilly November night but that didn't prevent a warm farewell to the Class of 2018 at their Valedictory Dinner.

A crowd of around 650 people filled the Br. W. T. O'Malley Sports Centre, providing a fitting send-off to our nearly 200 graduating students.

It was a night to share laughs and memories. To reflect on how much each boy had grown – physically, spiritually and mentally, since they first joined our ranks.

Many had enjoyed six years as Paddy Boys having joined at the end of Grade 6. Many others had arrived at the school more recently. All had one thing in common – a new passion for the green, white and blue.

This passion was best summed up by current teacher and Old Collegian Shane Murphy (SPC 1993-98) who delivered a stirring speech welcoming our graduates into the world of Old Collegians.

A transcript of that speech follows:

"It is my honour to formally welcome to you to the ranks of the St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association. There are Old Boys in the stock markets of Europe, the churches and classrooms of Africa, and on the battlefields of the Middle East.

Even here, at this time, in this place, you are surrounded by Old Boys – and we welcome you.

So how did you get here?

Most of you have been here since Year 7, with the nervous excitement, overloaded school bags and uncomfortable neck ties. Some of you have only recently come to St Patrick's College in the past few years.

But it doesn't matter.

Most of you are Ballarat born and bred. Some have come from distant places, and you are far from home.

But it doesn't matter.



A man can have two homes, gentlemen. And whatever your story, this place is now and will forever be your home.

It doesn't matter who you were before, it only matters who you are now, and you are now and will forever be a Paddy Boy. You belong to us, and we belong to you. Ecka Dora, now and always.

But consider. Of all the times you've walked down the College hallways on the way to class, how many times have you looked – really looked - at the rows of class photos on the walls?

You may not often look at them, but they have always been looking at you.

These photos, these silent guardians, they watch each generation who comes after them. They guard you, they guide you, and they picked you up if you should fall.

You now belong to those rows of faces. You now belong to memory, but while your time in uniform is ending, the road does not end here.

It is true that life is a journey, and the world is full of wonder and beauty, faith and compassion. But there is also darkness, hatred and fear in the world.

And it is in the face of this darkness that we need good men.

Men of conviction. Men of courage. Men of faith... but ultimately, boys, men of compassion. And I can say sincerely that you are all good men.

So, as you travel down that road of life, one day you may find yourself lost in the dark and surrounded by shadows, on a lightless street, unsure of how to find your way home.

It is in these moments, in these times of fear and loss, that those who love you will be there for you – just as you will be for them.

Your families will be there. Your friends will be there. And the Old boys will be there as we have always been – to guard you, to guide you.... To pick you up if you should fall.

That's what being an Old Boy is. That's what Ecka Dora means:

"No one ever gets left behind. And no one ever walks alone."

You will never walk alone gentlemen, and where ever tomorrow takes you, whatever may happen on the road that lays ahead, your will always carry St Patrick's College with you.

Because you are a Paddy Boy. You are an Old Boy, and we are proud of you.

And you will never walk alone. " ♣

→ 1: Ben Hutt (SPC 2012-17), centre, poses with graduating Year 12s, from left, James Crilly, Hamish Crawley, Liam Smith, Kris Swan and Max Daunt at the event.

→ 2: Current teacher and Old Collegian Shane Murphy (SPC 1993-98) delivered a stirring speech welcoming our graduates into the world of Old Collegians.



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- 3: Graduating Year 12 boarders, from left, Ethan McLaren, Lachlan Brook Harrison and Joshua Chatfield enjoyed the Valedictory Dinner.
- 4: Magbul Abraham was full of smiles as he joined the ranks of Old Collegians.
- 5: 2018 College Captain Sam Williams delivers his final speech in the role at the Valedictory Dinner.
- 6: Year 12 graduates Sam Canny and Sam Hope at the dinner.
- 7: Many families took the opportunity to have photos taken at the Valedictory Dinner to ensure the memories last a lifetime including Helen, Charlie and Andrew Perks.
- 8: Year 12 student Ethan McMasters delivered the welcome to country at this year's event.

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Student Leaders Elected

The student leaders for 2019 at St Patrick's College have been elected.

Aidan Hanrahan will captain the College in 2019 and will have Matthew Duffy and Jobe Quick as his Vice Captains.

The trio were announced as the student leaders during the full school Transfer of Leadership Assembly which was held in Br W. T. O'Malley Sports Centre on Tuesday, September 18, 2017.

The assembly also presented the College community the opportunity to acknowledge the great work of outgoing student leaders Sam Williams, Tom Clark and Dean O'Brien as well as the full departing Student Council.

All three incoming leaders have been students at St Patrick's College since their commencement of Year 7. Aidan, whose grandfathers Bryan Hanrahan and Francis Mulcahy, father Dominic and older brothers Liam and Declan, all attended St Patrick's, came to the College from St Francis Xavier Primary School in Ballarat east. Matthew attended St Patrick's Primary School in Ballarat while Jobe arrived from St Aloysius Primary School in Redan.

Headmaster John Crowley said the selection process over several weeks involved a detailed online vote involving students and staff, followed by a rigorous interview process.

"This process further opened my eyes to the stunning array of strong and decisive leadership skills on display in our student body," Mr Crowley said.

"It was a privilege to sit down and talk to these boys about their expectations for St Patrick's College and about how they want to contribute to its ongoing success."

Mr Crowley said it was great that the three captains all commenced their education at St Patrick's College as Year 7 students in 2014 and have since shared their College journey together to emerge as outstanding leaders.

They will receive immeasurable and important support from the remaining members of the 2019 Student Council which will comprise the following students:

Nunan House Captain: Joshua Stahl

Nunan House Vice Captains: Cooper Craig-Peters and Joshua Canny

Ryan House Captain: Mitchell Phillips

Ryan House Vice Captains: Broden Haintz and Sean Antrobus

Keniry House Captain: Connor Shugg

Keniry House Vice Captains: Ben Dodd and Alexander Kirby

Galvin House Captain: Hamish Britt

Galvin House Vice Captains: Izaak Grant and Hudson Wilde

Boarding Captain: Joshua Wilson-Stanton

Boarding Vice Captain: Jack Tillig

Congratulations also to Isaac Postlethwaite who has accepted a special ambassador role welcoming our new Year 7 students in 2019. ♣

→ **1:** The incoming student leaders for 2019 are, from left, College Vice Captain Matthew Duffy, College Captain Aidan Hanrahan and College Vice Captain Jobe Quick.



SPC 125TH Dinner

The pinnacle of the College's 125th anniversary celebrations arrived in the Olympic Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on October 12 when 400 members of our community gathered to celebrate our remarkable achievement.

With the famous MCG scoreboard beaming historic images of the school throughout the evening, Old Collegians, current and former staff, parents, friends and current students gathered in what was the biggest event in the history of the Old Collegians Association.

The night featured stunning performances by current students Oscar Grigg, Jack Madigan and Jasper Magri as well as a stirring speech by College Captain Sam Williams.

The setting and the occasion provided a great opportunity to acknowledge and induct four new Young Achievers of St Patrick's College. Richmond premiership players Shaun Grigg (SPC 2001-06), Dan Butler (SPC 2009-14) and Daniel Rioli (SPC 2012-15) were recognised alongside Victorian cricketer Matt Short (SPC 2008-13).

One of the major highlights of the night was the fantastic atmosphere produced by generations of Old Collegians catching up for the first time in many years, sharing memories (both tall and true) and reveling in the camaraderie which exists between men of the green, white and blue.

This unique spirit was best captured by our keynote speaker and former Headmaster Br Bill Wilding who was charged with the difficult task of offering a toast to the College and summarising all it has achieved in 125 years.



We have reproduced Br Wilding's toast below and we hope you agree that it truly represents all that is great about St Patrick's College. Ecka dora!

"Friends of St Patrick's College, I am honoured to share some aspects of our rich history. This year we celebrate the centenaries of three notable Catholic institutions here in Melbourne -

St Vincent's Hospital, Newman College (Uni of Melb) and St Kevin's College.

Yet when they were just beginning, St Patrick's was already 25 years old – in fact it supplied young doctors to St Vincent's, well-educated students to Newman and its Headmaster to be the founder of St Kevin's.

These questions need consideration -

- How had we got off to this early success when our predecessor, Holy Ghost College, had failed?
- How had our College established itself as a leader of boys' education in Victoria so quickly?
- What formed the spirit that has long been a mark of the College's students?

- 1: Former OCA president Michael Kearney (SPC 1962-67), left, catches up with fellow Old Boys Jim Derum (SPC 1965-66), Peter Howley (SPC 1964-66) and John Larkins (SPC 1961-67).
- 2: Richmond premiership hero Shaun Grigg was among the Old Collegians honoured on the night.
- 3: Former Headmasters Br Laurie Collins and Br Kevin Buckley were among the attendees in the Olympic Room.



Our history begins with Edmund Rice founding his first school in 1802 in Waterford. His school was purposeful, welcoming to all, humane and ecumenical in outlook. But from some who succeeded him came an emphasis that was on Irish nationalism, sectarianism, and a more rigid approach.

Br Patrick Ambrose Treacy who brought Christian Brother education to the seven colonies of Australasia in 1868 was not of this narrow approach. He very quickly understood his new context in the great southern land that was so different from Ireland and he adapted totally. Treacy stated and practiced: "The school is open to all who wish to avail themselves of it, without distinction".

