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Cover: New Principal Mr Steven O'Connor, right, was joined by previous Principals, from left, Br Bill Wilding, Dr Peter Casey and Mr John Crowley at the 2021 Academic Assembly in February. Photo: JEREMY BANNISTER.

This page: Year 7 students were fortunate to be able to attend their camp during the first few weeks of February in 2021 before the ravages of COVID-19 again played havoc with many College events in the first half of the year.





Principal's Column

▶ Mr Steven O'Connor | Principal

I am indeed very honoured and pleased to be contributing to The Shamrock for the first time as Principal of St Patrick's College.

I feel like I have been preparing myself for this particular role throughout my entire career. In many ways, this is my lifetime role and I look forward to walking alongside our boys, parents, staff and Old Collegians as we journey together for many years ahead.

I want to say from the outset, that it is my intention to lead St Patrick's College and contribute to this great community as Principal for the long haul!

When I left St Patrick's at the end of 2008 following my time as Deputy Headmaster, I knew that I was leaving a remarkable community. And I knew that the relationships which were at the heart of this community were authentic and long-lasting.

At that time, I felt an incredible sense of connection to the St Pat's community and therefore it means so much to have commenced as Principal at the beginning of 2021!

I consider myself blessed to have worked in a number of tremendous schools throughout my career. I have worked in boys' schools for 17 of my 32 years and am pleased to be back in this setting as Principal.

St Patrick's College is very well resourced



in terms of its facilities – I was very proud to take family and friends on walks through the College over Christmas and New Year! There are some wonderful facilities across the College and for this, I am grateful for my predecessors for the work they did to develop and deliver these, ensuring that we are providing our boys with the best possible educational facilities and opportunities.

As I reflect on my first couple of terms as Principal, I know without a doubt that my feelings and thoughts about this wonderful community from 2008 were accurate and are still entirely relevant in 2021.

I am hugely impressed by the character and capacity of our boys. I enjoy greeting them in the mornings as they arrive at the College and delight in interacting with them in and out of the classrooms throughout each week as they go about their routines. They are indeed fine young men, already doing great things and with great potential for much more!

There are many great things happening at St Patrick's and the College has many strengths; for these, we continue to be grateful and proud of those involved in them.

As an educational leader I have been described as restless and aspirational - I am always seeking ways of enhancing and improving what we do as a school. Lifting and improving the educational outcomes we achieve with and for our boys will be a clear focus for me as the Principal of St Patrick's. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for us as a talented and highly skilled team of professionals in a well-positioned and resourced school.

It is my ambition to enhance our outcomes and results so that we are seen clearly and consistently as the strongest educational option for boys in Ballarat.

The EREA Charter provides a magnificent footprint for the educational approaches of its member schools. When talking about the young people who EREA schools serve, the Charter states 'we invite them into a community and a tradition in the hope it will energise them to mend the world'. The Charter goes on to articulate via the Touchstones the key elements to a successful and effective educational experience in the EREA context. In providing a liberating education, EREA schools are charged with the challenge to 'open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all'.



Education is about leading students towards a wisdom which impacts on their lives, communities and on the world.

Schools play an integral role in the life-long educational process and must work enthusiastically and in genuine partnership with parents. A good school shares the dreams and aspirations of its parents; it dares to challenge its students to discover what is possible; to seek the truth and to question and challenge injustice; to do the best they possibly can; to discover and develop talents and interests in a variety of areas and to achieve their goals and chase their dreams!

Successful schools provide opportunities to enrich, enable, and ennoble the individual intellectually, culturally, physically, emotionally and spiritually; they are essentially about educating the whole person: body and mind, heart and soul.

I am looking forward to working with you in the years ahead. I am so thrilled to be here as your new Principal and genuinely excited about the amazing opportunities that I know are ahead for us and in particular, for our young men.

Collectively and individually, we continue to contribute to the story of St Patrick's College. I am delighted to be working with the SPC community to ensure that our contributions are indeed most significant, honouring the many positives of the College's heritage and history, inspired by the Gospel values, future focused and informed by best practice and our professional knowledge, skills and commitment to ensure that we achieve the best outcomes with and for our young men! ♣



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Main Oval Makeover

St Patrick's College is preparing for a major investment in a full resurfacing and realignment of our most treasured piece of turf – the Main Oval.

Once regarded as being among the best playing surfaces in the region, the Main Oval has fallen behind others in recent years which have been upgraded with sand-based surfaces and full drainage.



Now, in what will become the first major investment in the Oval in more than 70 years (since when the College alignment was changed from a north-south orientation to its current east-west focus), we are planning to fully resurface and realign our playing surface to once again bring it to the top.

Importantly, this project will maintain the current size (157m x 130m) of the Main Oval's playing surface but will free up room for the addition of some car parking spaces around the boundary. We hope to commence work on the Oval in September.

This, in turn, will enable the College to continue planning the construction of a \$15m multi-purpose facility on the land where the staff car park now stands. Construction of this project is planned for 2022-23.

Improving the Main Oval opens up incredible opportunities for the whole College, ensures future building plans can continue thereby creating many local jobs.

But, for all this to become reality, we need your help!

In a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, you can contribute to the cost of this massive renovation and ensure your name encircles the oval for decades to come.

Using the form on the facing page, your donation will allow you to have a plaque on the white picket fence which will surround the completed project.

This tax-deductible donation will ensure all in our community know of your support for the school and of your investment in its future.

Buying a named picket could be done as a great birthday present for a current student or an Old Collegian, or it could be done as a tribute to someone who has passed, or as a permanent marker of your family's connection with the College.

The pickets will range in price from \$200 to \$1000, with the more expensive options being placed in the most prominent locations, near the players' race and in front of the Pavilion.

You may wish to purchase one or several.

You may even wish to explore other naming opportunities with larger donations.

Should you have any questions at all please call the College's Director of Community Development Mr Paul Nolan on 5322 4450.

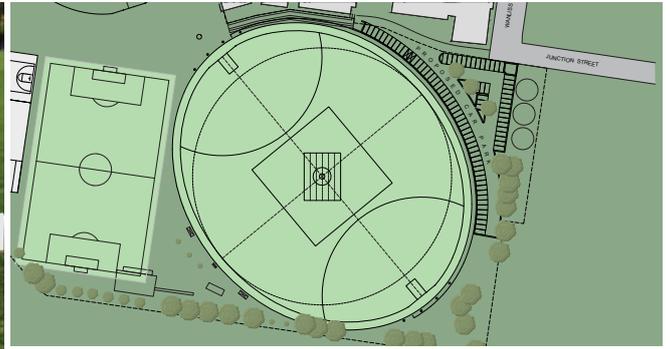
We are aiming to raise \$500,000 to enable this exciting project to proceed and we hope we can count on your support. ♣



- ↑ 1: An aerial view of the Main Oval.
- ← 2: Few Old Collegians realise that the Main Oval once had a north-south orientation before it was reconstructed in 1946. The proposed new resurfacing and realignment will be the first major renovation since then.
- ↑ 3: Under the proposed realignment, the goal square will be located near where the concrete steps lie today in front of the changerooms and the grandstand.



Own Your Piece of the Main Oval



For generations of boys at St Patrick's College, our Main Oval has been their own personal field of dreams.

Often regarded as one of the best playing surfaces in Ballarat, it has been the cherished home turf for thousands of footballers, cricketers, athletes, rugby players and general physical education students.

Nearly every Old Collegian has their own treasured memory revolving around its pristine grass.

Yet now, with new advancements in turf and drainage technology, we need to reinvest in the Main Oval to ensure it maintains its reputation and provides the best field possible for future generations of Paddy boys.

With a planned reconfiguration and resurfacing we can both maintain the current size of the Main Oval, provide a new, elite and properly-drained playing surface, while creating car parking spaces around the perimeter.

We also plan to encircle the Main Oval with a new white picket fence, with each picket being personally engraved.

For a price of just \$200 you can buy your own engraved picket and help contribute to the cost of this major oval makeover.

Your contribution can also ensure your name encircles the Main Oval for decades to come. Or you may wish to purchase one as a unique gift for someone who you know holds St Patrick's College close to their heart.

You may wish to spend a bit more to buy a picket in a premium location, maybe on the wing in front of the Pavilion, or the one adjoining the players' race.

And, of course, there is no limit on the number of pickets you can buy.

To become involved simply fill out the details below and return to oca@stpats.vic.edu.au or visit www.trybooking.com/BSAAP and donate online.

For further information please call the College's Director of Development Mr Paul Nolan on 5322 4450 or the College Development Office on 5322 4442.

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Reconciliation Week

History was made during the College's Reconciliation Week celebrations in May when a new badge featuring the College Crest between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags was presented to every student and staff member at a full school assembly.

All recipients are encouraged to wear the badge on their suitcoat as a symbol of their own personal support of the need for full reconciliation in Australia.

The striking of the badges was just one of many highlights during Reconciliation Week at St Patrick's College.



Other activities throughout the week included:

- The full school assembly, led by Indigenous students, and featuring an on-stage interview with Old Collegian Jon Kanoa (SPC 1995-2000) who this year became just the second Indigenous representative ever on the School Advisory Council, following in the footsteps of his father.
- A select group of Aboriginal students from St Patrick's College presenting on their experiences at Magpie Primary School. Collectively the groups created two symbolic paintings with one to stay at Magpie and one to return to St Patrick's. As stated by Isaac Hucker during the presentation: *"It doesn't matter if your Arrente, Yorta Yorta, Welsh, Polish, Sudanese or American. Our hands look pretty similar. Our aim for this artwork is to create an image that shows people working together and supporting each other and you don't know their race"*.
- An exhibition game of football on the Main Oval for the Taatee Shield, featuring a team of Year 7-9 Indigenous students (known as the Pumarali Dreamers) playing against a Junior School team of non-Indigenous students (known as the All Stars). After two 15-minute halves, the All Stars won 3.2 (20) to 2.6 (18).
- The lighting of an Indigenous fire pit in the boarding precinct during a COVID lockdown and the creation of a yarning circle around it. Of course, marshmallows were also a feature. 18 boarding students, many of whom are from the Northern Territory, were planning to see out the lockdown from the Boarding Precinct. ♣



- ↑ 1: Some of the College's Indigenous students gathered after the Reconciliation Week Assembly.
- ↑ 2: Action from the Taatee Shield football match.
- 3: A new badge was presented to every student and staff member in Reconciliation Week.



