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Cover: With COVID-19 restrictions again in place, it's been another challenging year. Our beautiful St Patrick's College grounds and buildings, some sunshine and a blue sky always make us feel better about our world.

This page: Teacher, Mr John Davey, providing guidance during a Woodwork class.

(Photos – Jeremy Bannister)



Principal's Column

► Mr Steven O'Connor | Principal

I write this column with a sense of enormous pride and gratitude that we have got through an extraordinary 2021 school year.

No-one could have anticipated the year that we have experienced in 2021. I am very proud of our young men, particularly our Year 12 students, who could have chosen to pack it in amidst the unpredictability but instead, showed great composure, determination and good humour to complete their final year of their studies. In addition to this, I am very grateful for the professionalism of staff who had to switch between face-to-face and remote learning modes on several occasions during the year. It was not easy on anyone's account, but we made it and we did so as well as could be expected.

We recently farewelled our Year 12 students at a Valedictory Cocktail Party at RACV Goldfields. The venue and format was new but was a wonderful success. At the Valedictory, I delivered the following speech to acknowledge and celebrate the young men of Year 12:

Can I begin by offering a very warm welcoming to everyone here tonight: parents, carers, staff, those helping us out tonight and, most importantly, our Graduating Class of 2021. In offering this welcome, as always, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Dja Daj Wurrung people, and we pay our respects to elders; past, present and emerging. May we continue to walk on this land gently and respectfully as Australia's First Peoples have done for over 40,000 years.

Welcome to the Valedictory celebration for the young men of the class of 2021 from St Patrick's College. Delivering this speech tonight is one of the most enjoyable aspects of my role as Principal of the College. With the to-ing and fro-ing of 2021, we are so pleased to be able to get together tonight – without masks – to celebrate this milestone!

As my first Year 12 class as Principal of St Patrick's, gentlemen, I will always remember lots about you as the years go by. I thank you for the warm and friendly welcome you afforded me from the first day of Term 1. Your enthusiasm, energy, resilience, connection and sense of humour will be characteristics with which I will remember you as a group fondly and for a long time.

As someone new to the College, I have encountered some great things and some peculiar things. One of the peculiar practices comes in the form of the College email system...staff emails appear as one would expect – Christian name first and then surname; so, when I receive an email from Mr Ryan, for example, I receive it as expected, from Peter Ryan. BUT student emails are in reverse...surname first and Christian name last...but no-one bothered to tell me about this.

So, when I received a very polite email about Spit Crew T-shirts and Head of the Lake from a Year 12 boy in February, I replied by beginning 'Dear Loader'...rather than 'Dear Flynn'. I thought that Loader was a really unique first name and mentioned something to a colleague who pointed out my error. I then followed up with a good conversation about the Head of the Lake with Loader...sorry - Flynn!

All the best Flynn – thanks for your energy and spirit in 2021!

I am conscious that the Year 12 classes in schools in 2021 have had a really challenging time during the course of the last two years. An extended lockdown and period of remote learning during Year 11 in 2020 and several lockdowns during 2021. The impact of this led to you missing out on a number of Year 12 events and milestones and caused many to almost run out of puff along the way. But I have to say that I am very proud of you, particularly with the determination, focus and good humour that many of you showed along the way, especially in Term 4 when we were able to have you all back on site! When you are much older and you are talking to your grandchildren about the COVID pandemic – and how you navigated your way through your VCE during it – they probably won't believe you! But tell the story anyway...it deserves to be told!

As custodians of St Patrick's College, you have done a fine job! We all share this responsibility and I know that your contributions to this great place are very worthy and that the place is the better for it.

Brother Bill Wilding, former Headmaster of St Patrick's College once said:

'...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 history 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 Medallists and the countless AFL players and other sportsmen.

The class of 2021 will add to this story – as graduates from St Patrick's and in the fine tradition of the many who have gone before them. Amongst us tonight, we have a number of very fine scholars, those who have risen to the challenge, and are set for some very pleasing results. We have some outstanding musicians...I loved their contribution to our the last Year 12 RE class on your last day and on other occasions, we have rowers as National Champions, State and National athletes and three footballers picked in the draft just this week; we had strong and courageous student leaders who took a stand on consent and respectful relationships and we have a number of students who will enjoy great success in their chosen trades and small businesses in the years ahead. Before us tonight, we have, as Br Bill said, young men who will be known as 'fine Christian men, husbands and partners, fathers, citizens, pillars of and contributors to their communities'!

Gentlemen, the staff of St Patrick's are very proud of and pleased for you. I thank all the staff who have worked with and for you since your arrival at St Pat's...it is a combined effort and those who worked with you in Year 7 or 9 or 10, have reason for celebration on this occasion. I do single out your Year 12 Coordinators – Mr Chamings and Mr Murphy, Mr Biggin – the VCE Coordinator, Mr McCrum as the Director of Senior School, Mr Silcock as Director of Boarding, Mrs Ryan as Deputy Principal and other members of the Leadership Team, and your Pastoral Care and subject teachers for guiding you through Year 12 this year! Please join with me in thanking your teachers!

I also thank your parents for their unconditional love, patience and support of you! Your parents are the most significant influence on who you are – we all know that – and I know that they will be very proud of you tonight! In fact, they might be so relieved and proud of you right now, tonight might be a good time to ask them for some money! But seriously, please take some time tonight or in the next few days to thank your parents for the opportunities they have provided you in a St Patrick's education and for their love and support.

Parents are naturally aspirational for their children – they want the very best for them. As Principal of St Pat's, I too have similar hopes and dreams. Of course, I want you to be successful in your studies, careers, in your relationships, sport, and in your cultural interests but more than all of these, I absolutely want you to be good people who live their lives with a wisdom which comes from a moral compass borne of the Gospel values, with kindness, respect, gratitude, an appreciation of community, courage and compassion. I see this all around me tonight.