He observed good schools conducted by other denominations that took their students to matriculation and on to university. Government schools then went only to the eighth grade as did parish schools.

Treacy succeeded in taking the Christian Brothers' schools in Australasia to matriculation level despite opposition.

Treacy saw first-hand the geographic isolation in this wide brown land and responded with the first boarding schools in the world conducted by Christian Brothers, first at CBC Adelaide 1881 and then at St Joseph's Gregory Terrace in Brisbane in 1887.

And so when Bishop Moore of Ballarat requested Treacy to take over Holy Ghost College, which had closed after only three years of operation, he was more than ready.

Treacy had developed a clarity of purpose based on the needs of this colony and its people.

He insisted that the property, then just over one hectare, now 11 hectares, be transferred to the Brothers and that the full administration remain with them. Bishop Moore, who had done neither for the Holy Ghost Fathers, agreed and became a great supporter of the new College.

Treacy appointed as the first headmaster, Br John Ryan, who had experience with boarding at Gregory Terrace and who was then leading the Brothers' Ballarat Skipton St school and so was known to the bishop and the people.

On 24th January 1893 St Patrick's College began classes, with just 24 students, but this grew to 70 by year's end and to 170 within a year or so. There followed a remarkable first 25 years. Very high standards of scholarship, sport, music and oratory were set from the beginning. The great leader of this early period was Br William Mark McCarthy - often called the builder of SPC. He had acquired most of the present property by 1905, had built classrooms and science rooms by 1910 and the dormitory building by 1918.

The teaching of McCarthy in physics and mathematics, and of Br John Kenny in chemistry, was first class. I grew up with stories from my father



and his friends of these great men. They engaged the best, including tutors for violin and orchestra and for elocution, and three from those early days who between them gave 50 years expert teaching - Mr Hatfield in science, Mr Jack Morrissey who began the football tradition, and Mr Jock Stanley ex-British army for gymnastics.

The tradition for educating Saints and Scholars was set. From the young gentlemen of these early years came Sir Hugh Devine – world famous surgeon, Sir Bernard Heinze – hailed as the most influential figure in Australian music, Sir Mortimer McCarthy - leading Commonwealth Public Servant and Chair of the Australian Tariff Board, Sir Robert Monahan – Chief Justice, Major General William Locke and Major Joe Fogarty - both MC winners in Gallipoli and France, Sgt Paul McGinness DFC, DCM - co-founder of QANTAS, and Albert Ogilvie – Premier of Tasmania.

As boys walked down the corridor by the dining room over the years, these notables looked down on them and surely lifted their aspirations. Volunteers to the AIF, the military chaplains and scholarship winners to Ormond College and later Newman were numerous.

Religious spirit was strong. Those thinking of entering the seminary made no secret of it. Vocations were held in high honour and priests came in large numbers.

The pervading influence of the 1930s was Br David Gabriel Purton, a great educator, a kindly man who set high standards as Headmaster. It was the

→ 4: The SPC 125 dinner provided a wonderful opportunity for Old Collegians from many generations to come together. Here Gordon Hutcheon (SPC 2005-10) chats with College Legend Laurie Larmer (SPC 1935-40).

→ 5: The 125th anniversary dinner was a family affair for the Clark family, from left, Will (SPC 2010-15), Howard, Jane, Tom (current Year 12) and James (current Year 8).



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period of the Great Depression and many could pay no fees. When parents contacted him to withdraw their sons, he would hear none of it and they stayed. A group from those days led by Laurie Larmer used to say that then only the publicans paid school fees. Laurie's father had the Lake View Hotel. The practice of assisting families who struggled to meet the fees was there from the beginning.

It was in the 30s when the great O'Malley legend began. This teacher/sportsmaster/football coach/communicator cast his spell for good over so many young men. While we have had many good coaches, it has been Jack Morrissey, Bill O'Malley and Howard Clark that have forged a lasting legend in the game.

What has contributed to the strong SPC culture? An ethos of success and competitiveness began early - my father and his friends spoke of it from their time in 1920s. A bonding amongst the boarders who were more numerous than day students until 1960, led to a healthy comradeship and sense of belonging.

I wonder if the challenging climate of Ballarat gave a hard resolve not found elsewhere. Did the disciplined teaching, the time spent in Cadets, the high involvement in team sports, the example of boys from the hardships of the bush – all contribute to the type of boy from SPC – robust in body, mind and spirit.



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The 1964 annual records the valedictory of Barry Richardson, College Captain,

“Here at St Patrick’s you receive a Catholic education which is moulding your character, teaching you an appreciation of life, giving you a set of values, and so preparing you for happiness in the future”

Throughout its 125 years SPC has been an inclusive place. Saints and Scholars may paraphrase Treacy’s aim, but these include the ordinary, the unsung heroes. Of the 20,000 students there have been fine Christian men, husbands, fathers, citizens, pillars of and contributors to their communities.

But we also celebrate those who have served the Church, the contributors in many professions, to charitable causes, the 84 who gave their lives in World Wars I and II and more recently in Iraq and Afghanistan, the State Premiers, the Olympians, the Test Cricketers, the Brownlow Medalists and the countless AFL players and other sportsmen.

Powerful support has come to the College through the OCA, Parent Associations and more recently the Board and the College Foundation. In these organisations, great men and women have served the College well. From its earliest years the Old Collegians’ Association made a fine mark. Michael Kearney was in attendance at my first OC meeting in 1979 and still brings his enthusiasm to the table.

In 125 years the College has had very worthy leaders. Br John Dominic Healy took the College into the 1950s and gave to it our magnificent chapel. Br Justin Linus Kilty, the leader of the 1960s, gave us the extensive teaching facilities of the O'Malley Wing. The previous addition to the teaching facilities was added in 1910!

- 6: Friends and family surround 1985 College Captain Chris Nolan at the MCG event.
- 7: OCA President Allan McKinnon welcomes the audience of 400 people at the gala dinner.
- 8: It was amazing to see the famous MCG scoreboard showing historic photos from the life of the College throughout the evening.
- 9: Old Collegians, from left, Paul O'Donohue (SPC 1967-72), Mick Glenane (SPC 1967-72), Peter Callahan (SPC 1967-72) and College Foundation chair Dennis Foley (SPC 1966-72).



Dr Peter Casey, our Headmaster emeritus, renewed the fabric of the College in an outstanding manner and further developed the outreach to past students and to the wider community.

We have had over 500 dedicated teachers and almost 400 Brothers working for the boys, often in difficult situations. Most regrettably, a handful did not keep to the high standards demanded by the trust placed in them and damaged their students. We commend the work of the SPC community in recognising this betrayal of trust and the efforts to repair the damage and acknowledge failure. Present Headmaster, Mr John Crowley, has led these efforts admirably.

Today the College is a vibrant place, witnessed in its classrooms, in music, on the sports fields, in the places of social outreach, and most recently on the past battlefields of northern France. The program for Indigenous students, the social justice program and contributions of students to good causes are inspiring. Amongst the highlights of the last decade has been the outreach of SPC Old Boys to Africa and beyond. At Newman College an SPC boy inspired a record involvement of students in community service. Our boys continue to be held in high repute at Newman.

Building on the great traditions of 125 years of forming young men, the College faces well the challenges of this age.

Brothers Treacy, McCarthy, Purton & Kelty would be very happy that their contributions have been built upon so well and that the College has flourished in offering the best for its young men of today.

So we ask a blessing on all SPC men and their families, and may the spirit of caring for one another, of bringing joy to living, flourish at SPC for another 125.

Let us toast these 125 years - 🍀



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- 10: Victorian batsman Matthew Short was honoured as a Young Achiever of St Patrick's College at the dinner.
- 11: Old Collegians, from left, Brian Mullarvey (SPC 1956-59), Gary Martin (SPC 1977-78) and John O'Brien (SPC 1978-79).
- 12: 1957 Brownlow Medalist Brian Gleeson (SPC 1947-52) chats with Chairman of the College Board Professor Terry Lloyd (SPC 1957-63).
- 13: Old Collegian Kieran Murnane (SPC 1988-93) with his father Paul at the MCG.
- 14: Brothers Gerrard Lewis (SPC 1974-79), Christopher Lewis (SPC 1965-69) and Andrew Lewis (SPC 1976-81).
- 15: Br Bill Wilding offers a toast to the history of a great College.

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Study Centre of Excellence

St Patrick's College is spending the summer months converting the former Boarders' Dining Room into a new Year 12 Study Centre, providing an enhanced environment for improved learning and academic excellence.

This renovation is one of the major responses to the College's new 2019 - 2021 Strategic Plan in which a particular area of focus will be to further support student accountability for their learning.

The College has also appointed former Directory of the Kelty Resource Centre, Mrs Julia Petrov to the position of Director of Studies for 2019 and part of her role is overseeing the construction of the new centre.

"Colloquially known as "spares" or "frees" our Year 12 students have five timetabled study sessions each week," Mrs Petrov said.

"Research about the relationship between space and self-directed learning concludes that preferences of students differ according to learning goals, preferred pedagogical style, subject matter and academic schedules.

"With this in mind, the new study centre is being specifically designed for Year 12 students to use during their study sessions with the goal of improving independent learning and academic results."

A Study Centre Coordinator will ensure the space complements the teaching and learning in the classroom to assist our Year 12 students in maximising their engagement with their various learning pathways.