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Edmund Rice Day

Bravery comes in all forms. It may be in battle, or in a sporting contest, or in standing up against a wrong.

It can also come on the stage.

Courage is required to stand before 1300 of your peers to belt out a tune, or to perform a magic act, or to recite a play, or to dance a jig.

This year's St Pat's Got Talent quest, which was held following the walkathon as part of the annual Edmund Rice Day celebrations on May 5, exhibited a great array of unique talent from boys across all year levels.

The support which was shown to these performers by the remaining students in the crowd was exemplary.

Arms waved in the air, feet stomped the ground, standing ovations were given and, at times, impromptu sing-alongs featuring the whole school erupted.

It was a fantastic afternoon of incredible performances.

After much deliberation by a judging panel, the winners were announced.

Congratulations to Year 7 student Joshua Hayes who won top prize following his stunning solo rendition of "This Is Me" which got the whole school singing along with him.



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Second place went to Year 12 solo singer Jack Madigan with third place being awarded to Year 9 student Asher Richardson for his Michael Jackson-esque dance moves to the tune of Billie Jean.

Congratulations to all boys who were brave enough to grace the stage and we thank all students for being so strongly involved in a day of great joy.

A key part of Edmund Rice Day is the fundraising efforts of the students.

Should you wish to add further to the day's celebrations and assist the students in their fundraising efforts you too can make a donation at the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/spcedmundriceday> ♣

- ↑ 1: Spirits were high during the walkathon on Edmund Rice Day.
- ← 2: Asher Richardson's Michael Jackson impersonation proved popular with the audience.
- ↑ 3: Year 7 student Joshua Hayes was all smiles after winning first place in the St Pat's Got Talent quest.






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Captain's courageous speech

On March 24, 2021 College Captain Darcy Williams presented the following speech to all Year 11 and Year 12 students in the College Chapel.

In a climate where respect for women and issues around consent are dominating the nation's headlines, Darcy's words implored his peers to set new standards and to grow into men who, at all times, behave in the right way and are courageous enough to call out those who don't.

"Grace Tame, this year's Australian of the year, at 15, was groomed and raped by her 58-year-old teacher. Brittany Higgins, former Liberal staffer, was allegedly raped in Parliament House. The place that was built on the foundation of law and justice for all. Sarah Everard, a 33-year-old woman who was walking home from a friend's house in a well-lit area at night. Last week her life was taken, and..."

These were the first few sentences of Mason Black's speech to Brisbane Boy's College last week which went viral for its sincerity and important takeaway messages. For an all-boys school like Brisbane Boy's College and St Pat's, it is imperative that we continue the discussion about consent, violence and sexual assault towards women and respect for women.

For we are the ones, more often than not, instigating the problem.

We are the ones being portrayed in the media as arrogant and rude. As savage. As a group of boys with a mob mentality, and no doubt there is some truth in this. I know this is not all boys or men, but all boys and men have a role in making society safer for women.



This is all something that the Student Council had already been discussing and hoping to correct. We want to change this narrative now.

So, this speech is different. It is upsetting. It is challenging. It is important. It is something that affects a lot more of you than you may think.

One in five women, before the age of 16, experience some sort of sexual abuse. And 97% of sexual offences are from men.

In Ballarat alone, family violence has increased by over 40% during 2020 with COVID-19 and a further 1714 women were affected by family incidents. That is over four women a day, who are mistreated here in Ballarat. Think about that.

More than likely, some of you here today may already be affected by this. More than likely, some of your Mums, sister and friends are being harmed. Which also means, that some of us here today are creating the problem.

Boys, this needs to change. What we take for granted is something that women have had to deal with their whole lives.

It is as simple as walking to the car. Most men will reach for their keys once they get to the car, however women tend to have their keys ready before they even get there. Now whilst this may seem only minor to us in our eyes, it speaks volumes about the type of society we live in and the constant fear that women must deal with in their lives. The fear of suddenly being taken away to be sexually assaulted, raped or murdered.

For too long, Australia has overlooked this issue. For too long, we have overlooked this issue. For too long, women have had to deal with this and have been silenced. It is our responsibility. We need to be educated.

Boys, if a girl says no, that means no.

No ifs, buts, or maybes.

If a girl is drunk, she cannot really give consent.

If she has to be coerced, repeatedly asked, or pressured, she is not freely giving consent.

As young men, we have much to gain in how we feel about ourselves if we conduct ourselves honourably, let alone avoiding a criminal allegation of a sexual offence.

It is as clear as can be. We must listen and respect their decision.

The solution is only found if we start to change our behaviour today.

I hope all of you, have the courage and strength to stand up for what is right, no matter who the person is that is in the wrong.

Which by the way, doesn't always have to be shaming them in the moment. You could just talk to them afterwards or to someone else.

Everyone in this room today, must be accountable for not just their own actions but also your mates. Everyone knows that not all men are the perpetrators of this issue, however we are all at the heart of it.

Allowing your mates to treat women disrespectfully makes you part of the problem. Who has seen that poster, "the standard you walk past is the standard you accept." We all know it is true.

As a collective, we know we have to change how we talk to and about women.

Don't use 'simp'.

Don't rate girls out of 10.

Don't encourage that mob mentality.

Do step in if a woman seems uncomfortable. Do listen to women.

The Student Council will be doing their bit to further this discussion.

So, let us all play our role and change. Together, as one brotherhood, as one community. Let us rewrite our mistakes. Let us finally make women feel empowered, respected, and safe.

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← 1: College Captain Darcy Williams address his fellow students on the topic of consent and respect for women.



St Patrick's Day

There was much to celebrate on March 17, 2021 as we gathered as a full school community to mark St Patrick's Day.

Given most festivities around this landmark day were cancelled in 2020, we were especially grateful to be able to gather in unison across a Mass, a special assembly featuring the formal commissioning of new Principal Mr Steven O'Connor and then an Old Collegians' luncheon in the OCA Pavilion.

Finally, we were also thrilled to host a special cocktail party later that evening at which many members of our community were invited to celebrate the day and have the opportunity to meet Mr O'Connor in person, many for the first time.

It was a wonderful day of celebration with the students also relishing the opportunity to indulge in the now-traditional green donuts at recess.

Following is a reflection on the day from Principal Steven O'Connor:

"I was thrilled to participate in this year's celebrations to mark the feast day of St Patrick, the patron Saint of the College. As a Catholic community, it is important that we gather regularly in communion in the Eucharist and we were blessed to have Bishop Paul Bird celebrate the St Patrick's Day Mass at the College. I am grateful for the enormous amount of work that went into preparing the Mass and I thank Mr Geoff Brodie, Miss Anne-Marie Driscoll and the Mission Team for their leadership in this.



I was indeed humbled to be commissioned as the new Principal of St Patrick's College by Bishop Paul and members of the College community at the end of the St Patrick's Day Mass. I am honoured to be leading and contributing to this great school and was encouraged and inspired by the pledges that formed an important part of the commissioning service. I pray that God may always guide and bless me in my role as Principal and seek the prayerful support of the wider College community in this.

I also wish to thank Mrs Elizabeth Ryan and Mr Paul Nolan for the tremendous work they did in preparing the various gatherings and services across St Patrick's Day. Many other staff contributed to the day and I thank them for the care they took to ensure that it was such a special day of celebration!

St Patrick's has many strengths but to me, one of its greatest strengths is its students. The College exists to serve the educational needs of our boys and to walk the journey with our young men is a great honour and privilege. I am grateful to the boys for their welcome and endorsement of me at this week's service but also, as they go about their daily routines and business. Their enthusiasm and energy is magnificent and I thank them for adding to the joy of the College community through this." ❀



- ↑ 1: The full school gathered to celebrate St Patrick's Day.
- ← 2: New Principal Steven O'Connor delivers his address at the St Patrick's Day assembly.
- ↑ 3: The now-traditional green donuts were once again a popular hit with students.



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- ↑ 4: 60 years since they graduated, members of the Class of 1961 returned to the College on St Patrick's Day.
- ↑ 5: School Advisory Council chair Peter Wilson speaks at the cocktail party in the OCA Pavilion on St Patrick's Day.
- ↑ 6: Diocese of Ballarat Bishop Paul Bird celebrated Mass on St Patrick's Day in the Br W. T. O'Malley Sports Centre.
- ↑ 7: Edmund Rice Education Australia executive director Dr Craig Wattam addresses the gathering at the commissioning ceremony for Principal Steven O'Connor.
- ↑ 8: It was wonderful to have a full OCA Pavilion for the Old Collegians' Association St Patrick's Day Lunch.
- ← 9: Brothers Shane McKinley (SPC 1965-67), Frank McKinley (SPC 1969-70) and Con McKinley (SPC 1957-59) gather with current Year 8 student Blake McKinley (Frank's grandson) at the St Patrick's Day Luncheon.

MENTal Brekky

For the first time in its short history the annual MENTal Brekky, which is the major annual event of the Chris Yeung Fund, will have a female keynote guest speaker at its 2021 event.

On Friday, October 15 Ballarat local Ms Patty Kinnersly will address the annual event before also speaking with the College's 1300+ students at their annual mental health assembly.

Ms Kinnersly comes with an impressive resume and is ideally placed to speak with our community around topics such as respect for women and domestic violence.

A former chief executive officer of Women's Health Grampians, Ms Kinnersly is currently the chief executive officer of Our Watch – an organisation renowned as a national leader in the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia. Our Watch works to embed gender equality and prevent violence where Australians live, learn, work and socialise.

As a board member at the Carlton Football Club Ms Kinnersly made history by becoming the Blues' first designated Board member to oversee the AFLW/VFLW programs.

Since its inception in 2016, the Brekky has quickly become one of the most popular events on the College calendar and its last event in 2019 sold out its 250 tickets a month in advance.

Supported by the Ballarat Bishop's Charitable Fund, the breakfast event raises money for the Chris Yeung Fund, which operates under the banner of the St Patrick's College Foundation.