Congratulations gentlemen; well done on reaching this milestone. Stay well, good luck with your journeys beyond St Patrick's. We hope that you will keep in touch with us and we look forward to seeing you at various events at the College in the years ahead.

Thankyou ladies and gentlemen; I hope you enjoy tonight's celebration! ❀



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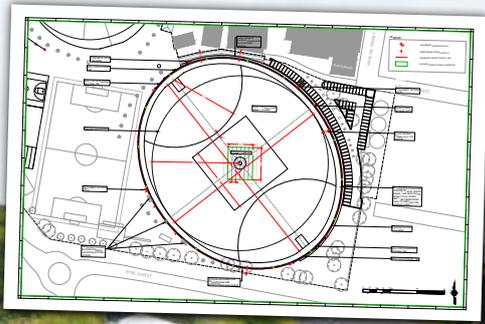


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← 1&2: Principal, Mr Steven O'Connor addresses the Year 12 Valedictory celebration
 ↑ 3, 4, 5, 6: Our Class of 2021 enjoying the Valedictory celebrations.
 PHOTOS: Travis Britt, Create Infinity.



Main Oval Redevelopment

If you have driven down Eyre Street of late you could be forgiven for mistaking the surface of our Main Oval for resembling that of a local quarry.

Fear not. Work is now well underway on the planned reconfiguration, reorientation and resurfacing of the Main Oval. In past weeks, thousands of cubic metres of soil have been transported by dozens of trucks that will see the 171 x 146 metres full size oval retained with dimensions similar to that of the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

New advancements in turf and drainage technology will ensure an unparalleled playing surface for future generations of talented footballers, cricketers, athletes and physical education students.

One of the wonderful features of the project will be a beautiful white picket fence that will adorn the circumference of the Oval with each picket personally engraved.

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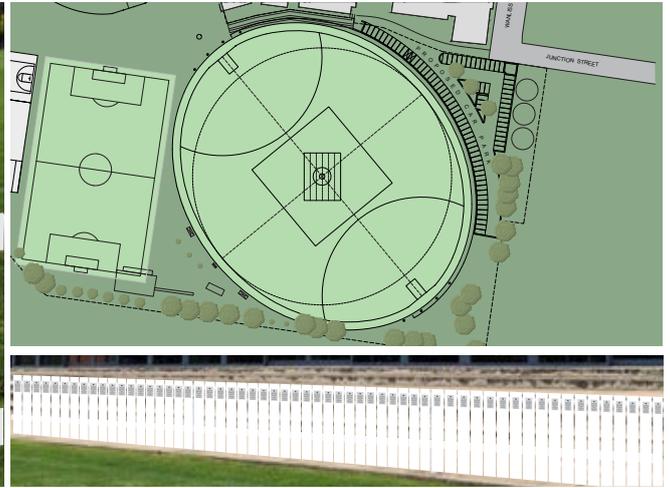
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We also plan to encircle the Main Oval with a new white picket fence, with each picket being personally engraved.

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.

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New Deputy Principal - Richard McCullagh



Q. Tell us about your background in education?

I have experienced a variety of educational settings and governance; the charisms of Edmund Rice, Marcellin Champagnat and Franciscan missionaries; two Catholic Regional Colleges under MACS; the Northern Territory Government system; the Institute of Koorie Education at Deakin University; and secondary schools in Japan and Uganda. However, the characteristic spirit and values that identify the Edmund Rice tradition have had the most impact on my career and resonated strongly with me. I've had many family members attend and teach in EREA schools. I attended St Patrick's as a student and taught at St Joseph's College Geelong for 18 years.

Q. What stood out about St Patrick's College and why were you attracted to the role?

I can clearly recall walking through the front gate in 1980 for the first time. The gardens, lawn and grand Brothers' residence and chapel left an impression on me and I realised immediately that I was entering a special place. My personal experience at St Patrick's was very positive. I connected with the Edmund Rice charism and I was influenced and mentored by some great teachers, and fortunate to make a few lifelong friends. But I know that this was not the experience of everyone in my cohort and many past students remain disenfranchised.

This role provides the opportunity to have an impact on the College community and contribute to and shape a contemporary education for boys that is focussed on the dignity of the individual, compassion, empathy, culture, and promotes pride in self. I am looking forward to reconnecting with the Ballarat community.

Q. You have significant experience working in an all boys' school, what do you see as some of the most important elements of creating a positive learning environment for boys?

All young people need to feel safe and valued while having a sense of belonging. They thrive when boundaries are clear and consistently applied in an environment that nurtures and emphasises positive relationships. Diversity should be celebrated and encouraged so that every student is able to feel a sense of connectedness. It is important that the College creates opportunities for community to come together and participation at all major events, including faith development days, religious celebrations, sports carnivals, cultural events and social awareness programs is a non-negotiable expectation.

The curriculum at St Patrick's College should be innovative and reflective of current pedagogical models and research, appropriate to a Catholic context and aligned with child safety standards. The College must provide a broad curriculum and appropriate pathways for students of all abilities and interests, with a clear focus that drives and celebrates achievement and excellence.

Q. What will be your priorities when you arrive here in 2022?

I believe strongly in the importance of school culture, which is a clear indicator of our characteristic identity. I will encourage staff and students to reflect on, explore and articulate responses to questions such as: 'Who are we? What do we stand for? What do our traditions and rituals reveal about us? How are we perceived and is our reputation a valid reflection of our actions?' As Deputy Principal I would ask, "Are we who we say we are?"