"We will be employing a number of Old Boys from the class of 2018 who have the capacity to tutor students across a wide variety of subject areas," Mrs Petrov said.

The space will cater for individual study in carrels as well as peer-to-peer learning in booths with screens.

There will also a separate presentation room for workshops and group demonstrations. ✿



→ 1: The former Boarders' Dining Room is being converted into a Year 12 Study Centre for the 2019 school year.

→ 2: Construction work started with the old floor being ripped up.

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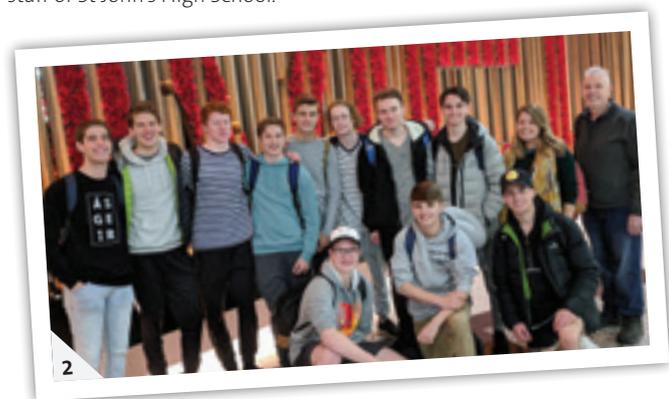
SPC Tours India

England, Ireland, USA, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, East Timor, France, Germany, Belgium, New Zealand, Japan ... and now you can add India to the list of countries where St Patrick's College has arranged an official tour.

In late November and early December a delegation of 11 students and three staff members spent a fortnight in India on the first social justice tour of its kind.

In a trip which was more than 12 months in the planning, our students spent much of their time working closely with students from Indian Edmund Rice schools, learning a little about the difference between our two countries, but learning much more about their similarities.

The first week of the tour was spent in the northern city of Chandigarh where the touring party were warmly welcomed by the students and staff of St John's High School.



As well as taking in the sights and sounds of the city our boys also spent time working closely with children at the Government Rehabilitation Institute for the Intellectually Disabled.

The students also spent time visiting rural areas outside of the city centre and participated in many social gatherings, all the time building strong relationships with Indian boys of a similar age.

After a day trip to the base of the Himalayas, the second week of the tour saw our group relocate to the bustling metropolis of New Delhi – one of the biggest and most confronting cities in the world.

The group also spent a day visiting the famous Taj Mahal.

It was a life-changing experience for all involved and one which we hope future generations of SPC students can also enjoy in years to come. ✿

- 1: Year 12 student Nathan Suttie is welcomed at St John's High School in Chandigarh.
- 2: A delegation of 11 students and three teachers left Melbourne on November 24 to become the first St Patrick's College group to tour India.

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The College was delighted to welcome more than 150 people on Sunday, October 21 to officially open and bless our brand new \$7m boarding precinct.

Diocese of Ballarat Vicar General Fr Kevin Maloney formally blessed the new dining room and kitchen as well as the accommodation wing while elders from the Wathaurong community also conducted a smoking ceremony to acknowledge the opening of the new precinct.

Offering state-of-the-art facilities the precinct will house up to 86 students when full.

The opening ceremony also presented the opportunity to announce the naming of key areas within the precinct.

* The dining room will be known as the McArthur Dining Room



in honour of Old Collegian John McArthur (SPC 1941-44);

* The kitchen and servery areas will be known as the Phyland Kitchen in honour of long-time College cook Joe Phyland and in accordance with the wishes of Old Collegian Matthew Edmonds (SPC 1980-83);

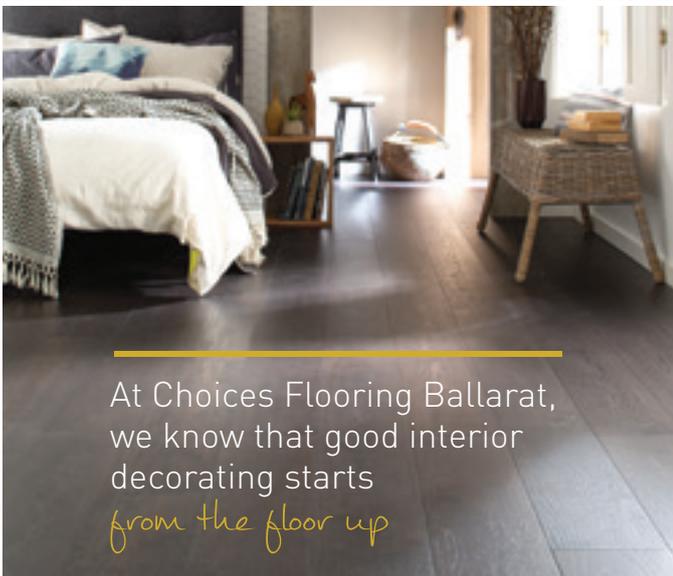
* The theatre on the second level will be known as the Teschendorf Theatre in honour of Old Collegian Daryl Teschendorf (SPC 1963); and

* The courtyard in the centre of the precinct will be known as the Old Collegians Courtyard in honour of the great fundraising work of the Old Collegians Association.

To further celebrate what has been a landmark year for boarding at the College, senior boarding staff have compiled a special report tracking all the highlights of 2018. This report has been published on the College website and can be found at <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/boarding/> ❁



- 1: Daryl Teschendorf (SPC 1963) stands with his wife Margot in the newly named Teschendorf Theatre.
- 2: Some of the key men behind the construction of the boarding precinct were, from left, College Business Manager Andrew Ballesty, former College Property Manager Tony Liston (SPC 1987-90), architect from Morton Dunn Architects Peter-John Di Michiel, Headmaster John Crowley, Director of Boarding Mike Silcock, and Resicare Builders project manager Matthew Huf.
- 3: Old Collegian John McArthur (SPC 1941-44), with his wife Annie, stand proudly outside the new dining room named in his honour.



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Praise for our performers

The incredible performing talents of our student body were put on full display in the OCA Pavilion on Tuesday, September 18 when the College hosted its Annual Music and Performing Arts Presentation Dinner.

With around 200 people in attendance, many dressed to the nines, the evening was full of glitz and glamour with performances of the highest order.

There were stunning solo piano virtuosos, hilarious comedic routines, a memorable staff versus students debate and powerful speeches showcasing incredible public speakers.

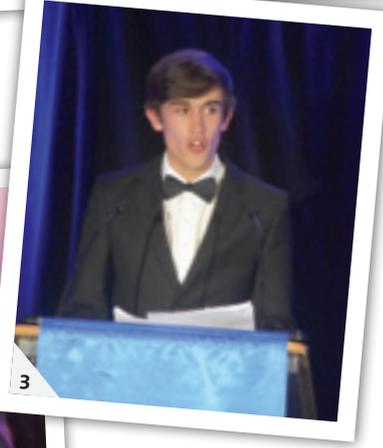
However, the main aim of the night was to acknowledge the excellence of so many boys across so many disciplines from all year levels. They truly deserved the honours they received for investing so many hours in the performing arts.

In another exciting development, the College has also been working in recent months to develop a new strategic plan for the further enhancement of music, both within the curriculum and as a co-curricular endeavour, in years to come.

We expect to be able to make some exciting announcements and developments in early 2019 as we seek to build upon 125 years of musical excellence at the College. ♣



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- 1: Several Year 12 students were recognised for their outstanding service to the music program over their six-year journey through the College.
- 2: Year 11 student Pierce Renga wowed the audience with an incredible piano performance and was also announced as the Music Performer of the Year.
- 3: Year 7 student Matthew O'Brien showcased his public speaking skills at the presentation dinner.
- 4: Year 12 student Jesse Keem performed on saxophone.
- 5: Many attendees at the dinner took the opportunity to have their family photo taken in front of the golden Oscar.

Performing Arts Presentation Dinner Award Winners

Category	Awards	2018 Winners
Speech and Drama	RSSS Speech and Drama Acting in Pairs – 1st place	Jasper Magri
	Improvisation based on previous unseen dialogue – 2nd Place	
	Ballarat National Theatre Prize – 3rd Place	
	RSSS Speech and Drama Acting in Pairs – 1st place	Jeremiah Muller
	RSSS Speech and Drama Acting in Pairs -2nd place	Jesse Chapman
	RSSS Speech and Drama Acting in Pairs – 2nd place	Bryton Dodd
Drama	Endeavour Drama Award Actor	Ned Fay
	Endeavour Drama Award Backstage	Hamish Newcombe
	College Production Award	Spencer Dunn
	Walter John Cherry Award Junior Actor	Joel Ballesty
	Walter John Cherry Award Middle School Actor	Jeremy Spedding
	Walter John Cherry Award Senior Actor	Matthew Duffy
	Performer of the Year Drama	Oscar Grigg
	Service to Drama Acknowledgement	Jesse Chapman Oscar Grigg Ryan Mulheron Charlie Nimmo
Debating	Endeavour Award Debating	Darcy Williams
	DAV Best Speaker in their grade - A Grade	Ryan Mulheron
	DAV Best Speaker in their grade - B Grade	Aidan Hanrahan
	DAV Best Speaker in their grade - C Grade	Sam Tilley
	DAV Best Speaker in their grade - D Grade	Patrick Porter
	RSSS Best Speaker Junior	Jeremy Spedding
	RSSS Best Speaker Senior	Ryan Mulheron
Junior Section	Br Breach Oratory	Sam Tilley
	Major Brian Broadribb Impromptu Speech	Jeremy Spedding
	Mary Purcell Debate	Sam Tilley, Nate Boyle, Jeremy Spedding
Senior Section	Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech	Oscar Grigg
	Purton Oratory	Ryan Mulheron
	Doyle Debating	Xavier O'Shea, Oscar Grigg and Ryan Mulheron