The fund is named in honour of an Old Collegian who succumbed to his own battles with mental illness in 2016.

Money raised through the breakfast each year is used to assist current families at St Patrick's College, where a father is suffering mental illness.

The fund is used to help struggling families pay their school fees, ensuring their son's education is not put at risk as a result of his father's illness.

In 2021 there are eight students being supported through times of hardship.

Tickets for the 2021 event are now on sale for just \$50 each and can be purchased at the following link: www.trybooking.com/BRVZI 🍀

Another sold-out event is expected for the 2021 MENTal Brekky on Friday, October 15.



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Boarding bequest

St Patrick's College has been fortunate to receive a generous bequest which will help boarding families in the coming years.

Old Collegian Barry Nunn (SPC 1956-62) died after a battle with cancer on May 12, 2020 at 75 years of age.

Barry was the son of Eileen and Ernie (both dec) and brother of Brian (dec), Des (dec), Margaret, Eulalie (dec) and Brenda. He was remembered by the staff and students of Alice Miller School, at Macedon, and in particular, by their VCE students for "his warmth, kindness and humour".

In a moving tribute, they said "Barry was a delight to work with and fulfilled his role as Chief Exam Supervisor with gentle, reassuring enthusiasm. He embraced our community wholeheartedly and will be greatly missed" and farewelled a "true treasure".

Barry was a boarder from East Preston and completed matriculation.

He was president of the Holy Name Society, secretary of St Vincent de Paul and part of the Senior Debating Society executive.

Barry was a placegetter in the Purton Oratory and was noted in the 1962 College Annual for performing creditably at public speaking contests during the year, winning contests in Prepared Speech at the Begonia Public Speaking Festival, the St John's Competition and at South Street. He was also a talented runner, particularly in the sprints.

In a very generous final gesture, Barry's will stipulated that \$100,000 be donated to the St Patrick's College Foundation "to be expended in a scholarship or scholarships for tuition fees of a regional Victorian boarding student from a family in need of financial assistance."

→ 1: Thanks to Barry Nunn's generosity, already one new family will be able to join our boarding community in 2022.

Thanks to Barry's generosity, already one new family will be able to send their sons to board at St Patrick's College in 2022.

If you feel that, like Barry, St Patrick's College in some way has played a precious and significant part in your life, then a bequest is a tangible way that you can show thanks and in your own way maintain the tradition of giving that has assisted generations of 'Paddy Boys'.

After making provision for your family, you may wish to make a bequest to St Patrick's College. Such a gift could be any one or a combination of:

- a specific amount of money;
- a specific asset, for example shares, property, life insurance policies, artworks; or
- a nominated proportion or share in the residue of your estate.

In making a bequest to the College it is recommended that you contact your solicitor.

We would greatly appreciate if you would in confidence, and without obligation, let the College's Director of Development Paul Nolan know your intentions so that we can thank you for your support on a more personal basis. If you are so inclined we would like to share with you significant College events so that you can experience first-hand the potential of your gift to change the life of a boy in the future. ♣



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The College welcomed back its elite academic performers from the Year 12 Class of 2020 at the annual Academic Assembly which was held in the Br W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre on Tuesday, February 9.

Amazingly, this was the first full school assembly we were able to convene since the same event 12 months earlier.

Although COVID restrictions meant that masks had to be worn at the assembly, we were still thrilled to be able to honour and recognise the outstanding academic achievements of boys across all year levels.

We were also pleased to welcome back former principals John Crowley, Dr Peter Casey and Br Bill Wilding who helped present awards at the assembly.

2020 College Dux Kai O'Keefe, who achieved an ATAR score of 98, delivered the following address at the assembly:

"Good morning to the new Principal Mr Steven O'Connor, students, staff and invited guests. I would like to start my speech by quickly thanking a few people. First and foremost, my dedicated Year 12 teachers; Ms Simpson, Ms Purcell, Mr Magee, and Mr McCrum, for the effort and passion they have put into their teaching. I would also like to thank all of the teachers I have had across my six years at this school, all the way from my humble beginnings in Year 7 learning maths with Mr Willis to the start of my VCE with Miss Parsons, I have constantly been around supportive and caring staff, where every teacher St Patrick's has had a profound influence on me.

I would also like to thank the student leadership, most notably Max (Waller) and Finn (Lappin) for their roles as both competent Vice Captains and also for the countless hours we spent studying together, struggling through Chem and Spec or talking nonsense - it was a blast. And then to Will (Rothe) for his dedication as school captain, as someone who acted as an uplifting leader and who made the most out of a difficult year.



I would finally like to thank my parents, who went above and beyond to facilitate my every need throughout the year – whether it be delivering me fantastic meals and snacks while I was studying or simply being there to support me or even just put up with me, I truly appreciate it.

There were times during the year where, while I was personally doing fine – cruising along in my sheltered Ballarat world – I would only have to look at a newspaper headline or turn on the tv to be reminded of the horrors engulfing our world. From the millions affected by the coronavirus to the to the atrocious racial injustices in America, or even just the seemingly overwhelming and innate greed people hold in times of struggle, it was easy to feel helpless, or even defeated, when witnessing the constant hardship that many have had to and continue to face. And after spending considerable time reflecting on these ideas, I realised a few things about the world we live in today.

Firstly, that it is only too easy to ignore all the good in the world – from the tireless work put in by millions of teachers and doctors, all the way to the fast-food workers and shelf stackers who have all contributed towards society – many, many people do good, some in small, while others in massive ways.

Secondly, it is also too easy to compare ourselves to others. Whether it is our favourite 'influencer' on Instagram who lives the seemingly perfect life, to the unfathomably wealthy Elon Musks and Jeff Bezos of the world who are gods in our materialistic society.

When I woke up on the morning of ATAR day and checked my score, my first thought seeing my 98 was 'I wonder how many people at Clarendon beat me'. And later that day when I was told I was dux and would be presenting a speech, I felt a kind of inadequacy, where after the incredible accomplishments of Aidan Hanrahan and Matthew Duffy last year, my 98 didn't quite seem high enough, and thus achievement was tarnished by the fact that there were many people out there who had done a lot better than me at something I worked so hard on. It took me a few weeks to decide



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In life we have no idea what is going to happen, and because of that I implore each and every one of you to make the most of the many opportunities you have here and to enjoy your time in high school, because once it is over it is something you can never get back. Whether it be biting the bullet in Year 7 and signing up for and spending your school nights mucking around playing a countless number of competitive and non-competitive school sports, joining the debating team, or maybe even the school band, or signing up for and practicing an act in St Pat's Got Talent, or getting involved in the homeless night, or giving it your all in the war cries during Head of the Lake, there are so many things you can do here now and so many doorways that can be unlocked by a quick email or short conversation with a teacher that you will one day look back on fondly.

It is the ridiculous classroom banter in Specialist Maths with Crummy, Olver, Finn, Sidd, Gary and Waller, the six o'clock beach runs every day of the Anglesea camp after being told to go to sleep at four in the morning, or the whole year level lunchtime soccer games or the long after school study sessions with a few mates that are the things I remember now with an odd sense of nostalgia. For, to quote Winnie the Pooh, "at the time we didn't know we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun".

Although school can be hard – most notably Year 12, overall, it is an overwhelmingly positive journey. From the people you meet, the things you learn, and the life-long skills or memories you gain, it is something to make the most of, and something you can only fully appreciate when it has come to an end.

I know all too well that it has been a long assembly so I guess I could encapsulate the main message of my speech in the two Latin words "Carpe Diem", which translates to 'seize the day', something I personally interpret as both creating and making the most of one's opportunities. I hope this is something each and every one of you can endeavour towards in your academic, social, sporting and individual journeys, because while I could have spent the last five minutes talking about how hard work, a good study plan, and high scaling subjects will get you a good ATAR, I think there is so much more to high school than that.

So Carpe Diem and thank you for your time." ❀

To see a list of award winners on the day please visit <https://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/news/teaching-and-learning-report-11/>

that it didn't matter how anyone else went, and that I ought to be happy with both my score – which had exceeded my initial goals and expectations – and more importantly the hard work and determination I had put in to achieve it. Since comparisons are only natural – I think instead of looking at those ahead at the top with envy as we often do, it can help to respectfully look behind to those struggling to allow us to fully realise and appreciate how fortunate we all are; and with that, act to push those people forward when we can lend a helping hand.

The third and final thing I realised, from both anecdotal and personal experience, is that in this incredibly interconnected and fast-moving world, it is only too easy to make plans – or even commitments – only to never achieve them due to some unforeseen uncontrollable externality. As an example of this – one of my biggest regrets in my time at the College was deciding not to go on trips such as the Kokoda trail or European history tour because 'it was too expensive' or 'I might not like it'. I instead told myself I would be able to travel for a few months when I finished high school, which would have been right now. Only now I don't even know if it is legal to leave the state, and everyone I have talked to says that adventures such as the Kokoda trail were some of the most memorable and fulfilling experiences of their lives.

- ← 1: It was wonderful to be able to welcome back so many of the high achievers from the Class of 2020 to honour their excellence.
- ← 2: 2020 College Dux Kai O'Keefe delivers his address to the 2021 Academic Assembly.
- ← 3: Parents of high achievers were also invited to the assembly. Here Matt and Paula Freeman pose for a photo with their son Joseph who scored a perfect score of 50 in Literature.
- ↑ 4: Former Principals, from left, Br Bill Wilding, Dr Peter Casey and John Crowley attended the assembly along with new Principal Steven O'Connor, right.
- ↑ 5: After a year of isolation it was exciting to finally be able to welcome so many people for the Academic Assembly.
- ↓ 6: Despite masks being required we were still able to honour the academic achievements of boys from across all year levels.



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Flanagan Artist in Residence Prize 2021

Entries are now open for artists seeking to potentially win \$5000 through the St Patrick's College Artist in Residence Prize.

Purpose: To welcome professional and/or emerging artists into the St Patrick's College community, working collaboratively with our students and staff to further expand knowledge and appreciation of fine art while simultaneously enhancing Ballarat's reputation as a centre for arts excellence.