To compete academically and prepare students for the challenges ahead, it will be necessary to constantly review and longitudinally track student performance and social and emotional outcomes. I would expect the St Patrick's community to be supportive, with shared expectations around learning, conduct, behaviour and uniform. A high level of participation of parents/carers in school operations, events and fundraising is also required and I will welcome opportunities to work closely with the parents and carers, Alumni groups and other key stakeholders.

Q. In what is an increasingly secular society, what so you see as the role of a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition?

I was raised and educated in a traditional Catholic setting and I understand the importance of belonging to a faith-based community. The College must create opportunities to bring to life the mission of the church and live the story of Jesus, particularly through prayer and liturgy, assemblies, meetings, and College activities. Modelling authentic spirituality and valuing faith-life should be central to decision making and explicit in messages to staff and students of an EREA school.

An education that is faithful to the four touchstones of the EREA Charter includes a responsibility to equip our students to be initiators of change where there is inequality, and to take action to bring about a more equal distribution of power and resources. Central to this is the mandate for St Patrick's College, as an educator of boys and young men, to be a lead voice for gender equity and respect for girls and women.

Q. After school, or on weekends, what activities do you like to engage in to relax?

Firepit Fridays, dawn coffee with a group of friends, musical theatre and festivals, dabbling in languages, netflixing, pulp fiction, dog beaches and road trips make up for most of my downtime.

Q. What message would you like to convey to our students, our staff and our parents about what they should expect when you commence at SPC in 2022?

The Deputy Principalship at St Patrick's College carries with it a considerable responsibility to demonstrate strong, courageous leadership within the College and broader community. St Patrick's students come from diverse backgrounds and have varied learning, pastoral, social and emotional abilities, needs and challenges and I will continue to respond professionally and compassionately to students, staff and parents. Recognition of the College's history of sexual abuse and subsequent apology to victims and survivors has demonstrated compassion and a willingness to walk with them and their families. As Deputy Principal I would continue to advocate for those who are suffering, while emphasizing a culture of inclusiveness evidenced in enrolments, the curriculum, and pastoral care programs, particularly for those who are most vulnerable and marginalised in the community.

We are judged by our actions and therefore, to teach or to learn in our College is a function of a much broader mission: that is, the formation of the whole person - spiritually, consciously, emotionally, physically and socially, in order to 'equip our young people with the knowledge, skills, hope and optimism to live meaningful lives and shape and enrich the world around them'. ✿

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Four Assistant Principals for 2022 announced

St Patrick's College is please to announce the appointment of our four Assistant Principals for 2022.

The College engaged the services of Hutton Consulting to assist with the process and was delighted by the high quality of the applications received from both inside and outside our school community.

In announcing the appointments, Principal Steven O'Connor said, "We are very excited by the outcome, and we look forward to working with the successful candidates in 2022".

The four appointments are:

Assistant Principal – Mission & Identity:

Mr Geoff Brodie

Geoff is well known to the St Patrick's community where he has done an outstanding job as our Director of Mission. Geoff also has experience as SPC's Head of Humanities. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Graduate Diploma of Education and Master of Arts (Theological Studies), a Master of Philosophy and he is currently undertaking his Doctorate in Philosophy.



Assistant Principal – Learning Innovation:

Ms Carol Roberts

Carol joins us from Ballarat & Clarendon College and is an experienced leader and boys' educator. With over 20 years' experience as a teacher, Carol has a demonstrated deep knowledge and commitment to education and more recently has held the roles of Head of Music at Ballarat Clarendon College and at St Paul's College in Adelaide.

Carol holds both a Bachelor of Teaching (Honours) and a Bachelor of Music whilst having undertaken further study to complete a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and is a qualified VET trainer and assessor.



Assistant Principal – Pastoral Care & Wellbeing:

Mr Kevin Robillard

After twelve years at Loreto College, Kevin's experience includes leadership positions as Director of Student Wellbeing and previous roles as Year Level Coordinator, Head of House and Positive Education Learning Leader. Kevin has completed a Master of Education in Student Wellbeing and is currently undertaking a Master of Educational Leadership (Catholic Educational Leadership) at Australian Catholic University.



Assistant Principal – Staff & Culture:

Mr Tom Ferguson

Like Geoff Brodie, Tom needs no introduction to the St Patrick's community. Tom is our current Director of Administration with responsibility for school timetabling, managing staffing requirements, subject selection, calendar planning and much more. Tom is undertaking a Master of Educational Leadership and has completed a Graduate Diploma of Technology Education and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment amongst other qualifications.



With the announcement of these four key appointments, St Patrick's looks forward to 2022 with great confidence in the knowledge our college employs staff and leaders of the highest quality. 🍀



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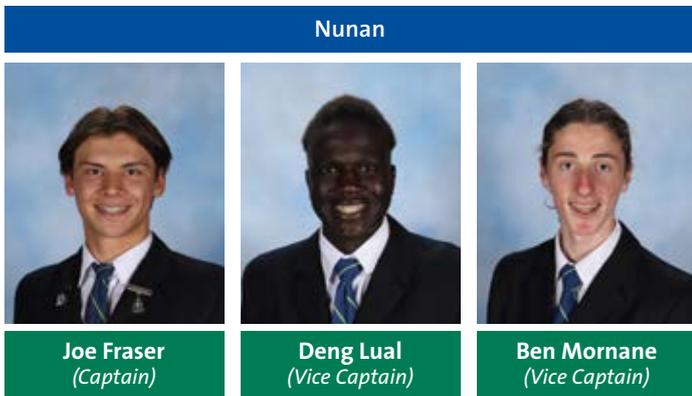
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2022 College Leaders

Following an extensive selection process which involved written applications, interviews, feedback from staff and a student vote, the College Principal Steven O'Connor is pleased to announce the following Student Leadership positions for 2022. 🍀



House Captains and Vice Captains



Boarding Captains



College Captain Leave Taking Speech

► Darcy Williams | Outgoing College Captain

Now boys, can I get a HOORAH? I hope that sets the tone for this final speech where I'll go over some of the great memories and times we've had.