Music	Awards	2018 Winners
	Endeavour Award Percussion Ensemble	Aidan Rienits
	Endeavour Award Woodwind Ensemble	Jesse Keem & Joel Harbour
	Endeavour Award Piano	Pierce Renga
	Endeavour Award Rising Stars Concert Band	Will Hexter
	Endeavour Award Concert Band	Zenon Czulij
	Endeavour Award Symphonic Wind Ensemble	Joel Harbour
	Endeavour Award Junior Stage Band	Henry von Burg
	Endeavour Award Senior Stage Band	Thomas Latrobe
	Joshua Hyde Award for Excellence in Music – Junior	Max Cosgriff
	Joshua Hyde Award for Excellence in Music – Middle	Patrick Clarke-Thomas
	Joshua Hyde Award for Excellence in Music – Senior	Xavier O'Shea
	Band Executive Award	Emmett Murphy
	Bandsman of the Year	Jack Deane
	Sir Bernard Heinze Award	Jesse Keem
	Performer of the Year – Music	Pierce Renga
	Service to Music Acknowledgement	Jesse Chapman Jack Deane Damian Johnson Jesse Keem Emmett Macklin Emmett Murphy Patrick O'Leary Xavier O'Shea

Purton Oratory

Trophy Type	Awards	2018 Winners
Shield	Doyle Debating	Xavier O'Shea, Oscar Grigg, Ryan Mulheron
Shield	Mary Purcell Debate	Sam Tilley, Nate Boyle, Jeremy Spedding
Cup	Major Brian Broadribb Impromptu Speec	Jeremy Spedding
Cup	Br.Breach Oratory	Sam Tilley
Cup	Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech	Oscar Grigg
Cup	Br D.G Purton Oratory Award	Ryan Mulheron



- 6: Director of Co-Curricular Performance Mr Jarrod Ryan was the master of ceremonies for the evening, even with the interesting headwear.
- 7: Oscar Grigg's vocals kickstarted the evening.
- 8: Year 12 student Ryan Mulheron competed in the staff versus students debate and also won the prestigious Br D G Purton Oratory Award for 2018.
- 9: A life-size Oscar statue greeted guests on arrival – or was it really a statue?

Tears at MENTal Brekky

Attendees at the third annual 2018 MENTal Brekky were moved to tears at this year's event with an emotional video telling the story of a family grieving through the heartache of suicide.

The Allan family, featuring four sons who all attended St Patrick's College, were the first beneficiaries of money raised through the MENTal Brekky which runs under the auspices of the Chris Yeung Fund and the St Patrick's College Foundation.

In 2016, trustees of the fund reached out to support the family to offer support as father Mark was suffering mental illness.

The fund offered to pay tuition fees for son Connor, thereby ensuring his ongoing education at the College.

A unique bond was created between the family and the fund trustees, which later grew into a strong friendship.

Sadly in August this year Mark succumbed to his illness leaving his wife and four sons devastated. Yet, in an act of incredible bravery, the grieving family remained committed to telling their story for this year's breakfast and attended on the day to show their thanks for the support offered through the fund.

Their emotional video which can be seen at this link: <https://youtu.be/LAzTBgvWMVvk> was shown to the 200 people in attendance on the day.

The breakfast was again an outstanding success with keynote speaker, former AFL star Glenn Manton (who now works closely with troubled youth through his charity, Whitelion) providing one of the more memorable addresses which had the entire audience transfixed.

Later in the morning, Glenn worked closely in a workshop with senior students before also addressing a full school assembly about the importance of having strong male role models in a boy's life.

The College is extremely grateful for the support of our corporate partners who helped ensure this year's breakfast raised more than \$20,000.

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation, through the Ballarat Catholic Bishop's Charitable Fund, has partnered with the breakfast as a major supporter for a five year term, ensuring significant funds are raised to help families in need.

Similarly, VicSuper has, for the second year, joined as a major corporate sponsor. We thank both organisations for their sensational support.

All funds raised through the MENTal Brekky are used to provide financial assistance to current families at the College where a father is suffering mental illness.

Information on how you can support this fund is available on the College website at www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/community/chris-yeung-fund/ or by emailing cyfund@stpats.vic.edu.au



→ 1: Former AFL star Glenn Manton provided an incredible and memorable address at this year's MENTal Brekky.



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End of an Era

A remarkable chapter in the history of the St Patrick's College football program has come to a close with iconic 1st XVIII coach Howard Clark stepping down from the role after an incredible 18-year reign.

Mr Clark is widely regarded as the driving force behind the resurrection of the College as a powerful football force since he took over the role in 2002.

In that time he has coached his team to Ballarat Associated School Sport premierships wins in 2002 and 2003 and then 12 in a row from 2007-2018.

He has coached an incredible seven Herald Sun Shield Premiership wins including an unprecedented six in a row from 2010-2015.

Under his guidance SPC has competed in the past ten consecutive Herald Sun Shield grand finals – again, an unprecedented achievement.

Mr Clark also instigated the now-famous SPC Tour of Ireland which has played international rules games in 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 and will go again in 2019.

A production line of AFL stars have emerged from the College after benefitting from the guidance and support of Howard. Players such as Mitchell and Nathan Brown, Shaun Grigg, Dan Rioli, Dan Butler, Liam Duggan, Jacob Hopper, the Crouch and McDonald brothers have all learned from Mr Clark.

And it is not just within the boundaries of the College where Mr Clark has been venerated as a master coach.

Last month, Mr Clark became just the 10th person in Australian Football Coaches Association history to receive the Allan Jeans Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to the game. The award was presented at the AFL Victoria Community Awards night in Melbourne.

While Howard will be stepping down from the coaching role he was still have a very strong involvement with the football

program in 2019 and will continue to serve the College as Director of Football.

The College is also thrilled that current Director of Sport Mr Gavin Webb, himself a very experienced senior football coach after guiding Lake Wendouree in the Ballarat Football League for several years, will take over as 1st XVIII coach in 2019.

Unfortunately, Mr Clark's tenure did not end in victory as our 1st XVIII lost this year's Herald Sun Shield Grand Final to a very strong St Bernard's College team on the MCG in August. The match was played as a curtain raiser to the Collingwood v Port Adelaide game. 🍀

Following are the full list of scores for all 1st XVIII games in 2019:

St Kevin's College 12.14 (86) d SPC 7.7. (49)

Goal Kickers: Josh Chatfield 2, Tom Clark 2, Riley Polkinghorne 2, Dean O'Brien
Best Players: Josh Chatfield, Tom Clark, Joel O'Connell, Elliott Lamb, Pat Glanford

St Patrick's College 22.9 (141) d Ballarat Clarendon College 7.5 (47)

Goal Kickers: Izaak Grant 8, Scott Carlin 3, Dean O'Brien 3, Mitch Phillips 2
Best Players: Izaak Grant, Elliott Lamb, Scott Carlin, Tom Clark, Ben Dodd.

St Patrick's College 24.15 (159) d Ballarat High School 2.1 (13)

Goal Kickers: Joel O'Connell 4, Adam Morrish 3, Izaak Grant 3, Angus McKinna 3.
Best Players: Joel O'Connell, Angus McKinna, Adam Morrish, Fletcher Loader, Kayne Councillor.

SPC 14.17 (101) d Ballarat Grammar 3.7 (25)

Goals Kickers: Dean O'Brien 4, Kane Counsellor, Adam Morrish, Izaak Grant
Best Players: Jack Tillig, Adrian Lawrence, Tom Clark, Matty Lloyd, Dean O'Brien

BAS Grand Final

SPC 13.11 (89) d Ballarat Clarendon College 2.1 (13)

Goals SPC: Fraser Marris, 4, Josh Chatfield, Dean O'Brien 2.
Best Players: Matty Lloyd, Josh Chatfield, Jacob Lohmann, Fraser Marris, Jack Tillig

Herald Sun Shield Semi Final

SPC 15.12 (102) d Aquinas College 2.3 (15)

Goal Kickers: Izaak Grant 5
Best Players: Scott Carlin, Izaak Grant, Pat Glanford, Jacob Lohmann, Matt Lloyd

SPC 16 – 11 – 107 Defeated Xavier 6 – 5 – 41

Goal Kickers: Scott Carlin 5
Best Players: Joel O'Connell, Scott Carlin, Lochie Dawson, Pat Glanford, Jack Tillig

Herald Sun Shield Grand Final

St Bernard's College 10.10 (70) d SPC 5.9 (39)

Goal Kickers: Josh Chatfield 2
Best Players: Josh Chatfield, Scott Carlin, Elliott Lamb, Jack Tillig, Joel O'Connell

→ **1:** Year 12 student Elliott Lamb is tackled by his St Bernard's College opponents during the Herald-Sun Shield Grand Final.

→ **2:** Howard Clark addresses his players following his final game in charge of the 1st XVIII.



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Ballarat Clarendon College did a great job of physically putting us off our game and making the most of their opportunities and led for all but the last 10 minutes and yet they lost 3-1. They will be very disappointed with the result but we can doubly be enthused with how we fought back and took the BAS Championship from them.