Context: From 2008-2017 St Patrick's College successfully organised and hosted the Flanagan Art Exhibition, named in honour of Old Collegian and former curator of the Australian War Memorial Noel Flanagan. Artists from across Australia were invited to enter the competition with a \$5000 prize on offer for the most outstanding artwork, while smaller cash prizes were offered for the Best Emerging Artist and for the Best Affordable Artwork. The Flanagan Art Exhibition was an acquisitive competition, allowing the College to develop a fine collection of winning artworks, which are now on permanent display in the College administration building known as Kennedy House. The main aim of the exhibition was to provide the opportunity for the College's 1300+ students to become exposed to and acquire a greater appreciation of fine art while also broadening the College's reputation as a school invested in the visual arts. After a decade of successful exhibitions featuring hundreds of artists from across Australia and attracting thousands of visitors, the College opted to alter its approach in 2019. Rather than conducting a major exhibition, the College is now offering an artist-in-residence opportunity for one worthy recipient.

Artist-in-residence overview: Remaining consistent with the thinking behind the Flanagan Exhibition, St Patrick's College, in 2021, is offering

professional and emerging artists the opportunity to win a \$5000 artist-in-residence opportunity with the College. Interested artists will be asked to apply for the opportunity to spend between two and four weeks (subject to negotiation) working at St Patrick's College to produce an artwork for the College to acquire. In return, the artist will be paid \$5000. The successful artist will be expected to spend substantial time on site producing the artwork, while also being available to work closely with current staff and students in a classroom environment.

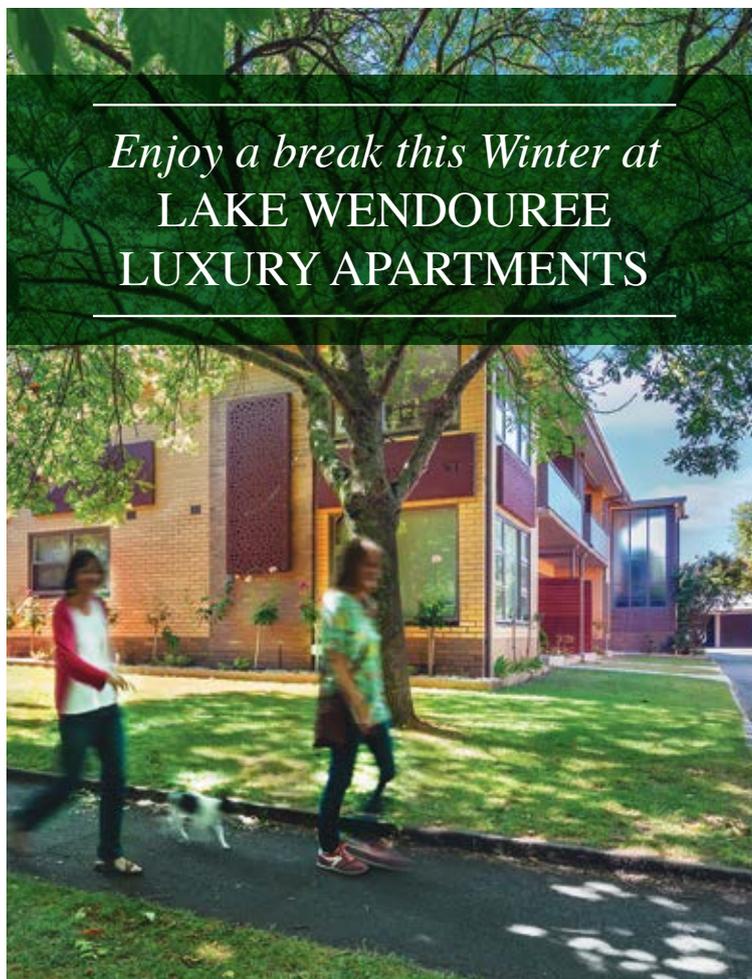
Judging process: A selection panel of Ballarat art experts will be convened by St Patrick's College to identify the successful short list. The College will then conduct interviews to determine the winner. The College will work closely with the successful artist to arrange suitable times and venues for the residence program to be implemented between August 23 and September 17, 2021. Entry is free.

Entries must be submitted by 4pm on Friday, June 28, 2021 at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021flanagan>

2021 theme: In 2021, bidding artists will be asked to centre their proposed entry around the theme of "Art to inspire". 🍀



1: The winning artwork from the 2019 Flanagan Artist in Residence Prize now hangs proudly in the College's front reception.



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Walking off the War Within

On Saturday, April 24 St Patrick's College once again played host to one of Ballarat's biggest and fastest growing community events – Walking Off the War Within.

The event was inaugurated four years ago in honour of Old Collegian Nathan Shanahan (SPC 1988-93, pictured), a returned soldier and firefighter who sadly lost his battle with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and took his own life in December 2016.

Prior to his death Nathan had tried to raise awareness of the plight of men like him by embarking on a walk from Mildura to Adelaide, carrying a 20kg backpack in an effort to walk off his own war within.

This year's event came in the same week as the Federal Government announced a Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans Suicides. It was also conducted in the lead-up to Anzac Day on Sunday, meaning there had never been a more appropriate time to rally around this cause.

More than 1000 people attend the College to be involved in this event and to engage in community discussions around mental health. The event is especially popular with members of the emergency services in Ballarat, many of whom walk proudly in their uniforms.

Participants chose to walk as much or as little as they liked as they embarked upon the 2km circuitous route through the College grounds.

The ultimate challenge was to walk 20km or ten laps, carrying 20kg!

Adding further colour and excitement to the day, there were food stalls, petting zoos and emergency service displays. Our boarding students, along with those from Ballarat Grammar and Ballarat Clarendon College, were also involved, volunteering as course marshals on the day.

With excitement, the College was also able to host two emergency service helicopters, including the Westpac Rescue chopper and one firefighting aircraft, both of which landed on the Hill Oval. ♣



- ↑ 1: A drone image shows the crowd gathering at the starting line for the 2021 Walking Off the War Within event.
- ← 2: Nathan Shanahan's father John (SPC 1967-69) is embraced by event MC Wayne Rigg.
- ↑ 3: An image of Nathan Shanahan looks over the walkers at the start of the event.
- ↑ 4: More than 1000 people gathered on the day.
- ↑ 5: Members of the Shanahan family sound the horn to start the walk.



Anzac Day

St Patrick's College commemorated ANZAC Day in 2021 with an incredibly emotional assembly at which all students sat in stunned silence as they listened to a story showcasing the bravery of one Old Collegian.

Year 12 co-ordinator Shane Murphy expertly conveyed the story of Joe Fogarty (SPC 1900-01) who won a Military Cross after serving in World War I at both Gallipoli and on the Western Front.

Standing atop a stage which had been decorated to resemble a World War I trench, Mr Murphy gave the current students a true insight into the horrors of war and the bravery which many Australians had exhibited in foreign lands.

For seven minutes, the students sat silent, motionless and simply in awe of what is an incredible tale.

You too can watch this incredible speech at the following link: <https://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/news/anzac-day-assembly-2021/>

The College's ANZAC Day involvement did not end with just an assembly.



On Sunday, April 25 our College Marching Band once again led Ballarat's ANZAC Day march in stunning fashion.

Ballarat RSL President Alan Douglass only had words of praise the members of the band at the conclusion of the march.

"I just want to thank you very much for the way you performed," Mr Douglass said.

"Your music, deportment and marching was equal to a military band, so thanks very much."

Boarding students and members of the Student Representative Council were also involved in wreath laying at the Ballarat Cenotaph ensuring the SPC presence remained strong throughout the day. 🍀



- ↑ **1:** There was a strong SPC presence at the wreath laying ceremony at the Ballarat Cenotaph.
- ← **2:** Year 8 student Ned Murphy stood on stage for the duration of the assembly.
- ↑ **3:** The St Patrick's College Marching Band was outstanding in leading the Ballarat ANZAC Day parade.
- ↑ **4:** Year 12 co-ordinator Shane Murphy speaks at the 2021 ANZAC Day assembly.

One night of homelessness

One of the most significant annual events held at the College each year is the Year 10 One Night of Homelessness.

As the cool autumn nights start to become decidedly colder in mid-May each year, our Year 10 students are presented with the opportunity to experience what it is like to be homeless.

For one night they return to school at around 7.30pm and, after hearing real-life stories about what homelessness is really like, they are encouraged to find somewhere around the campus to try and get some sleep.

If they somehow do manage to doze off, sooner or later they will be awoken by a teacher asking them to move on and find a new place to nestle in for the night.

This is aimed at providing our 15 and 16-year-old students with an experience of what it would really be like to be homeless in Ballarat – cold, uncomfortable, lying on concrete, constantly being asked to get out of the way.

The hope is that these several hours will leave a lasting impression on our teenage boys, so much so that they will have greater understanding and empathy for the unfortunate people who find themselves without shelter night after night.

No doubt, when the sun rises the next morning and the Year 10s are allowed to go home to their own beds, they do so with some greater wisdom and understanding. ♣



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Buy an SPC jumper

Due to popular request, St Patrick's College has designed a new football jumper which will be made available for public purchase through the College Shop.

Last year, due to the absence of 1st XVIII football due to COVID-19, we designed a special commemorative guernsey for our senior footballers for them to own as a special keepsake.

We were inundated by people wishing to buy that jumper but we wanted to ensure that particular design remained unique to the Class of 2020.

So now we have produced a slightly different design which you can now pre-order.

Note that this is not a traditional SPC 1st XVIII jumper as that must be earned and not bought. It will never be made available for sale.

Rather this version will be great for Old Collegians as training tops or ideal for current students as birthday presents.

The design features the famous long sleeves, the College Crest, the Shamrock and the monogrammed "SPC" letter which were prominent on our 1st XVIII jumpers a century ago.

Again, importantly, the jumper does not replace the traditional 1st XVIII jumper which retains its iconic status, and can only be owned by those who play a certain number of 1st XVIII matches each year.

Jumpers will cost just \$80 each (plus postage and handling).

To order your jumper please scan the QR code on this page and follow the prompts.