But before I begin with Year 7, I was asking a few mates last night about the good times they've had at St Pat's, and nearly always, Year 7 camp was the first one to pop up. The giant swing, that if we went back now might not be so giant. The team building exercises and of course the learning of the war cries from the big Year 12's. Which, by the way is us now, and I truly congratulate everyone on how they've gone about this year, you've been great role models for the younger year levels. But what else? Compulsory music in Year 7. Sorry Ms Wilson, but I really didn't want to play the trumpet. Also, could I just get a show of hands of the people who didn't get the instrument they wanted? Surely it wasn't just me.

Oh, and who can forget our fantastic band performance at the awards night. How many attempts did it take for us to get it right? 2 or 3? Even from Year 7 our cohort looked doomed. But I can honestly say it only went up from there.

Well, apart from Year 8 maybe. Let's admit it, most of us were little brats back then and I'm sorry to all the teachers that had to put up with us that year. Especially, and I'm probably only talking to few boys in the audience today, 8I, what a class!!

Year 9. The fun throw away year. We had Melbourne experience which was pretty cool. The Grampians camp, that was pretty good too. The other camp I forgot about which mustn't have been that good and who didn't love Mr Harridge's explanation of THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION!

For Year 10. There was the homeless night and the annual sports day, swimming day and Edmund Rice day. Which, although the participation numbers at these days might have steadily decreased every year, I still think they should be mentioned.

Anyway, moving on to Year 11. The start of COVID. The start of online learning, tiktok and houseparty.

Also, sorry Chamo, I know you only said to go for only 2 or 3 minutes but it's my last speech!!

And just like that, we're in our final year of schooling. On behalf of all the boys, thank you to all the teachers and staff we've had, especially our Year 12 teachers this year that have devoted so much of their time so that we can achieve our best.

But what a year it's been. There's been boat race week, the kitchenet, Chapel court, turning 18, the study centre, drinking and driving, obviously not together. But apart from that, and you've probably already heard it before, it's

the year that everyone comes together and bonds as a cohort. As a brotherhood. And I'd hope that in few years' time, when you're walking down the street or at the shops or wherever it may be, if you see anyone in this room today or even anyone that might've

left us the past few years, that you at least say hello. You might even have a chat and talk about the memories from St Pat's. Because although the events that happened this year and in previous years don't feel like brilliant memories yet, I'm sure in a few years' time we'll all come to cherish the times at St Pat's with our friends.

Friendships, that will stand the testament of time. Not only have we been able to lean on each other and get through the past few years, but for the oncoming years just know that we're all here for each other.

So boys, I'll leave you with a quote from a wise man, "life is like a golf shot, if you swing too hard, you'll veer into the trees and make a double bogey, however, if you swing slow you'll probably still get a double bogey." So good luck with the future boys. May you hit the fairways and achieve your goals. Ecka dora. 🍀



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2021 College Awards

Principal's Award for Leadership:

Darcy Williams

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

Howard Award for Excellence:

Jack Sheehan

First presented in 1955, this award is the gift of the Howard Family in gratitude for all that St Patrick's College did for their 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:

Daniel Lalor

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:

Rorey O'Kelly

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:

Zachary Kilburn

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:

Patrick Clarke-Thomas

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 Leadership and Teamwork Award

Spencer Jenks

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.

ADF Future Innovators Award

Jack McKenny

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Future Innovators Award has been designed to recognise recipients' science and mathematics abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM career opportunities within Defence. Participation in the awards program is open to all Australian schools with students enrolled in Year 10 and/or Year 12. Participation is of course voluntary and at the discretion of individual school principals. The program supports the presentation of up to two awards to successful students each year from participating schools - one from Year 10 and another from Year 12.

Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship:

Hugh Ollerenshaw

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.

University of Melbourne - Nomination for Principals' Scholarship:

Connor Gaffney

The St Patrick's College nomination for the University of Melbourne - Principals' Scholarship is awarded to a student in recognition of their excellent academic achievement and contribution to their school or wider community.

St Vincent de Paul Tertiary Education Sponsorship Award:

Christian Bourke

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.

Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award:

Jack Sheehan

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

Chris Nolan Distinction Award:

Thomas Collins

Lewis Grigg

Daniel Lalor

Alexander Pituch

Darcy Williams

Connor Gaffney

James Harrington

Hugh Ollerenshaw

Jack Sheehan

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.

In Civitatem Award

Xavier Hayter

This award recognises a Boarding student who has selflessly given for the greater good to all living within the Boarding Community. The Boarding student has consistently acted in such a way to improve the Boarding experience of all.

House Awards:

The Br J.B. Galvin Award

The Br E.F. Keniry Award

The Br J.L. Ryan Award

The Br M.P. Nunan Award

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.