Congratulations to the 2018 St Patrick's College Senior Soccer Team!

Alex Baker found Lachlan Wright on the right side and he put a dangerous ball across our goals in the early minutes of the match, but generally our delivery wasn't neat enough early on as College were attacking our players who gained possession in the middle of the ground.

We couldn't sight up our forwards and their two centre backs were dominant in the air.

They used a strong physicality in all quarters of the pitch and we were relying on Jude Jeandet, Bailey Burgess and our two left and right backs Connor O'Callaghan and Patrick Heagney to keep us out of trouble.

Jude provided a crucial save when we were under extreme pressure as their forwards put together passes and Bailey got us out of another tight situation when he became last man against a menacing attack.

However, worse was to come as College drove through on our left flank and their smart forward went deep and outplayed our defenders before shooting a great strike against the far post from a tight position.

We could make little progress against their continued harassment across the centre. Henry North coming on for the latter part of the half and gaining possessions caused their defenders to question their self-belief which could well have been telling in the end.

A re-evaluation of the situation at half time saw Leighton Lauton bolster the centre presence and his clean touch and passing had an immediate effect in releasing some of the pressure on Alex Baker and Mitch Ralston.



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It was Jordan again shortly after who broke through off the right wing and centered the ball to Connor Ascough. He controlled the ball and faced the goals with three defenders between him and the prize. He feigned to his left and as they surged that way, he calmly flicked the ball out to a waiting Darby Gaffney who was left with the ball inside the 18 yards and only the keeper to beat – he made no mistake and put away the winner. It was a sublime piece of theatre to watch.

Jordan again cut through off our right side and was fouled with judgement inside the 18 yards and Lachlan Wright took the kick from the spot to gain our third goal inside 10 minutes to complete the turn around. Jordan finished off with two more shots that went over after doing all the good work.

It was a fantastic come-from-behind win to secure premiership success.

Report by Mr Tony Beggs ♣

**BAS Senior Soccer Grand Final:
St Patrick Senior's 3 defeated Ballarat Clarendon College 1**

BEST: Jordan Armstrong, Mitch Ralston, Jude Jeandet, Alex Baker, Leighton Lauton, Darby Gaffney, Jayden Ashmore

GOALS: Alex Baker, Darby Gaffney, Lachlan Wright

ASSIST: Connor Ascough

2018 Soccer Awards

*(B&F = Best & Fairest)
(CA = Coach's Award)*

First XI:
B&F – Mitchell Ralston
CA – Jude Jeandet

Second XI:
B&F – Matthew Layton
CA – Ambrose Haddon

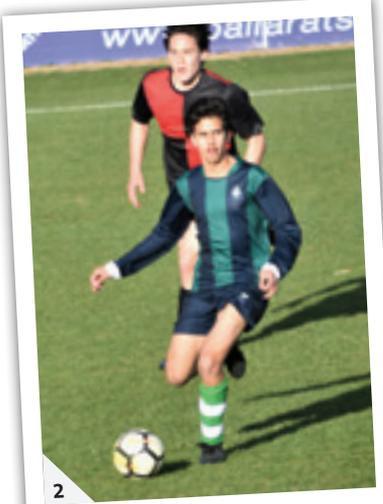
Intermediate Blue:
B&F – Jack Sheehan
CA – Connor Gaffney

Intermediate Green:
B&F – Patrick Cocks
CA – Bailey De Livera

Junior Blue (Yr8):
B&F – Daniel Weigall
CA – Cooper Walters

Junior Green (Yr7):
B&F – Samuel Clark
CA – Elijah Niehus

Junior House Soccer
B&F Keniry – Sean Weigall
B&F Ryan – Harry Broad-bent
B&F Galvin – Cooper Walters
B&F Nunan – Gabriel Thompson-Newbury



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Mitch was able to find Neill Nilwiset on the wing and on receiving the ball back 30 meters out from goals, he was dealt with unmercifully by their player and received a free kick.

Alex Baker hit the drive powerfully and it cracked into the horizontal bar but came out.

In a play of déjà vu shortly afterwards Mitch was brought down for the sixth time – this time 25 metres out. Alex this time got the ricochet off the bar perfect and it bounced over the line – Jordan Armstrong heading it back in just in case.

→ **1:** Players celebrate the match-winning goal in the final minutes of the game.

→ **2:** Leighton Lauton's clean touch and passing had an immediate effect on the game.

→ **3:** The SPC 1st XI Soccer team celebrate their stunning come-from-behind victory in the 2018 BAS Grand Final over Ballarat Clarendon College.

Rugby Runners-up

An historic bid for St Patrick's College to win its first ever Victorian Schools Rugby Union Division 1 premiership stumbled at the final hurdle in August.

Our 1st XV had played a remarkable season to win their way through to the grand final against powerhouse St Kevin's College in a match played in front of around 2,000 people at Xavier College.

Our boys went into the game full of confidence that they could topple the St Kevin's team for the first time in history however the favourites triumphed with a decisive 22-7 victory.

Our Director of Rugby Mike Silcock penned the following thoughts on the evening of the game:

"The length of our season has been well publicised, as has the commitment and efforts of our players, so I do not need to revisit that context or that this game represented a significant opportunity for our playing group, an opportunity to write a new page in the College's rich sporting history.

As I write this report, I am overwhelmed with an enormous sense of pride, which is perhaps why I have such clarity.

Our players formed a special bond early in the season and strengthened it in Canberra, our first ever rugby tour.

Each player has given so much on our journey to today and has represented the College with such distinction that we can all be proud of.



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There was a game of rugby to be played today, a game that all wanted to win, however when we all reflect on the journey that our rugby program has been on for the last few years our accomplishments are quite remarkable.

I do not want this to become a reflective piece on the season at large, but

to have brought over 100 supporters down from Ballarat, a group comprising of our young, aspiring players, parents, Old Boys, staff, community members and more, it is a true sign of the strength of our rugby community and that success cannot be forgotten by a Grand Final defeat.

Unfortunately, it was a defeat to a quality opposition with a history of their own, of continued, sustained success. St Kevin's are to be applauded and are deserved champions for 2018.

Ultimately, we must dust ourselves off, climb from the canvass and ensure we are prepared for the many new challenges that await.

For our Year 12 players it won't be a challenge that they face as today marked their final chapter in their own St Patrick's College rugby story. To a player they can each reflect on an outstanding school career and I wished



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success for them today, however we fell just short.

This senior group have led our younger players with distinction and left everything on the field this afternoon.

Some critical decisions went against us, however we shall not point the finger of blame at anyone else except ourselves.

We were the determiners of our own destiny and today we were not able to execute either our attack or defense strategies as we had hoped.

Playing a significant period of the game with a player down did not help our cause and credit must go to the remainder of the players for their resilience and determination to continue to believe, even when the scoreboard looked desperate.

What a season! A season that saw many firsts and much to celebrate.

There were tears on the final whistle, but these were just a sign of the desire that our players showed.

This game, this opportunity, meant everything to our players – and they came up just a fraction short.

The occasion was spectacular and one that will live long in the hearts and minds of all who attended.

The whole group (and there are too many to thank individually in this report) are indebted to everyone who made it so special, who fought alongside us to the final whistle and who wrapped us up in your embrace to pick us off the floor." 🍀

Full time: SKC 22 d SPC 7 (HT 12-0)

Try scorer/s: Josh Wilson-Stanton

Conversion/s: Pou Siola'a (1/1)

5 – Eddie Sauvao **4** – Pou Siola'a **3** – Ryan Yeomans **2** – Inoke Siola'a **1** – Koni Wolfgramm

2018 Rugby Award Winners

U/13

Best & Fairest: Gabriel Weyers-Kalouche

Most Improved: Ngor Bar

Coaches Award: Jordan O'Kane

Players' Player: Khy Jess

U/14

Best & Fairest: Declan Dwyer

Most Improved: Adam Griffith

Coaches Award: Mussolini Vincent

Players' Player: Jayden Tonks

U/15

Best & Fairest: Owen Pearce

Most Improved: Jayden Allen

Coaches Award: Escher Eastcott

Players' Player: Kye Tonkin

Second XV

Best & Fairest: Archie Pollard

Most Improved: Damien Vincent

Coaches Award: Bayley Cocking

Players' Player: Archie Pollard

First XV

Best & Fairest: Inoke Siola'a

Most Improved: Joshua Wilson-Stanton

Coaches Award: Mitchell Findlay

Players' Player: Pousini Siola'a

Top Try Scorer: Joshua Wilson-Stanton/

Christopher Tuitea

Senior Rugby Award: Christopher Tuitea

→ **1:** The support our students, parents, Old Collegians and staff offered on the sidelines during the grand final was one of the highlights of the day.

→ **2:** Year 11 student Josh Wilson-Stanton surges to the line to score our only try in the grand final.

→ **3:** Our 1st XV went head to head against powerhouse St Kevin's College in the VSRU Division 1 Grand Final.

Old Collegians Association President's Column

▶ Allan McKinnon (SPC 1966-69) | OCA President

What a year it has been for the OCA. It has been a year of many memorable events culminating with the 125 anniversary dinner at the MCG.