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Football

While COVID-19 continues to play havoc with the College's 1st XVIII football program, our team has at least been able to take the field on several occasions in 2021 while also enjoying a football camp to Melbourne over the Easter break.

Four games have been played in the first half of the year, with SPC recording strong wins in each encounter.

The first game of the season was the annual match against Assumption College.

Our team travelled to Kilmore to record a solid victory. Final scores were: SPC 17.9 (111) d Assumption College 6.8 (44).

The second match of the season was against Caulfield Grammar in a game which was played as the culmination of our 1st XVIII tour of Melbourne.

Tour attendees were fortunate to hear from a variety of Old Collegians and industry experts.

In particular, they were incredibly lucky to visit Victoria Police HQ where three Old Collegians are currently serving as Assistant Commissioners and were generous to speak with the students about leadership qualities for an hour.



We are incredibly grateful to all the guest speakers who were so honest, forthright, expansive and entertaining with their knowledge and insight.

The guest speakers were Assistant Commissioner Brett Curran (SPC 1975-80), Assistant Commissioner Mick Hermans (SPC 1983-85), Assistant Commissioner Chris Gilbert (SPC 1981-86), East Point footballers Brad Whittaker (SPC 2004-09) and Matt Johnston (SPC 2009-14), St Kilda footballers Bradley Crouch (SPC 2006-11) and Dan Butler (SPC 2009-14), former GWS ruckman Tom Downie (SPC 2010-11), brothers Tom McDonald (SPC 2010) and Oscar McDonald (SPC 2011-13) and Old Collegian Jason Hucker (SPC 1995-2000). We also thank Jake Bridges from Leading Teams and Julian Petracca from Hemisphere Management for their great insight as well as Patrick Glenane (SPC 1998-03) for hosting us at the Montague Hotel.

In the game against Caulfield Grammar our boys were victorious. Final scores were SPC 14.6 (90) d CGS 6.2 (38).

Prior to the May/June COVID lockdowns our 1st XVIII also played two BAS games against Ballarat High School and Ballarat Clarendon College, recording strong victories in both matches.

Sadly, a scheduled game against St Kevin's College was cancelled.



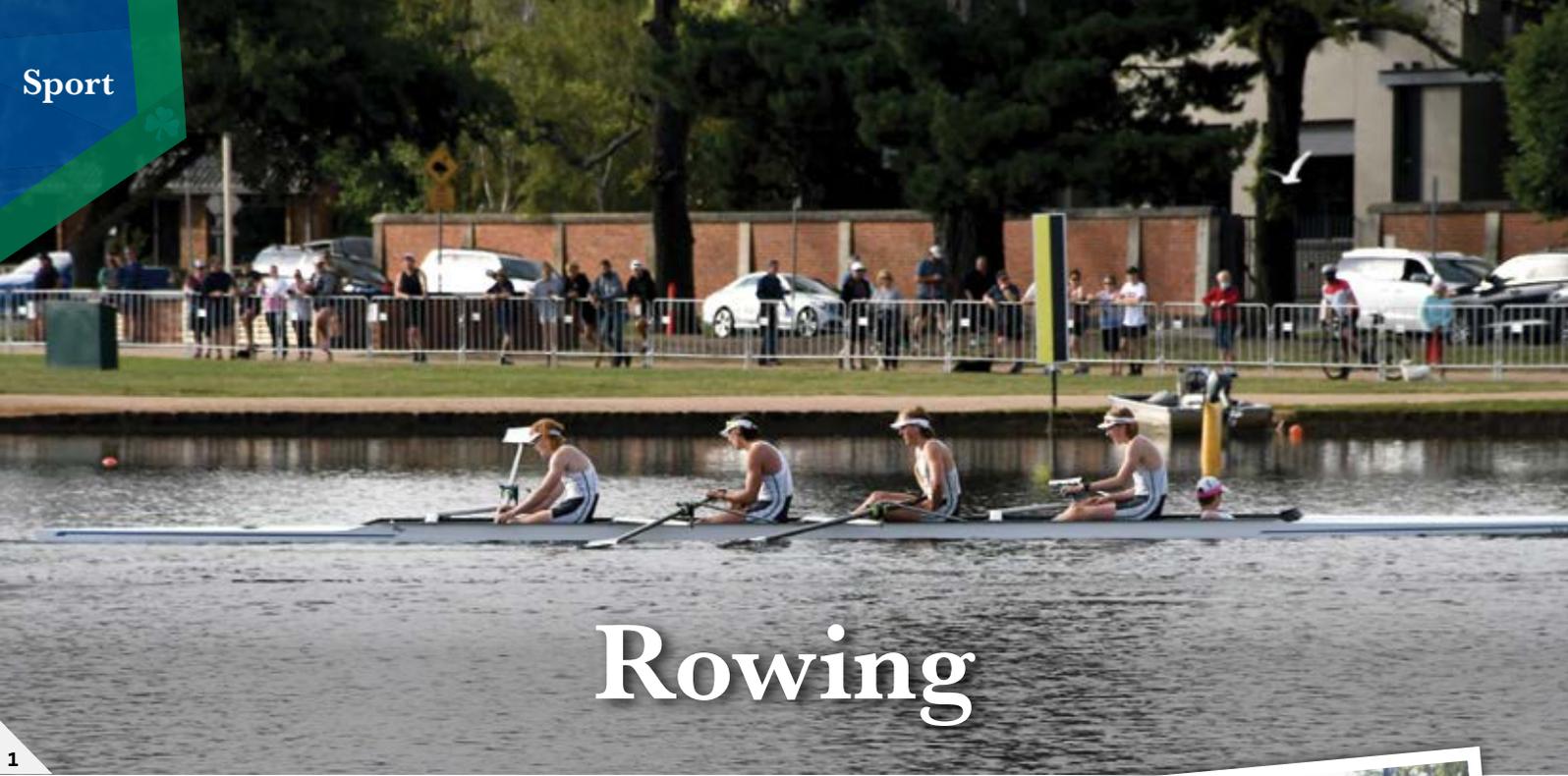
It is hoped that in Term 3, restrictions will have eased to allow the Herald-Sun Shield competition to be played.

The 1st XVIII program was also excited to see former student Harry Sharp (SPC 2016-19) become the 116th Old Collegian to play VFL/AFL when he made his debut for Brisbane in round 1.

Finally, congratulations to Year 12 student Josh Gibcus who played in the NAB AFL Academy team in April alongside Australia's best young footballing talent in a game against the Geelong VFL team. Also featuring as a late call up to the Academy side was Old Collegian Fraser Marris (SPC 2018-20) while Nick Stevens (SPC 2015-18) and Jordan Johnston (SPC 2012-17) were representing the Cats. ♣



- ↑ 1: The 1st XVIII celebrates after defeating Caulfield Grammar.
- ← 2: Harry Sharp became the 116th Old Collegian to play at the highest level.
- ← 3: Year 12 student Sam Butler is captaining the 1st XVIII in 2021. Photo: Kade Towk.
- ↑ 4: Year 12 student Josh Gibcus, pictured with parents Yvonne and Michael, played in the NAB AFL Academy team.



Rowing

Turning hardship into triumph could be a theme for all Victorians over the past 12 months.

If so, then we could all look to the College's Senior Rowing Crew for inspiration in how to succeed after experiencing great disappointment.

After a most unusual, crowd-less, 2020-21 Head of the Lake regatta resulted in an unexpected loss for our firsts crew against a strong Ballarat Grammar unit, they were understandably devastated.

Yet just a few weeks later the crew, coached by Old Collegian Brendan Scott (SPC 1983-88) and made up of Angus Murnane, Tom Foley, Austin Reinehr, Jake Polkinghorne and Edward Peucker (cox), travelled to Lake Barrington in Tasmania to compete at the National Rowing Championships.

Early in the week the crew took home a bronze medal in the Under 19 coxed four event, helping to build confidence ahead of their main target – the Schoolboys Coxed Four.

In a thrilling race, the boys rowed to plan and were able to claim the gold medal in a time of 6min57.02sec, narrowly ahead of Ballarat Grammar in second spot.

To complete the season as national champions after enduring so much disappointment along the way speaks volumes about the boys' mental strength, talent and bravery.

As a school community we were able to gather early in Term 2 in the OVC Pavilion when more than 190 guests attended the Rowing Presentation Dinner.

At this event we were able to recognise not only the Senior Crew, but all the rowers from all crews who had contributed to making the 2020-21 rowing season one to remember. A full list of award winners on the night follows on the next page.

We were particularly thrilled to welcome back Old Collegian Josh Frichot (SPC 1993-98) as guest speaker to tell us about his international rowing career and to officially unveil a new boat named in his honour.

There was more good news for the rowing program at the conclusion of the season when the Old Collegians Association donated \$15,000 to the program to enable the purchase of a new quad boat which will be in action in the 2021-22 season. ♣



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- ↑ 1: The rowers were able to rebound from the disappointment of losing the 2020-21 Head of the Lake to win gold at the nationals.
- ↑ 2: Year 12 students formed a guard of honour for the Senior Rowing Crew upon their return from Tasmania.
- ↑ 3: Due to COVID restrictions crowds were banned from attending the Head of the Lake, however at least our Year 12 students were able to show their support for the rowers in the days leading up to the event.
- 4: 2020-21 Captain of Boats Austin Reinehr addresses the Rowing Presentation Dinner.
- 5: Old Collegian Josh Frichot (SPC 1993-98) officially launched a boat named in his honour.
- 6: Our Senior Rowing Crew celebrates their national championship win at Lake Barrington in Tasmania.