Samuel Butler

Padraic Simpson

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Computing

Year 8 Dux

Henry Reinehr
Kristopher Stephens

Student:

Haymish Busscher
William Flanagan
Kayden Williams
Cody Torney
Henry Reinehr
Zavier Nunn
Cooper Glenwright
Kristopher Stephens
Cody Torney
Alexander Clark
Reuben Hackwill
Alexander Clark
Henry Reinehr
Lenny Ward
William Flanagan

Year 8 Dux
Year 8 Proxime Accessit

Dux of Year 8:

Religious Education
Religious Education
English
Mathematics
Science
Humanities
Physical Education
Health
Japanese
Drama
Food Technology
Music
Technology
Art
Computing

Year 9 Dux

Jack Williamson
John Hansen
Jiyuan Yang

Student:

Benjamin Nixon
Brodie Graham
Jiyuan Yang
Jack Williamson
Timothy Buckland
Cody Salmon
Rex van Berkel
Lachlan Pritchard
Joshua Gray
Charles Richardson
Nicholas Kan

Noah Quick
James Martin
Noah Quick
Sam Duggan
Noah Quick

Year 9 Dux
Year 9 Proxime Assessit
Middle School Award for
All-round Excellence

Dux of Year 9:

Religious Education
English
Mathematics
Science
Humanities
Physical Education
Health
Visual Communication Design
Computing
Media
Vet - Applied Language Japanese
Certificate II Year 1
Systems Engineering
Design Technology - Metal
Design Technology - Wood
Food Technology
Year Level Coordinator's Leadership
Award Recognising Outstanding
Initiative and Leadership within the
Year 9 Cohort

Year 10 Dux

Guy Ripley
Campbell Gladman
Damian Irvin

Student:

Tom Bosworth
Jude Bristow

Lachlan Brodie
Max Byvoet

Max Byvoet

Max Byvoet

Year 10 Dux
Year 10 Dux
Year 10 Dux

Dux of Year 10:

Photography - Semester Two
History - Revolutions -
Semester Two
Food Studies - Semester One
Design and Technology (Wood) -
Semester One
Pathways in Trade -
Semester Two
Science and Society -
Semester One

Alec Carthew

Alec Carthew

Alec Carthew
Alec Carthew
Baxter Cheesman
Dion Cokuzovski
Mitchell Collins
Mitchell Collins
Mitchell Collins
Lachlan Cooper
Lachlan Cooper

Rohan Cosgriff

Rohan Cosgriff
Riley Cudby
Noah Cudia

Noah Cudia

Noah Cudia
Eamonn Curran

Eamonn Curran

Alexander Fademi
Campbell Gladman
Campbell Gladman
Campbell Gladman
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Campbell Gladman

James Halsall
Joshua Huxtable
Damian Irvin
Callum Jungbauer
Matthew Michalik
Matthew Michalik

Luke Mihaljevic

Elijah Niehus

Edward O'Brien

Edward O'Brien

Luke Ozols

Taine Powell

Ryley Quick
Guy Ripley
Guy Ripley

Guy Ripley
Lochlan Rowe

Alfred Sabu

Bosworth Tom
Oscar Watkins

Oscar Watkins
Finn Watson
Finn Watson
Finn Watson

Sean Weigall

Year 11 Dux

Benjamin Mornane
Toby Clack

Student:

Soren Andrews

Tom Bosworth
Jed Brennan

Will Burzacott
Will Burzacott

Architectural Design -
Semester Two
Computing Innovative Digital
Solutions - Semester Two
Legal and Politics - Semester One
Psychology - Semester Two
Health - Semester One
Philosophy - Semester Two
Legal and Politics - Semester Two
English Literature
Chemistry - Semester One
Health - Semester Two
History - 20th Century -
Semester Two
History - 20th Century -
Semester One
Media - Semester One
Music Performance
Architectural Design -
Semester One
Visual Communication and
Design - Semester One
Media - Semester Two
Computing Programming -
Semester Two
Systems Engineering -
Semester Two
Text and Tradition
Religious Education
Biology - Semester One
Chemistry - Semester Two
English Language -
Semester One
Systems Engineering -
Semester One
Theatre Studies
Pre-General Mathematics
Physics - Semester Two
Psychology - Semester One
Photography - Semester One
Science and Society -
Semester Two
English Language -
Semester Two
Pathways in Hospitality -
Semester Two
Design and Technology (Wood) -
Semester Two
Pathways in Trade -
Semester One
Physical Education -
Semester One
Computing Hardware -
Semester Two
Philosophy - Semester One
Pre-Methods Mathematics
VCE VET Applied Languages:
Japanese Certificate II Year 2
Biology - Semester Two
Computing Hardware -
Semester One
Visual Communication and
Design - Semester Two
Computing - Semester One
English Language -
Semester Two
Physics - Semester One
English
Commerce - Semester One
Physical Education -
Semester One
Food Studies - Semester Two

Max Byvoet

Jesse Cairns

Toby Clack
Toby Clack

Toby Clack

Toby Clack
James Clark

Mitchell Collins

Zenon Czulij

Edward de Salis
Edward de Salis
Edward de Salis

Adam Griffith
Mason Gullick
Mason Gullick

Mason Gullick

Jack Harwood

Damian Irvin

Zachary Kennedy

Benjamin Laursen

Thomas Liston

Benjamin Machin

Luke Mihaljevic
Benjamin Mornane
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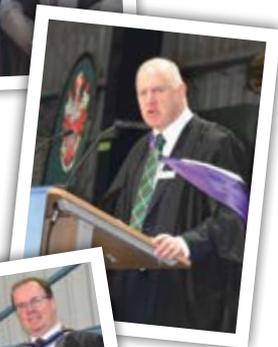
Benjamin Mornane