Whilst it has been a very busy year for the committee we all enjoy doing what we can to keep Old Boys connected with each other and the College. Members of the committee chip in and assist where needed and take on responsibilities. Various members are connected to other committees within the College. The Chris Yeung Foundation, the College Board and the College Foundation are all represented on the OCA committee

The second half of the year has been incredibly busy including a great 50 year reunion at the Lake View Hotel in August. This reunion was organised by Chris Conway and John Coffey. It was a great show and was very well attended. It was the first time that many had seen each other since they left school. Fifty years is a long time!!

Another one of the highlights was the opening of the new boarding facility. What a change from when I was a boarder at SPC! No dormitory of 40 plus students in this new facility. Purpose built rooms with all facilities, shared with only one other person. I was lucky enough to be invited to dinner one night. I enjoyed a fantastic meal with the boarders, it was certainly quite a change from the type of meal I had 50 years ago. There is no doubt that the boarders at SPC today do indeed have a home away from home. I encourage any "Old Boy" who was a boarder to call into the College and have a look. It really is worth looking at and taking in the atmosphere of these 21st century living conditions.

Without a doubt the highlight of the year was the 125 Anniversary dinner at the MCG. That night was the culmination of planning since



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February. The OCA subcommittee of Paul Nolan Michael Kearney, Dennis Foley, Daryl Teschendorf, David McMahon and myself worked methodically and tirelessly to put together what was a most memorable night. The positive comments received about the night have been overwhelming. This committee was supported by College staff members Rachel Bryant and Lorrie Liston. These two ladies' attention to detail for the night was truly amazing.

The evening started off with Year 12 student Oscar Grigg singing "Be our Guest" - a most appropriate song from the College 2018 production of Beauty and the Beast. Oscar delighted the crowd with his singing and acting. What a future he has in the performing art world. The keynote speaker and the person to toast St Patrick's College was Brother Bill Wilding who gave an extremely insightful and engaging address on the history of St Patrick's College. Br Wilding, in the short time he had, was able to cover the history of SPC in a most engaging and illuminating fashion.

There was a comical routine by two students Jasper Magri and Jack Madigan. The induction of the "Young Achievers" Shaun Grigg (SPC 2001-06), Daniel Butler (SPC 2009-14), Daniel Rioli (SPC 2012-15) and Matthew Short (SPC 2008-13) was also a major highlight of the evening. Prior to the induction though, there was an excellent speech given by 2018 School Captain Sam Williams. Sam was able to reflect poignantly about his time at SPC as he moves from being a student into the ranks of the "Old Boys".

So as the year draws to an end I would like to thank all members of the committee for the support you have given me. It is really appreciated. I would also like to thank SPC Headmaster John Crowley and members of the staff who have also been so supportive of the OCA. I would like to also recognise Lorrie Liston, Rachel Bryant and Paul Nolan for all the assistance they have given the OCA committee throughout the year. I extend to all in the SPC community a happy and blessed Christmas and may the coming year be one filled with joy. ❀

→ **1:** Year 12 student Oscar Grigg wowed the audience with his opening performance at the College's 125th Anniversary gala dinner at the MCG.

→ **2:** All former boarders are strongly encouraged to make some time to tour through the College's new boarding precinct.

→ **3:** It was great to welcome members of the Class of 1968 back for their 50-Year reunion in August.



Where are they now?

The College was delighted to reconnect with Jacob Bowker (SPC 2004-09) who has landed a dream job playing music aboard cruise ships in the Caribbean. Sounds like an incredibly idyllic lifestyle!

Where has life taken you since leaving SPC?

I was studying music for the first five years after I left SPC. I finished a Cert IV at NMIT in Melbourne, a Diploma of Music Performance from the University of Adelaide, Generations in Jazz Mt Gambier then graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Music at the End of 2014. I did an online audition for Carnival Cruiseline over Skype in January 2015 from my lounge room and was flying to Miami to work for the company three weeks later.

I currently work in the Rockband for Carnival playing keyboards in a nine-piece band where we mainly play music from 60's to now. I am about to start on my seventh cruise ship.

I have visited almost all of the Caribbean including Mexico, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Curacao, Aruba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Turks & Caicos, St Martin, St Kitts, Honduras, Belize, Grand Cayman. This experience has allowed me to make friends from all over the world and helped me travel the USA with friends that I have made along the way.

What are your favourite memories of your time at St Patrick's College?

Some of my favourite memories include Boat Race in Year 12 in 2009 and also the old boat race assemblies when I was in Year 7 and 8 when the students used to create videos and the teachers would get involved and dress up.

I also fondly remember many music events including Godspell, going to Melbourne, Geelong, Bendigo and Brisbane competing in the school bands competitions and also being a part of the musical acts at Speech Night every year was fun.

I also enjoyed being a part of Stage Band in Year 10 where we could create original music and had the opportunity to record an album and gig at a few places.

I enjoyed hanging out with the same group of friends literally all six years of high school and of course the continuous competitive playing of down ball/four square.

Which teacher from your time at SPC had the greatest impact on you? why?

I was very lucky to have Jamie Lynn as my Year 7 homeroom and class teacher and, considering he was in his grad year, he did a great job. What I liked about him was that he treated us like adults instead of the children that we still were. He was quietly spoken and gained the class's respect without the need to raise his voice ever. I even chose Outdoor Ed in Year 10 and 11 as he was teaching those classes.

Another teacher that I was lucky to have in Year 9 was Tim Young who only stuck around for one year. He was also a very young guy who had a great sense of humour and constantly engaged in our class banter even if we were a pretty evil class most of the time. He became very close with our class when we had very competitive games of footy in P.E. against the rest of the year level. Hence why we won. When I was in Senior School, the only teachers I remember enjoying were Mrs Clare Kavanagh in Maths, Mrs Kathleen Plastow in Music and Mr Art Nichols in Religious Education.

How has your time at SPC shaped your personal values and your family life?

My time at SPC has taught me to show compassion towards people, how to show up on time for things, how to be organised and how to form life-long friendships. Although I work overseas now and my friends have their own lives, when I catch up with them once every year or two, it is like we have never been apart.

If you could pass on a message to the students of today what would it be?

It would be to stick with your passion, not give up on it and to not let other people's opinions affect what you want to do with your life.

I knew I that I wanted to be a musician from the time I was 13 and was also judged from family and friends for wanting to do this but I stuck with it anyway and have never looked back.

There were six people in my Year 12 music class and I remember being told that VCE music would not be available the following year due to low numbers, so I am very lucky to have been able to study the subject I love.

If I was not able to be given a chance to study Music while I was at SPC there's a big chance I may not have chosen it as a career.

Out of my six years at SPC I know of only two other people to continue with music and I feel honoured to be doing an occupation that barely no-one does.

I also didn't work nearly as hard as I should have during VCE (partly due to me thinking my audition was enough to get me into Uni) and finished with an average ATAR score but I worked hard once I finished high school and eventually ended up where I needed to be. ♣

Old Boys in the News



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► Congratulations to **Brett Bewley (SPC 2008-13)**, pictured (1), who was selected by Fremantle at the 2018 National Draft and will now have the opportunity to live out his AFL dream. Should Brett play a senior game in 2019 he will become the 115th Old Collegian to play footy at the highest level. Congratulations also to **Liam Duggan (SPC 2009-14)**, also pictured (2), who joined the ranks of Old Boy premiership players after starring with the west Coast Eagles in this year's grand final. The news wasn't as great for other Old Collegians whose time in the AFL now seems to be at an end. Gold Coast's **Matthew Rosa (SPC 2004)** retired after 207 games with the Suns and the Eagles, while Port Adelaide delisted **Jake Neade (SPC 2010-12)** after 66 games and **Dom Barry (SPC 2009-12)** who played 10 career games. Hawthorn also delisted former 1st XVIII captain **Dallas Willsmore (SPC 2010-13)** who played two senior games.

► Old Boy **Dominic Hanrahan (SPC 1986-87)** got himself into a pickle recently when he was trampled and knocked out by a cow which had been spooked by his cattle dog on his Navigators property. Luckily, his 14-year-old daughter Gemma took control, calling triple-0 and locked up the cows so it was safe for the arriving paramedics.

► Veteran cyclist **Volker Hegert's (SPC 1970-74, PY1975)** as a cancer survivor is the face of a new Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute campaign for the forthcoming Ballarat Cycle Classic.

► Former Victorian Premier **Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71)** will be chairing a newly formed community consultation committee which will oversee the planning for the new Ballarat Base Hospital.

► **Steve Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80)** has officially signed off from his role as team chef de mission, but he will maintain an active role for Commonwealth Games Australia as a skills-based board member to assist Aussie athletes.

► **Jacob Coxall (SPC 2013-17, PY2018)**, touted as one of Central Highlands FL's most promising young players, is making the big move from Buninyong to Lake Wendouree in 2019.

► **Caius Barrenger (SPC 2009-11, PY2014)** is poised to be cleared by Rokewood-Corindhap to play with Central Highlands Football League power Buninyong after a transfer wrangle saw Caius stand out of football last season.

► **Warrick Davison (SPC 1988-93)** is a busy man with his role as a homelessness support coordinator with Uniting Ballarat and featured in a recent new story indicating poverty in Ballarat on the rise.

► **Brian Maher (SPC 1968-70, PY1972)** is helping Ballarat's Soup Bus to support the local community through his involvement as Dean Recreation Reserve president.