2021 Rowing Awards

Year 9 Paul Myers Award: William Charles

Year 10 James Marburg Award: William Hexter

Year 11 Christian Ryan Award: Seth Cooper-Kennington

Year 12 Brian Vear Award: Josh Phillips

Year 12 Anthony Edwards Award for Leadership: Austin Reinehr

Rowing Coaches awards

Open Crews

Open 1sts: Angus Murnane

Open 2nds: Xavier Hayter

Open 3rds: Harvey Woodburn

Open 4ths: Austin Hare

Open 4ths: Benjamin Keen

Open 5ths: Bailey Meek

Year 10

Yr 10-1sts: Lachlan Charleson

Yr 10-2: Nathan Ling

Yr 10-3: James Halsall

Yr 10-4: Mike Bleicher

Yr 10-4: Oscar Watkins

Yr 10-5: Brodie Willems

Yr 10-5: Charlton Hand

Yr 10-5: Edward Peucker

Year 9

Yr 9-1: Paddy O'Brien

Yr 9-2: Henry Hewitt McManus

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House Swimming Carnival

The House Swimming Carnival, which was held on Wednesday, February 24 carried extra significance in 2021 as it represented one of the first major events the students were able to enjoy together since the start of the COVID outbreak 12 months earlier.

The event was held just a couple of weeks after the snap five-day lockdown in mid-February meaning all students and staff were very grateful just to have the opportunity to gather in an informal setting and revel in some House spirit.

There was some outstanding racing conducted on the day and some excellent times recorded.

Congratulations to the following students who broke records on the day:

Nathan Louw broke the Year 10 50m freestyle record with a time of 26.91sec.

Angus O'Keefe broke the Year 10 50m butterfly record with a time of 29.63sec.

Bailey McQuie broke the Year 11 50m butterfly record with a time of 28.24sec.



The following students were crowned as age group champions on the day:

Year 7 – Blake Scott; Year 8 – Hugh Jackson; Year 9 – Eoghan Purser; Year 10 – Angus O'Keefe and Nathan Louw; Year 11 – Bailey McQuie; Year 12 – Nicholas Hodgson and Liam Wright.

Year 11 student Bailey McQuie won the Champion of Champions 50m freestyle event in a tight finish ahead of Angus O'Keefe and Liam Wright.

After a day of fierce competition the overall results were as follows:

- 1st place – Ryan House (2668 points)
- 2nd place – Galvin House (2192 points)
- 3rd place – Nunan House (2150 points)
- 4th place – Keniry House (2045 points)

Following the House Swimming Carnival, the College's best swimmers were selected to represent SPC at the BAS Swimming Championships which were also held at the Eureka Pool.

While our intermediate boys won their age group, and our junior and seniors finished second in their divisions, it wasn't quite enough to see us regain the overall trophy as we finished runner-up to the strong Ballarat Clarendon College team. ♣



- ↑ 1: Nunan House members participated in some great House spirit on the day.
- ↑ 2: Year 11 student Bailey McQuie celebrates after winning the Champion of Champions event at the House Swimming Carnival.
- 3: Principal Steven O'Connor congratulates Ryan House leaders Spencer Jenks, Hugh Ollerenshaw and Nicholas Hodgson on their House's emphatic win.
- 4: The College's best swimmers were selected to compete at the BAS Swimming Championships which were held in March.

House Athletics Carnival

After being cancelled in 2020, and then being initially postponed due to inclement weather in 2021, it was great for the College to finally host its House Athletics Carnival on the final day of classes for Term 1.

Congratulations to the following students who were crowned as Age Group Champions on the day:

Year 7 – Songsin Namtho; Year 8 – Liam McEldrew and Jackson McInerney; Year 9 – Tristan Nijhof; Year 10 – Jack Flanagan; Year 11 – Leo Turnbull-Gent; Year 12 – Hugh Ollerenshaw.

Congratulations also to Samuel Lalor who recorded the only record-breaking effort on the day when he threw 42.73m for the Year 9 discus.

Year 11 student Beau Tedcastle won the Champion of Champions 100m sprint event.

Overall results for the day were as follows:

1st place – Keniry House (3320 points)

2nd place – Nunan House (3035 points)

3rd place – Ryan House (2852 points)

4th place – Galvin House (2478 points)

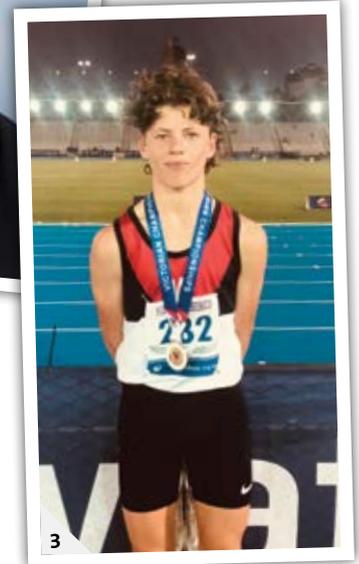
The College would also like to congratulate two current students who won national championships in the first half of the year:

Year 10 student Lachlan O’Keefe won his age group Australian National high jump title on Friday, April 16 at Olympic Park in Sydney. Lachlan jumped 2m to take the win - just two cm shy of his personal best.

Year 9 student Archie Caldwell claimed his first national championship on his 15th birthday after winning the U16 3000m title in a personal best time of 8min48.98sec. Archie also won silver in the 1500m. 🍀



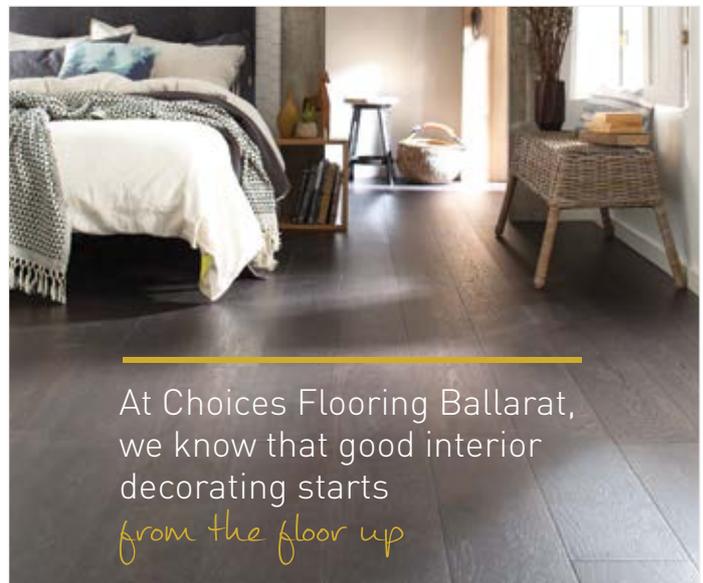
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- ↑ 1: There were smiles aplenty on the final day of Term 1 as students gathered to compete in the House Athletics Carnival.
- ↑ 2: Year 10 high jumper Lachlan O’Keefe is the national champion in his age group.
- ↑ 3: Year 9 student Archie Caldwell is the national Under 16 3000m champion.

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Annual Celebration Dinner

St Patrick's College is excited to reveal the identities of the four men who will be honoured with prestigious awards at the Annual Celebration Dinner later this year.

After being forced to cancel last year's dinner due to COVID, we are thrilled to once again celebrate the successes of four men who have excelled in their chosen fields.

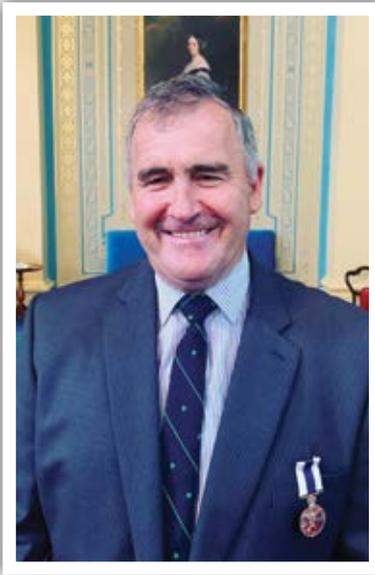
Two new College Legends will be inducted in 2021, along with one new Young Achiever and a former much-loved staff member will be honoured with the Facere et Docere (To Do and To Teach Award).

All four will be celebrated at the dinner on Saturday, August 7 in the Old Collegians Pavilion.

The inductees are:

Legend of the College:

Detective Sergeant Kevin Carson (SPC 1970-73) will be inducted as a Legend of St Patrick's College. For nearly 29 years Detective Sergeant Carson has investigated sexual offences committed against children that included a number of high-profile cases in the Ballarat area. He has worked tirelessly with victims and families to provide ongoing support and assistance. Detective Sergeant Carson has provided a dedicated service to Victoria Police, and to the community for over 46 years. Kevin has also been an incredibly notable figure in Ballarat sporting circles, particularly through his involvement as a football umpire.



Legend of the College:

Michael Kearney (SPC 1962-67) will be inducted as a Legend of the College in recognition of his outstanding and unparalleled volunteer service to the St Patrick's College community over five decades. Michael is the only person on record to have been both president of the OCA Committee and Chairman of the SPC Foundation. Through various decades he has also held all senior executive positions of the OCA – president, secretary and treasurer. Amazingly he was secretary of the OCA in 1976, some 45 years ago, and only stepped down from the committee last year. He has also been involved in the SPC Foundation for more than 30 years.



Young Achiever of the Year:

Andrew Groch (SPC 2008-13) will be recognised as our Young Achiever of the Year in honour of his incredible work as one of Australia's best young musical conductors and arts administrators. Despite being just 25 years old Andrew has already conducted the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and has worked with the world-renowned London Philharmonia Orchestra before COVID forced a return to Australia. Andrew is currently working as a project officer with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.



Facere et Docere Award:

Former Director of Boarding and Director of Community Development **Mark Waddington** will be honoured with the staff award in recognition of his incredible achievements at the College between 2002 and 2011. In that time Mark helped rebuild the boarding community after it teetered on the brink of closure, oversaw major capital fundraising programs for projects such as the OCA Pavilion and the Jo Walter Field, managed the reintroduction of scholarship and bequest programs at the College and helped drive enrolment numbers to record levels. Mark was also instrumental in the rejuvenation of the College's vaunted football program and ushered in a bright new era for the Old Collegians Association with a renewed focus on engagement and joy.



A gala function will be held on Saturday, August 7 to honour these fine gentlemen and only a limited number of tickets are available.

Tickets are just \$50 per person and are now open for sale. Limited tickets remain. This event will sell out so if you are hoping to attend you must purchase your tickets early.