Alister Nixon
Reggie Palmer

Harley Passalick

Harley Passalick
Patrick Porter
Patrick Porter
Samuel Quinn
Fionn Somers

VCE VET Engineering
Certificate II Year 1
Business Management VCE Unit
1 and 2
Physics VCE Unit 1 and 2
Religion and Society VCE Unit
1 and 2
English Language VCE Unit 1
and 2
Psychology VCE Unit 1 and 2
Health and Human
Development VCE Unit 1 and 2
Environmental Science VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Text and Traditions VCE
Unit 1 and 2
English VCE Unit 1 and 2
Theatre Studies VCE Unit 1 and 2
VET - Sport and Recreation
Certificate III Year 1
Japanese VCE Unit 1 and 2
Accounting VCE Unit 1 and 2
General Mathematics VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Industry and Enterprise VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Religion and Society - Faith in
Action VCE Unit 1 and 2
Specialist Mathematics VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Product Design and Technology
VCE Unit 1 and 2
Music Performance VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Systems Engineering VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Applied Computing VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Biology VCE Unit 1 and 2
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Chemistry VCE Unit 1 and 2
Mathematical Methods VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Physical Education VCE
Unit 1 and 2
English Language VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Biology VCE Unit 1 and 2
VCE VET Building and
Construction Certificate II Year 1
History - 20th Century VCE
Unit 1 and 2
Philosophy VCE Unit 1 and 2
Economics VCE Unit 1 and 2
Legal Studies VCE Unit 1 and 2
VCAL - Intermediate
Food Studies VCE Unit 1 and 2



EREA Charter Leadership Award Nominees

The annual EREA Charter Leadership Awards were launched in Term 3.

These awards were first introduced in 2015 as a way of recognising the outstanding contributions made by men and women in the service of the EREA school communities in support of the vision and mission of EREA.

These awards celebrate the diverse ways in which the Touchstones are brought to life in our schools and recognise the significant leadership role of individuals. Each school nominates someone for each of the Touchstones.

The Leadership Team at St Patrick's College spent a significant amount of time deciding on who would be most suited to the relevant Touchstones.

The following staff members were nominated:

- Glenis Kydd for Inclusive Community
- Jason Napior for Justice and Solidarity
- Sarah Slater for Liberating Education
- Helen Lee for Gospel Spirituality ✚



Mr O'Connor presenting St Patrick's College EREA Charter Leadership nominations to:

- ↑ 1: Glenis Kydd
- 2: Sarah Slater
- 3: Helen Lee
- 4: Jason Napior



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Multi-Purpose Centre

St Patrick's College's new Multi-Purpose Centre is one step closer with the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning in consultation with the City of Ballarat last week awarding a Planning Permit for the project.

The new, state of the art facility has moved to the Tender stage with work expected to commence in first quarter of 2022.

Final detailed plans for the new multi-purpose centre include an 800-seat auditorium with permanent stage, flexible learning spaces, drama rooms, music tutorial rooms and associated storage areas.

The facility will also include the creation of a new amenities area for students and will be built near the north-east corner of St Patrick's College site, fronting Wanliss Street.

St Patrick's College Principal, Mr Steven O'Connor welcomed the development.

"St Patrick's College is thrilled that our planning permit application has been successful and looks forward with great anticipation to the commencement of work on the project next year," Mr O'Connor said.

"The Multi-Purpose building will be an outstanding facility that encapsulates our strong commitment to the music and the performing arts programs at St Patrick's College."

The College appointed renowned Melbourne firm John Wardle Architects to design the building which will aim to host large-scale College events.

The development will include provision for car parking, soft landscaping and covered play spaces for students to protect them from wet and extreme weather.

St Patrick's College Business Manager, Mr Andrew Ballesty said "it will be a landmark project that will involve as much local content in the build as we can manage, while also signalling our long term commitment to provide a wholistic education for the boys of our community."

Sustainability has also been considered in the design with further extensions of the College's solar capability, water saving technology and LED lighting systems.

Pleasingly, one of the lead architects from John Wardle is Old Collegian Luke Jarvis who attended the College from 1993-98 and was most recently one of the lead designers for the award-winning Ballarat GovHub project on the corner of Mair and Armstrong St.

The State Government announced a \$2 million grant for the project in October, 2020. ♣

- ↑ **1:** The new Multi-Purpose Centre will face Wanliss St.
 ↓ **2:** An artist's impression of the new building.



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MENTal Brekky 2022

The rescheduled 2021 MENTal Brekky will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 7am in the St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Pavilion.

The annual MENTal Brekky helps raise money for the Chris Yeung Fund which supports families in our community where the father is suffering mental illness.

The guest speaker at the MENTal Brekky will be Patty Kinnersly CEO of Ourwatch Australia, the national Foundation to prevent violence against women and their children.

Through your support, the breakfast has quickly established itself as a highly successful annual event which has raised thousands of dollars, enabling the Fund to support many current families. Significantly, the event has also provided an important avenue through which we have been able to open conversations around the topic of mental illness, and have been able to increase community awareness and education around some of the issues it presents.

Tickets for the rescheduled MENTal Brekky on Friday, February 18, 2022 are still on sale, for those that have not purchased yet, at \$50 per person.

Tickets are available at the following link www.trybooking.com/BRVZI. ❀



Image: Patty Kinnersly CEO of Ourwatch Australia

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Certare Award for 2022

Year 10 student Finn Watson is this year's recipient of the Certare Award.

The Certare Award is designed to recognise and help foster the qualities of boys who have demonstrated a better than average level of aptitude and dedication in areas likely to further both their own development and a positive College environment.

Finn is a member of the Student Wellbeing and Social Justice groups within St Patrick's College. Finn has demonstrated a capacity for hard work. He has performed in the College Band since Year 7 and competed in the school volleyball team, in junior basketball, football and cricket.

The Certare Award is made possible by an ongoing generous donation from a benefactor with close familial connections to St Patrick's College and is awarded to at least one Year 10 student each year.

"Certare", pronounced ker-TAH-ray, is a Latin verb meaning "to strive" and was chosen by the benefactor to highlight the importance of effort and perseverance in a boy's development.