► Macneil Group director and Old Boy **Paul McCuskey (SPC 1980-85)** conducted a community consultation session recently to talk about his development plans for the historic St Andrew's Uniting Church site in Sturt Street.

► **Dan Nicholson (SPC 1988-93)** and **Winis Imbi (SPC 1996-97)** are joining forces to coach Port Fairy Football Club next year.

► **Paul Armstrong (SPC 1969-74)** is Visit Ballarat's new chairperson and is aiming to bump up the city's overnight visitation numbers.

► Ballarat boxer **Jack Denahy (SPC 2011-14, PY2016)** is the Victorian men's lightweight champion and will now compete for the national title in Canberra.

► Well done to professional paramedic **Sean Duggan (SPC 1986-91)** who is giving back to the community and has been named as one of six new Paramedic Community Support Coordinators, who will provide training and education in the community.

► **Tim Canny (SPC 1995-2000)**, son of Old Collegian **Peter Canny (SPC 1969-74)**, has taken on the new role as president of the Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club.

► **Nathan Sobey (SPC 2008)** has taken on an ambassadorial role with the Ballarat Sports and Events Centre. The Australian Boomer star and former Ballarat Miners player will be a Western Victoria regional hub ambassador.

► **Matthew Hall (SPC 2010-14)** is currently applying for his Masters in Electrical Engineering at the University of Melbourne.

► Five-time Olympian and Old Collegian **Anthony Edwards (SPC 1975-80)** was back in Ballarat recently for a boat christening in his honour at the Ballarat City Rowing Club. Anthony now lives in Tasmania, but says Ballarat will always be home and reminisces about his time as part of the legendary rowing team who broke the Head of the Lake drought for SPC.

► **David Canny (SPC 1980-85)** has been named as the new Australian Hotels Association Victorian president. David, a second-generation publican, and his wife Dani operate the popular Red Lion Hotel in Ballarat, and more recently, with their nephew, the Montague Hotel in South Melbourne.

► **Kevin Finn (SPC 1993-98 and College Dux)**, pictured (3) was preselected by the Liberal Party to contest the seat of Bendigo West but was defeated on election day by the ALP candidate. Kevin has lived in Bendigo for the past 12 years and commutes in his work as a lawyer for a Melbourne-based law firm.



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► **Kyle Hendy (SPC 2010)** has been re-signed as senior footy coach of the Navarre Grasshoppers in 2019.

► **Nick Rippon (SPC 2007-12)** was awarded North Melbourne's inaugural VFL best and fairest.

► **Joe Carmody (SPC 1992-97 and current staff)** has been appointed coach of Ballarat in the Ballarat Football League in 2019.

► **Shaun O'Loughlin (SPC 1990-95)** has been appointed coach of Buninyong Football Club.

► **Rohan Giblett (SPC 2006-08, PY2011)** was a member of the baking team which took home the gold medal for Sovereign Hill's Hope Bakery for its famous sausage roll at The Official Great Aussie Meat Pie Competition recently. Rohan and his team also won another gold and bronze medal.

Obituaries



- ▶ The College community is mourning the loss of one of its most passionate volunteers following the death of **Frank Nolan**, pictured with wife Patrece.

Frank, 68, was chairman of the College Board from 2004-08 and was also a long-time member of the Building Committee. He died on Monday, October 29 after a four-year battle with oesophageal cancer.

It was not only St Patrick's which benefitted from Frank's community spirit over the years. He served on various committees at St Aloysius Parish and was chair on the Ballarat Diocesan Pastoral Council. He was also actively involved in local sporting organisations including the Buninyong Golf Club, the Ballarat Sportsmen's Club, the Ballarat Royal Tennis Club and the Melbourne Cricket Club.

Frank was the son of Old Collegian Des (SPC 1936-38) and the father of Paul (SPC 1991-93) and Patrick (SPC 2002-07). He later moved to Ballarat with his family in 1991 and quickly fell in love with the city and its people.

- ▶ **Dr Leo Michael Grogan (SPC 1942-46)**, better known as Mick, died on October 20 at the Regis Aged Care facility in Blackburn. Mick was a border along with his younger brothers John (SPC 1942-50) and Brian OAM (SPC 1949-53). His son Leo Grogan said his father had many good memories of his time at SPC.
- ▶ **Paul Joseph Kierce (SPC 1948-56)** died on October 2, aged 78. Paul was a day student at SPC. He played cricket throughout his years at St Patrick's, in the 1st XI cricket 1955-56. Paul was very good academically, and was awarded a scholastic prize each year. Paul worked for many years in Ballarat as a well-respected orthopaedic surgeon and in his retiring years worked in Portland.
- ▶ **Frank Drum (SPC 1945-48)** died on October 5, aged 87. Frank attended SPC as a boarder from Minyip. Frank was a member of the 1st XVIII football team from 1946 (aged 15) to 1948 when he was captain. After leaving SPC Frank played footy for Richmond (two games) before returning to the country to play the rest of his footy career with Minyip. He is survived by his wife Margaret and family.
- ▶ Former boarder **Dr Ambrose Crowe (SPC 1961-63)** died on September 6. Ambrose was a boarder from Goroke.
- ▶ **Donald Black (SPC 1948)** died earlier this year. Donald was only at SPC for one year when he completed Matriculation. His marks were excellent and he was awarded a University Free Place. He was in the 1st XVIII football team and the 1st XI cricket team.

- ▶ College Legend and Australian history expert **Professor John Neylon Molony (SPC 1942-45)**, pictured, died on September 16. John was a boarder at SPC and was renowned as one of the nation's great historians. Through his employment at Australia National University, John was Head of the Department of History and held the Manning Clark Chair of Australian History from 1982 until his retirement from the University in 1990.

On his retirement, the ANU appointed John as an Emeritus Professor of History. Following his retirement from the ANU in 1990, he was appointed to the Keith Cameron Professorship of Australian History at University College Dublin. He held this position until 1993. In 1993, on his return to Australia, John was appointed to the Foundation Research Professorship in History at the Australian Catholic University in Canberra.

He left the University in July 1996. John was an esteemed author, writing books on topics as diverse as Ned Kelly, the Eureka Stockade, Australia's Bicentennial and Captain James Cook.

- ▶ **Fr John Van Suylen (SPC 1951-56)** died on August 5 at the Caritas Christi Hospice at Kew. Fr Van Suylen's Funeral Mass was held at St Simon the Apostle Church in Rowville on August 13 with the new Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Peter Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

John was born on December 10, 1939 and was a boarder at SPC from the Melbourne suburb of McKinnon. He completed his Matric in 1956. He was a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society, and the Sodality of Mary. John was also in the school athletics team.

He was ordained as a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne on July 24, 1965. Fr Van Suylen served as an assistant priest at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Deepdene; St Paul's, Bentleigh; Sacred Heart, St Albans; Holy Family, Mount Waverley; St Mark's, Fawkner and St Joseph's, Boronia. He served as a parish priest at St Luke's, Wantirna and served as a chaplain at the RAAF.

- ▶ **Lawrence (Laurie) Edward Nolen (SPC 1942-46)** died peacefully in the Royal Canberra Hospital on September 2. He was born on October 3, 1927 and was a boarder from Tocumwal NSW, completing his Leaving Certificate in 1946. He was in the Sodality of Our Lady, Cadets and the College Rifle Team. He was a keen athletics competitor for Treacy House and in the school athletics team.

Laurie was also a noted debator. His son Philip recalled Laurie enjoyed receiving the College's Shamrock magazine and sometimes saw names from his era. "He was my Dad and he would often tell my brother and myself some great stories of his boarding school days. I felt it was appropriate to let you know of his passing as it was obvious to me that the institution of St Pat's was an integral part of Dad's life."

- ▶ The College was extremely proud to witness a delegation of Year 11 students solemnly provide a guard of honour at the funeral of current parent and long-time canteen volunteer **Mark Allan** on August 28. Mark was the much-loved father of Old Collegians Jarryd (SPC 2004-09), Brayden (SPC 2006-11), Tate (SPC 2012-16) and Connor (current Year 11) who died after a battle with mental illness.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Chris Yeung Fund, which operates under the banner of the SPC Foundation, and aims to support families where a father is suffering mental illness.

More information on the Chris Yeung Fund can be found at the following link: <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/community/chris-yeung-fund/>



- ▶ Esteemed Old Collegian **Graeme Charles Sampieri (SPC 1952-55)**, pictured, died on August 24 after a short illness. Graeme was an elite sportsman in his time at SPC, attending from Year 9 as a boarder from the Melbourne suburb of Kew. He was a fabulous athlete, winner of the 100 yards in Athletics and a member of the record-breaking open relay team in the 440 yards relay in the 1955 BPS Sports. Graeme was also a member of 1st XVIII football and 1st XI cricket team.

Graeme went on to make his name as one of Australia's most famous and respected bookmakers and served more than 50 years on Australian racetracks. Graeme was universally regarded as one of the finest and fairest exponents of his trade and was highly respected for his generous and caring nature.