Tickets are available at this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPYMY> 🍀

A full list of previous inductees at celebration dinners follows:

College Legends

- 2002:** Danny Frawley, Steve Moneghetti, Gavin Brown, George Hamm, Michael Glenane, Anthony Edwards, Fr Gerard Dowling, Brian Gleeson, Bill Bell, Geoffrey Torney
- 2003:** Steve Bracks, Tony Joyce, John Fitzgerald, Murray Byrne, Jan Murrhiy, Christian Ryan, Peter Walsh
- 2004:** Paul Bongiorno, John James, David Bourke, Mario Bortolotto, John Larkins
- 2005:** Raimond Gaita, Brian Brown
- 2006:** Noel Flanagan, Barry Richardson, McDonalds of Waubra
- 2007:** Mark Nolan, Tony Benson, John McArthur
- 2008:** Graham Duff, Kevin Renwick, Chris O'Brien
- 2009:** Frank Dimattina, Col. Mark Elliott, Fr Peter Hudson, Lee lafrate, James Marburg, Jamie McKew, Drew Petrie
- 2010:** The Bourkes of Pakenham, Shane McInerney, Prof John Molony, Dr John Stekelenburg, Tony Sullivan, Clinton Young
- 2011:** Nathan Brown, Peter Buckle, Colin McDonald QC
- 2012:** Fr Brendan Davey, Bryan Thomas, Peter Walsh, Patrick Payne
- 2013:** Dennis Foley, Gerard FitzGerald
- 2014:** Peter Wilson, Ted Long, John Mooney, David Gallagher, John Devine
- 2015:** Major Joe Fogarty, Laurie Larmer, Sgt Blaine Diddams, Col. Shaun Hoffmann
- 2016:** Joe Delaney, David Parer
- 2017:** Chris Nolan
- 2019:** George Treloar, Michael Flynn, Peter Blenkiron

Young Achievers

- 2014:** Joshua Hyde
- 2016:** Daniel Ferguson
- 2017:** Jake Laidlaw
- 2017:** Callum Linane
- 2018:** Matthew Short, Daniel Butler, Shaun Grigg, Daniel Rioli
- 2019:** Liam Duggan

Facere et Docere recipients

- 2010:** Br Brian Davis, Peter Farley, Frank Rice
- 2011:** Terry Blizzard
- 2012:** John Cosgriff
- 2013:** Michael Brady
- 2014:** Br Bill Wilding
- 2015:** Br Kevin Tuck, Brian Broadribb
- 2016:** Howard Clark
- 2017:** Clare Kavanagh, Margaret McIntyre
- 2019:** Kerrie Britt, Glenn Fisher



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OCA President's Column

► Mr Allan McKinnon | President – St Patrick's College Old Collegians' Association

Welcome to the OCA section of the Shamrock, there is an air of familiarity with this report as Victoria heads into another lockdown at the time of writing. I would hope that all Old Boys reading this, if age-appropriate, have had at least their first jab.

The OCA has got off to a great start this year. Office bearers are **President:** Allan McKinnon, **Vice President:** Chris Torpy, **Secretary:** Stephen Kirby, **Treasurer:** Dave Adams.

We have welcomed onto the committee some new members in Simon McAloon (SPC 1993-98) and Will Rothe (School Captain 2020). Will is our youngest member having just graduated from St Pat's last year. Will had his first experience of attending a reunion recently. It was a ten-year reunion group. He has told me he thoroughly enjoyed it, even though all present were much older than him. There are quite a few "younger" Old Boys keen to join the committee. However, it is mostly studies that stop them, they, nevertheless have many years ahead of them to join.

It is great to have a committee that represents many generations of the College. It allows so many views to be listened to. It also allows older members the privilege of listening to younger contemporary opinions.

Many of you are familiar with our College Legends and the celebration dinner we have each year nominating new legends to the list. The St Patrick's College Old Collegians' Association is also aiming to compile a complete list of Old Collegians who have received Australian Honours and Awards which recognise their outstanding service and contributions to their communities. Recipients come from right across the country and from all walks of life. While some well-known people receive awards, many more are known only to those they help and serve day-in-day-out. We are also looking to include those who received British Empire awards before the establishment of the Australian Honours in 1975. The College offers no judgment on those included on this list but is hoping to compile an accurate historical record of those who have been honoured. If you can help us add to the list below, please email details to oca@stpats.vic.edu.au



We will also be compiling a list of "Old Boys" who have served in the Australian Defence Forces – especially those who may have received Military decorations which are outside of the normal Australian Honours List. For instance, we have two distinguished "Old Boys" Les Coleman and Laurie Larmer who have both received the "Legion of Honour" from France for service in WW2. Many Old Boys have received military decorations in all conflicts that Australia has been involved in. We are keen to get them documented for the College records. Once again if any Old Collegians can assist please do so by using the same email as above.

At the May OCA meeting, it was agreed that the OCA would make a donation of \$15,000 to assist in the purchase of a new quad boat for the College rowing program. Within the College fleet, there has often been a boat donated by the Old Collegians and bearing the name "Old Collegians", the last of which hangs with pride in the corridor of the College outside the Year 12 study centre (formerly the boarders' dining room). The gesture was much appreciated by the rowing fraternity.

As I write this we are in another COVID lockdown which has meant that reunions have had to be rescheduled. Please keep an eye on your email to see when changes occur. As you can imagine with twice the number of reunions this year there is less room to manoeuvre days and dates. The College Development Office staff are doing a great job of juggling dates and weekends. Hopefully, this will be the only time there has to be a change. However, it does mean that all in the OCA community who have booked for reunions are flexible and understanding if changes have to be made. Unfortunately, COVID does not discriminate.

Finally, this is a call to all Old Boys to make sure your current email is registered with the College. The only way you will receive the regular Green White and Blue e-newsletter is if you have an up-to-date email registered with the College. ❀

- ← 1: The OCA hopes that by buying a new boat it can create many wonderful memories such as this one from 1990 which featured a Head of the Lake win in a boat named "The Old Collegians".
- ↑ 2: The OCA has pledged a \$15,000 to buy a new boat for the College's rowing program which will carry the name "Old Collegians", just as the boat which hangs near College reception does.

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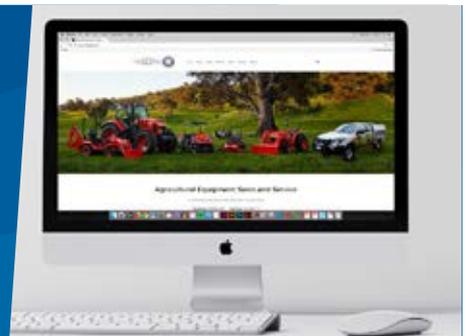
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Reunions

After COVID-19 wiped out all reunions in 2020, the Old Collegians Association has been grateful to have the opportunity to enjoy at least a handful of reunions so far in 2021.

While, at time of writing, great uncertainty remained regarding the future of scheduled reunions, to date we have been fortunate to host a handful of highly successful events.

The Classes of 1990, 2010, 2011, 2015 and 2016 have all had the opportunity to gather, with strong numbers attending each event.

The SPC spirit and camaraderie has been evident at all reunions as former classmates gather to share some of their fondest memories.

Sadly, scheduled reunions for the Classes of 2000, 2001, 1980 and 1981 have been postponed until later in the year.

We ask all Old Collegians to keep an eye on the Coming Events page on the College website to keep abreast of any further date changes for reunions.

At the time of writing, the scheduled dates for upcoming reunions are as follows:

Saturday, July 24 –

Class of 2000 20 Year Reunion dinner (6pm-10.30pm in OCA Pavilion).
To purchase tickets please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BHEVG>

Saturday, August 14 –

Class of 2001 20 Year Reunion dinner (6pm-10.30pm in OCA Pavilion).
To purchase tickets please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFZX>

Saturday, August 28 –

Class of 1970 50 Year Reunion lunch (Noon-4.30pm in OCA Pavilion).
To purchase tickets please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BHGVJ>

Sunday, August 29 –

Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion lunch (Noon-4.30pm in OCA Pavilion).
To purchase tickets please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BPGFK>

Saturday, October 16 –

Class of 1980 40 Year Reunion dinner (6pm-10.30pm in OCA Pavilion).
To purchase tickets please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BHEWZ>

Saturday, October 23 –

Class of 1991 30 Year Reunion dinner (6pm-10.30pm in OCA Pavilion).
To purchase tickets please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BPGAC>

Sunday, October 24 –

Class of 1981 40 Year Reunion lunch (Noon-4.30pm in OCA Pavilion).
To purchase tickets please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPGAJ>

Saturday, November 20 –

Class of 2020 Reunion. Details to come.

Thursday, December 9 –

Class of 2019 BBQ Reunion (6.30pm – 9.30pm in OCA Pavilion).
To purchase tickets please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BHFBO> ❀



- 1: Members of the Class of 1990 gathered for their delayed 30-Year Reunion on April 30, 2021.
- 2: Old Collegians from all over the country travelled to attend the delayed 10-Year Reunion for the Class of 2010.
- 3: Classmates from 2011 had a fabulous night at their 10-Year Reunion in May.
- 4: The delayed Class of 2015 Five-Year Reunion was held at the Lake View Hotel.
- 5: The Golden City Hotel was the setting for the Class of 2016 Five-Year Reunion.

Obituaries

► **Anthony Michael Hall (SPC 1975-80)** died on May 20, 2021 at St John of God Hospital in Ballarat. Anthony was the dearly loved husband of Josie (dec), and loved and loving father and friend of Lucy, Joseph (SPC 2005-10) and Jamie, and loved partner of Carolyn.

► **William (Bill) Rinaldi (SPC 1958-60)** died on April 29, 2021, aged 75. Bill received an Order of Australia Medal this year with his wife Marie for their tireless work supporting Riding for the Disabled Association, which spanned more than four decades. Bill, who lived at Warrenheip for his entire life, supplied horses for the RDA program and was keen to continue volunteering until the end.

► **Isaac Roberts (SPC 2013-18)** (pictured) was killed in a car accident at Amphitheatre early on April 24, 2021. It was a single car accident and Isaac was the only person in the vehicle. We ask you to keep Isaac, his wife Nicez, his parents and brothers Alex (SPC 2008-11) and Macarthur (SPC 2014-17, PY2019) in your thoughts and prayers at this incredibly sad time.