The purpose of the Certare Award is to acknowledge selected students in a way that "fosters their own development and contributes markedly to furthering a positive College environment".

It is administered by the St Patrick's College Foundation with recipients selected by Principal, Mr Steven O'Connor in consultation with senior staff.

The bursary channels Tennyson's powerful conclusion to "Ulysses": Strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

In determining the recipients, the selection process takes into consideration a student's co-curricular and academic achievements, leadership capabilities, attendance and behavioural records, his commitment to enhancing the College culture and willingness to show respect and care for others.



The Certare Award aligns strongly with the College mission to "raise fine boys to the status of great men".

Similarly, anyone wishing to make a contribution to the SPC Foundation is urged to contact the College's Development Office.

Additional information about other scholarships and bursaries available at St Patrick's College is available at stpats.vic.edu.au 🍀

↑ 1: Certare Award winner, Finn Watson with Ms Julia Petrov and Principal, Mr Steven O'Connor.

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Catholic Education plays a vital role in the education of Ballarat students.

I am pleased that the Victorian Government is supporting St Patrick's College with a \$2 million grant to build the new multipurpose centre.

This new facility will enable students to explore their dreams, discover what is possible and be their best.



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St Patrick's College Performing Arts Leaders for 2022

Debating & Public Speaking Leaders		Drama Leaders	
			
Patrick Porter <i>(Debating Captain)</i>	Xavier Orriss <i>(Public Speaking Captain)</i>	Joel Ballesty <i>(Captain)</i>	Lochie Kelly <i>(Vice Captain)</i>
Music Leaders			
			
Oscar Eldridge <i>(Music Captain)</i>	Benji Laursen <i>(Vice Captain)</i>	Zenon Czulij <i>(Vice Captain)</i>	Harry Chapman <i>(Year 7 Mentor Representative)</i>

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St Pats Re-Joins ACC After 70 Years

After a 70-year absence, St Patrick’s College will re-join the Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) inter-school competition in 2022.

St Patrick’s College Ballarat won the first ever Catholic Colleges Athletics Carnival in 1911.

We join De La Salle, Emmanuel College, Mazenod College, Parade College, Salesian College, Simonds Catholic College, St Bede’s College, St Bernards College, St Joseph’s Ferntree Gully, St Joseph’s Geelong, St Mary’s and Whitefriars College who are existing members of the ACC.

The invitation to join such an outstanding organisation comprised of very similar schools from throughout Melbourne and Geelong will present our students with enormous new opportunities in sport, co-curricular and leadership endeavours.

From 2022, our students will have the opportunity to participate in ACC championship events in the sports of athletics, swimming and cross country, as well as in cultural competitions in music, the arts and debating, while also being invited to join leadership activities with other schools.

Principal, Mr Steven O’Connor is excited about this opportunity and cannot wait to see the boys representing the Green, White and Blue on the larger ACC stage.

“While it was our hope that we may have been invited to also join the ACC for other weekly sporting competitions in football, soccer, basketball, cricket etc, we believe this opportunity to join on a limited basis represents an important first step towards a longer-term goal.”

Importantly, it must be stated, this decision to join the ACC in no way diminishes our commitment to our continued support of the Ballarat Associated Schools Sports competition. Rather, the opportunities presented by the ACC are additional to those which we will continue to support at a local level,” Mr O’Connor said.

“In effect, our boys will have the best of both worlds. They will still have the opportunity to test their skills against their friends and rivals from Ballarat schools, while also being able to compete against boys from throughout the state.”

The Australian Catholics Colleges Carnival Commenced secondary schools held their sports’ meeting on the East Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday, November 3, 1911. Six schools competed, Christian Brothers’ Colleges of East Melbourne, St. Kilda, North Melbourne, South Melbourne, with Assumption College Kilmore, and St. Patrick’s College, Ballarat.

“At 2.30 p.m., the hour fixed for the first event, a goodly crowd had assembled, and as the afternoon wore on the stands and enclosure were filled with gay and keenly interested spectators. St. Augustine’s Band, just returned from Ballarat “with its laurels fresh upon it,” contributed much to the pleasure of the afternoon and the success of the meeting,” reported The College Annual.

St Patrick’s would go on to win the ACC School Athletics Carnival for the second time in 1932 and again in 1933, 1934, 1941, 1943 and 1948.

Recently, our 2022 College Captain James Clark, and Vice Captains Isaac Hucker and Zenon Czulij attended the annual Leadership Launch at St.Joseph’s College Geelong.

Around 70 guests celebrated Eucharist, shared a meal and listened to each of the 2022 College Captains talk about their respective schools.

Each of the 2022 Captains was asked to provide a brief two minute insight into the unique aspects of their school, as well as discussing their school heritage, community engagement and overall contribution to the ACC. Each of the speakers represented their school superbly, proudly espousing the many great aspects that makes their school such an important part of their lives. ♣



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↑ **1:** 2022 College Captain, James Clark addresses the ACC Leadership Launch held in November alongside Vice-Captain, Isaac Hucker.
↑ **2, 3, 4 & 6:** St Patrick's College involvement in the ACC includes competing in swimming, athletics, music and golf.
↑ **5:** St Pat's College 2022 College Captains with the Captains of the 13 other schools in the ACC.



Football Report

St Patrick's wins BAS Grand Final

BAS Grand Final v Ballarat Grammar, June 16
SPC 13. 8 (86) d BG 6. 7 (43)

Goal Kickers: Isaac Hucker 4, James Van Es, Paddy Simpson, Kai Lohmann, Max Faulkner, Nick Cushing, Josh Gibcus, James Clark, Fletcher McCarty, Spence Jenks 1

Best: Sam Butler, Jack Bambury, Austin Reinehr, Kai Lohmann, Alonzo Solomon.