- ▶ **Leo Bernard Ryan (SPC 1958-1964)** died on August 17 at Warrnambool, aged 72. Leo was a day student from Millbrook. In his peer year, he was House Captain for Galvin House, was a prefect, was in the senior debating team, and the athletics team excelling in cross country. He was a very clever student, winning a Junior Government Scholarship in 1959, and then a Senior Government Scholarship in 1963. Leo was also awarded an academic prize in 1964 for Pure Maths and Chemistry. Leo was the dearly loved husband of Val and loved father of Joanne, Martin, Phillip and their families.
- ▶ Dunnstown footballer **Lachlan Poulter (SPC 2006-09)** tragically died on July 28 after collapsing during a Central Highlands Football League reserves clash against Learmonth. In moving tributes, Lachlan was described as "the most popular bloke in the (football) club". Lachlan was a day student at SPC from Buninyong. Lachlan started in Year 8 in 2006 and finished at the end of Year 11 in 2009 to pursue an apprenticeship.
- ▶ **Michael Murrhly (SPC 1957-61)** died on July 10. Michael was a boarder from Bacchus Marsh, and attended SPC along with his brother James (SPC 1959-1963). In his peer year he completed Matriculation, was Vice Captain of the College, was a prefect, President of the Holy Name Society and of Our Lady's Sodality.

He was also Executive of the Senior Literary & Debating Society, member of the 1st XVIII football team from 1959-1961, and was Captain in 1961, and Best & Fairest also in 1961. Michael was a member of the 1st XI cricket team from 1959-1961, was Captain in 1961, and had the highest batting average in 1961. He was a Junior Government Scholarship winner. Michael was married to Jan Murrhly, the College's only female College Legend. Their sons all went to SPC – Damian (SPC 1985-1990), Kieran (SPC 1986-1991), Daniel (SPC 1991-1996), and Sean (SPC 2000-2005).

- ▶ Old Collegian **Bernard (Bernie) Moynahan (SPC 1978-1982)** died on July 10 while holidaying in Russia watching the World Cup Soccer. A devoted Socceroos fan, Bernie fell ill with pneumonia and fell into a coma after flying into Russia. Bernie resided in Melbourne and was a life member of the Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club. He was a club delegate for the Turf Cricket Association club delegate for more than two decades and volunteered as the Hoppers Crossing vice-president, where he played almost 400 matches. He was described as a sports fanatic who followed the Socceroos and other Aussie sports teams around the world.

- ▶ Former Boarding staff member **Judith Mary Torpy (nee Allan)** died on July 9. Judith worked at the College in the 1970s when Matron Anne Phelan was presiding over the Boarding House. Judith had six sons, with husband Basil Torpy, who is now aged 90. The couple's second son Phillip James Torpy attended St Patrick's from 1975-79. Their eldest child, Kevin Torpy and wife Sharon had three sons, who also attended the College – Mark (SPC 2003-08), Luke (SPC 2005-10) and James, who is presently completing Year 12.

- ▶ **Kevin Raphael (SPC 1942-44)** died at Mitcham on March 19, aged 88 years. Kevin came to St Patrick's College from Chinkapook in the Mallee and completed his Intermediate B (equivalent to Year 10). He was a noted music student, was in the U15s XVIII football team, and in the 1st IV tennis team. Two of his brothers also boarded here, George (SPC 1934-36) and Peter (SPC 1940-44). Kevin's Funeral Mass was held at St John's Church Mitcham on March 26. Kevin was the convener of the Harp Lunch Club where St Patrick's College Old Boys from the WWII years have been meeting for the last few decades.

- ▶ **John Murphy (SPC 1948-50)** died on February 10. John completed his Intermediate year at SPC in 1950 and was in the Young Farmers Club, and the U15s football team.

- ▶ We have been notified of the passing of **Don Durant (SPC 1943-46)**.

- ▶ **Matthew Jon Ruff (SPC 2000-01)** died on June 13. Matt was a boarder from Kyneton and a member of 2nd XVIII football and 2nd XI cricket teams, as well as the CHISSA Championship swimming team.

- ▶ Old Collegian and Christian Brother, **Br John Walsh (SPC 1958-60)** died on May 26 in Sydney after an illness. Br Walsh was considered a generous and committed Brother who quietly served the communities he was involved in within Australia, especially in Tardun and Bindoon where he laboured selflessly for many years.

John was a day student at SPC and entered the order in 1961, working at Christian Brother farms at Bundoora, Tardun, Bindoon and Mulgoa for over 50 years. He was well respected by the students, often taking the boys on the tractor and trailer, trips to the Pilbara, Murchison and Kimberley areas and later, to the Perth Royal Show.

- ▶ **Daniel Burger (SPC 1983-89)** died, aged 47, on May 28 in Proserpine Hospital, Queensland after a struggle of several years with bowel cancer. Daniel was a day student from Dean. He was involved in cadets, was in the concert band, and the brass band (played the tuba), and was a good painter. Dan's dream was to become an officer in the Australian Army after his time in cadets at SPC. He attended Duntroon for over a year before having to be discharged due to suffering Crohn's disease. After this he took on various jobs in Ballarat for a time before eventually settling in Airlie Beach, Queensland where he became a primary teacher.

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2019 Reunion Dates

After a hectic year of celebrations marking our 125th anniversary celebrations, along with our busy reunion schedule, the attention of the Old Collegians Association is already turning towards the 2019 calendar of events.

One of the major highlights of the year for the OCA looks set to be St Patrick's Day festivities which will be held on Sunday, March 17 with a Mass in the Chapel at 11am, followed by a luncheon in the OCA Pavilion.

The OCA is already in the early stages of planning its annual Legends Dinner which, at this stage, has been scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 10. Save the date for what promises to be a fantastic night of celebration. More details about the 2019 inductees will be announced early next year.

Dates for most other year level reunions for 2019 have also been set and can be found listed below. Tickets are already on sale for all these events and we encourage those planning on attending to book early.

Please note that bookings are essential for all reunions, even for those which are free to attend (such as the one and five year reunions).

Ticket prices cover meal and staff costs for each function while drinks are at bar prices. Any profits from reunions are returned to the Old Collegians Association and then re-invested back in the College.

If anyone is particularly interested in helping drive numbers to reunions please contact our Alumni Officer **Lorrie Liston** at l1iston@stpats.vic.edu.au or by calling **5322 4442**.

2019 OCA Reunions

Sunday, March 17: St Patrick's Day luncheon (OCA Pavilion 12 noon - Mass in the Chapel prior at 11am). Tickets at www.trybooking.com/ZNZO.

Friday, May 17: Class of 1979 40-Year Reunion (OCA Pavilion 6pm-10.30pm). Tickets at www.trybooking.com/ZOAJ

Friday, May 17: Class of 2014 5-Year Reunion (Lake View Hotel 7.30pm). Tickets at www.trybooking.com/ZOAV.

Saturday, May 18: Class of 2009 10-Year Reunion (OCA Pavilion 6pm-10.30pm). Tickets at www.trybooking.com/ZOBA.

Friday, May 24: Class of 1989 30-Year Reunion (OCA Pavilion 6pm-10.30pm). Tickets at www.trybooking.com/ZOBI.

Saturday, May 25: Class of 1999 20-Year Reunion (OCA Pavilion 6pm-10.30pm). Tickets at www.trybooking.com/ZOBL.

Wednesday, December 4: Class of 2018 One Year Reunion (OCA Pavilion 6pm-9pm). Tickets at www.trybooking.com/ZOBV.

Class of 1969 50-Year Reunion details are yet to be finalised. ♣



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→ **1:** The OCA Pavilion is once again sure to be at capacity for the St Patrick's Day luncheon on Sunday, March 17, 2019.

→ **2:** The OCA is once again planning a busy reunion schedule for 2019.



OCA Pastoral Care Program

You never know when you may need a helping hand.

With this clearly in mind, St Patrick's College has established a Pastoral Care Program, which offers assistance to our Old Collegian community in their time of need.

The program was established in 2017 through our Old Collegians Association, to offer a helping hand and provide mainly practical assistance to our former students in their times of genuine need.

This may be needed at a time of illness, injury or loss. It may result from an untimely job loss or tragic event. There can be many and varied reasons.

As a school community, we also remain absolutely committed to the ongoing care of former students, who are victims and survivors of childhood sexual abuse. We have been helping a growing number of victims and survivors through our pastoral care program and hope that we can continue to do more.

The pastoral care program seeks to harness the support of our current school community and alumni (or Old Collegians) network to volunteer their talents and skills to provide real and tangible assistance.

In some cases, it may be as simple as cooking a meal for an Old Boy, or mowing the lawns. It could also involve fixing a leaking tap or some other "handyman" task, collecting the groceries or providing transport to a medical appointment.

At other times, it may be more complex and involved and may include providing professional services such as financial, legal or medical advice and support to Old Collegians in need.

We are experiencing a growing call for pastoral care assistance, and we would absolutely welcome more people to volunteer their time and talent.

We realise our volunteers lead busy lives, and that you may be in the position to help on a regular basis, while others may only be able to help once a year. That's quite okay, whatever time you can spare will certainly make the difference to an Old Collegian in their time of need.

If you are interested in volunteering, would like more information about the program or know an Old Boy who may be in need of assistance, please contact our Alumni and Foundation Officer **Lorrie Liston** on **5322 4442** or email **lliston@stpats.vic.edu.au**

Alternately, we invite you to consider making a donation to help us to help our Old Collegians in their time of need.

How you can help

All donations will be gratefully received and you can rest assured that every cent pledged will be put towards assisting Old Collegians through our OCA Pastoral Care Program.

Donations can be made by contacting the College's Alumni and Foundation Officer **Lorrie Liston** on **5322 4442** or email **lliston@stpats.vic.edu.au**

Contributions can also be made via direct bank transfer to the College Building Fund.

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