► **Daryl Peter Smeaton (SPC 1962-67)** died peacefully on April 13, 2021 in Canberra with his wife Laurine of almost 50 years and two children, Erin and Luke by his side. Daryl was remembered as an exemplary Ministerial Chief of Staff and servant of the Australian public. Daryl joined the Public Service and was quickly promoted to higher levels within various Departments. He was initially Departmental Liaison Officer to the Attorney-General and from 1973 to 1975 he provided Ministerial Services to the Special Minister of State. In November 1975, his office was in Old Parliament House and he was one of the many who congregated to hear Gough Whitlam's famous speech.

Between 1987 and 1994 he worked as Senior Private Secretary and Chief of Staff to two Ministers for Justice. A highlight of Daryl's career was, following Port Arthur, he co-authored the writing of the Gun Control Legislation and was instrumental in the introduction of this Legislation by the Howard Government in 1996.

After leaving Government employment, Daryl worked in private industry. Daryl died as a result of dementia, aged 71 years. Thank you also to Daryl's good friend John Moroney (SPC 1962-67) for his help in preparing this tribute.

► **Anthony (Tony) Ronald McDonald (SPC 1955, PY1958)** died on April 5, just shy of his 80th birthday. Tony was a boarder from Waubra. We extend our sympathies to Tony's wife Margaret and their four sons who attended SPC, including Alex (SPC 2011-16), Anthony (jnr) (SPC 1988-89), James (SPC 1989-94) and Phil (SPC 1995-96), Mary-Anne and their families, including 17 grandchildren.

► **Bryan Gordon Mair (SPC 1946-48, PY1951)** died on November 21, 2020 in Warrnambool. Bryan is the cousin of fellow Old Collegian David Tydeman (SPC 1952-60), who has very kindly assisted with this tribute. Bryan was very proud of his time at St Pat's as a boarder. His early life was in Melbourne, but because of the difficult times of the depression, his parents moved back to be closer to his mother's family in Edenhope. Both his parents died tragically within a month of each other in 1947. Bryan worked many years in telecommunications and with his wife Jill raised seven children. He was very closely involved with establishing Our Lady help of Christians Church in Warrnambool.

► **Isaac Lund (SPC 2010-13, PY2015)** (pictured) was killed in a car accident in Margaret River, Western Australia on March 11, 2021. It was a single car accident and Isaac was the only person in the vehicle. Isaac attended St Patrick's College from Year 7 to Year 10 before leaving in 2013 to pursue an apprenticeship. Isaac had been working in Western Australia for the past two years on gold mines, firstly in Kalgoorlie and then in Perth. He had been working across the bore fields maintaining generators and pumping stations.

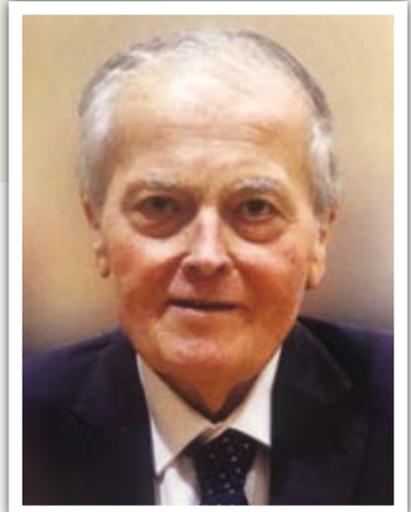


► **Michael Callanan (SPC 1965-70, PY1971)** died on April 8, 2017.

► We have learnt that Old Collegian **Denis Hancock (SPC 1966-71)** has also died.

► **Gerald Power (SPC 1962, PY1963)** died on February 12, 2021, aged 76 years. Gerry was a boarder from Red Cliffs and only attended SPC for one year. He lived in Kenny House but made many friends and was a rower and played in the SPC First XVIII Football team. After leaving St Pat's, Gerry went to America to become a chiropractor. Gerry returned home and set up a successful chiropractic practice in Mildura for many years until retiring, with his successful business now operated by his son Benjamin. Gerry and his wife Catherine have six children, Virginia, Benjamin (SPC 1988-90, PY1991), Marcus (SPC 1992, PY1994), Samuel, Sarah and Anna.

► Former staff member **Br Denis Moore** (pictured) died on February 19, 2021, surrounded by his family, aged 71 years. Br Denis was well known amongst EREA schools and contributed significantly to the mission of the Church as the long-standing Principal of Parade College - and last remaining Christian Brother Principal in Victoria. He was also for a time, Deputy Headmaster of St Patrick's in the late 1980s and early 90s, as well as deputy at three other Christian Brothers schools, St Kevin's, Toorak, St Virgil's Hobart and CBC St Kilda. Br Moore celebrated 50 years as a Christian Brother in 2018, celebrating at the same time, the honour of being the longest serving principal of Parade College. Br Denis came to SPC in 1986 as Deputy Headmaster and brought to that position a wealth of experience as a teacher, particularly in Senior English and other languages, an awesome efficiency as an organiser and a seemingly inexhaustible capacity for work. Br Denis relieved Brother Aron, who was then both Superior and Residential Master. Later, in 1988, Br Denis also took over the role as Residential Master at SPC.



- ▶ Former teacher **Anne G. Scott** died suddenly in early January, 2021. Anne arrived at SPC from Santa Maria College, Northcote in 1978 and taught mainly senior classes in various subjects including chemistry, physics, mathematics, biology, politics, science and tennis during her time at SPC. Anne left SPC in 1988 and transferred to Sacred Heart College, in Oakleigh.
- ▶ **Brendan Watt (SPC 1979-81, PY1982)** died suddenly on December 15, 2020, aged 56 years, leaving behind his wife Melanie and sons Samuel and Joshua. Brendan was a boarder at SPC with his older brothers Chris (SPC 1976-77, PY1979) and Gary (SPC 1977-79, PY1980) from Gringegalgona, near Balmoral in western Victoria, along with his cousin Leon Watt (SPC 1982-85).
- ▶ We were notified only recently that **Noel Morganti (SPC 1950-55)** died on October 17, 2017, aged 80 years in the UK. Noel was the devoted father of Anthony, Richard and Lizette and was a retired dentist. Noel was a boarder from North Fitzroy.
- ▶ We were notified that former boarder **Geoffrey Guilfoyle (SPC 1945-48)** died on March 27, 2017, aged 96 years. Geoffrey was a boarder at SPC from Koondrook, north east of Kerang.
- ▶ We were notified that former boarder **Vincent Pike (SPC 1950, PY1952)** has died.
- ▶ **Herbert (Bert) Elton Hassall (SPC 1938-42)** died on September 10, 2020, in Mildura, aged 95 years, surrounded by his family. Herbert, or Bert as he was known to his schoolmates and Herb, in later life, was the loving husband of 56 years to Joan, their four children and two grandchildren. He was a boarder from Mildura.
- ▶ **Fr Frank Ferrie (SPC 1948, PY1949)** died on November 9, 2020 after spending his life dedicated to others as a Columban Missionary in Korea for over half a century. A Requiem Mass was held at Columban House, in Jeju City, Korea where Fr Frank called home. Fr Frank recalled experiencing the call to become a priest and particularly, a Columban Missionary, during his secondary school years after listening to his parish priest talk about his own stories of life in Korea. Fr Francis was ordained in 1955 and sailed to Korea the following year to become a missionary, introducing the YCW movement, to the Korean communities. During the 1980s, Fr Frank spent some time back in Australia as Bursar to the Columban seminary in North Turrumurra and as Chaplain to the Korean catholic community in Sydney. He returned to Korea in 1985 to a hill-top ministry in a very poor shanty area in Seoul before being reappointed to regular parish work on the island of Jeju, off the south coast of Korea.

- ▶ **Maxwell (Max) Brandenburg (SPC 1944-47)** (pictured) died on January 7, 2021 and is survived by his loving wife Maureen of 65 years, and children Anthony (Tony) (SPC 1969-74), Michael (SPC 1974-79), Jane and families. Max, aged 90, was grandfather to nine, including Old Collegians Tyler Brandenburg (SPC 2006-11), Eden Brandenburg (SPC 2010-15), Will Clark (SPC 2010-15), Tom Clark (SPC 2013-18) and James Clark (Year 11), a great grandfather to four and father-in-law to Howard Clark (current staff). A celebration of Max's life was held in the chapel at St Patrick's College, where Max spent his school years and where, in later life, he proudly walked his grandchildren around the corridors of St Pat's. Max was remembered in tributes by his former work colleagues at Massey Ferguson, where he worked for most of his life, and Mt Xavier Bowls Committee, where he was a founding member of the club and won many awards over the years.



- ▶ Former boarder **Michael (Mick) Maher (SPC 1961-68)** died on January 5, 2021, following a battle with cancer. Michael attended SPC along with his two older brothers Xavier (SPC 1961-67) and Damien (SPC 1960-62, PY1964,) and younger brother Francis (Sonny) (SPC 1964-72).
- ▶ **John Sharry (SPC 1944-46, PY1948)** died on November 17, 2020, in Ballarat, aged 89 years. Tributes from family and friends said they would miss John's sense of humour and kind and caring nature and he was described as a "truly compassionate and generous gentleman". John was a boarder at SPC from Horsham. He attended in the 1940s and was later followed by his son Michael (SPC 1984-85).

- ▶ **Edward (Ted) Bryan McGrath (SPC 1941-43, PY1946)** died on May 17, 2021 aged 93 years.

Edward, affectionately known as Ted, was the devoted husband of Beverley for 62 years and much-loved father and father-in-law of Kery and Grant, John and Anne, Lucinda and Simon and a cherished grandfather to seven. A Funeral Mass was offered at St Bede's Catholic Church in Balwyn North on May 21. In tributes, family members remembered Ted's "entertaining stories".

Ted was a day student at SPC and completed his intermediate studies.

Ted's long career as an accountant included diverse roles in senior business management and taxation consultancy. He was a generous man and an active committee member for the St Joseph's old boys and Nazareth associations for many years. Rest in peace.

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Perhaps you would love to assist one or all of these programs but are not in a financial position to do so. There are others ways in which you can help.

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