In heavy conditions for football the SPC 1st XVIII defeated Ballarat Grammar to win the 2021 BAS Grand Final. A big thank you to Sharyn Canny (BAS Executive Officer), the Principal's, Heads of Sport and football staff from both schools for all the work done in the preparation of the match. In a COVID world there is much to organise and tick off. The players from both sides certainly appreciated these efforts, which allowed them to play.

A strong pre-game emphasis on total team orientated football and bringing the necessary amount of effort and thirst for the contest was paramount with the expectant heavy conditions which greeted us at the smallish Ballarat Grammar Oval.

Sam Butler won the toss and kicked with a strong breeze to the southern end. The boys attack on the ball and the man was super, right from the first bounce and we were able to hit the scoreboard, slamming on 5 goals to 1. James Van Es was a big target up forward, kicking one himself and bringing our smalls into the game. Kai Lohmann, Isaac Hucker and Paddy Simpson were beneficiaries of this and all managed to kick early goals. Austin Reinehr led a tight defence by intercepting a number of Grammar attacks, his long kicking being feature.

The 2nd quarter proved to be a match winning one as we kicked 5 goals to 2 into a stiff breeze. Josh Gibcus, Jack Bambury and Sam Butler started to really assert their influence on the contest by winning clearances and bringing their team mates into the game. Isaac Hucker continued to be creative deep inside 50 and always looked threatening. As conditions worsened, all players struggled at times to adapt to the heavy conditions, over handballing did cause a number of turnovers. This was the point of discussion, as we took a 38 point lead into the main break.

The challenge was put to the group to continue to play team orientated football, win the contested footy and kick the ball long. The game became a real slog as both teams threw their bodies into the contest. We managed to kick 2 goals to 1, to extend our lead. Alonzo Solomon attacked the ball at pace and showed a great example to his teammates about how to play wet weather football. Sam Butler continued to lead by example with repeated 2nd efforts and long kicking a feature of his game.

The last quarter saw 2 goals kicked apiece. Fletcher McCarty and Spence Jenks enjoyed an opportunity to play forward by kicking a goal each. The versatility and willingness of all the players to play in any position and rotate has been a real feature of the group. To run out 43 point winners in extremely heavy conditions was testament to the ability and effort of the group. 🍀

Draft Success For SPC Boys!

Three Class of 2021 students were selected in the 2021 AFL Draft.

St Patrick's College congratulates:

Joshua Gibcus on being selected by Richmond FC at pick 9.

Kai Lohmann on being selected at pick 20 by the Brisbane Lions

Sam Butler on his selection at pick 23 to Hawthorn Football Club. 🍀

John James Medal Best and Fairest Award Winners

Junior

SPC Green:	Baxter Horsburgh
SPC Gold:	Cooper Glenwright
SPC White:	Noah Svanosio
SPC Blue:	Paddy Mihaljevic

Intermediate

SPC Blue:	Samuel Lalor
SPC Green:	Brodie Willems

2nd XVIII

SPC Green:	Riley Rees
SPC Blue:	Max Filmer
SPC White:	Ethan McKercher
Year 10 Most Promising Player:	Lachie Charleson

1st XVIII

GWV Rebels SPC Most Valuable Player	Joshua Gibcus
John James Medal – BAS Grand Final	Sam Butler
Br W. T. O'Malley Best and Fairest:	Paddy Simpson



↑ 1: 2021 AFL Draftees with Principal, Mr Steven O'Connor (left to right), Sam Butler (Hawthorn), Joshua Gibcus (Richmond) and Kai Lohmann (Brisbane Lions).

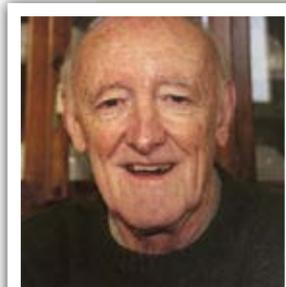
Obituaries

- ▶ We pass on our deepest condolence to the extended family of Old Collegian **Barry James (SPC 1947-48, PY1950)** who passed away on November 17, 2021, aged 89 years, with his family by his side at St John of God Hospital after an 11-year battle with prostate cancer. Barry was an icon of Ballarat business and alongside his Barry James Smash Repairs company, Barry also started Barry James Cranes, was a race horse trainer for 62 years, developed new property estates in Delacombe and in the late 1980s donated the land to build Lumen Christi Primary School. In recent weeks, Barry had also been acknowledged for 75 years of service by the Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce. We send our deepest condolences to Barry's loving wife Lois and their children, Mark (dec), Gavin, Brendan, Anita, Glen, Lisa and Kelly as well as his 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Barry was farewelled at a funeral service held at St Patrick's Cathedral on November 24.

- ▶ We extend our deepest condolences to the extended family of Old Collegian and former College Board chair **Kierce O'Loughlin (SPC 1947-53)**, who passed away on November 7, 2021. Born as Francis Kierce, but better known to all that knew him as Kierce, the former lawyer was fondly remembered on his passing as a "true gentleman and trusted colleague".



A Mass of Thanksgiving was held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat on November 15.

On completing his matriculation at SPC, Kierce received a Commonwealth scholarship and went on to become a well-known and well-respected lawyer.

Kierce and his wife Rosemary (dec) welcomed five children, Fiona, Therese, Stephen (SPC 1978-81), Catherine and Alison.

Kierce was a generous donor to St Patrick's College Foundation and a committee member on the College Board from 1991 through to 1997. During this time, he acted as the chair between 1996-97, deputy chairman between 1993-95 and was on numerous sub committees including the executive and policy committee.

- ▶ We are saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Old Collegian **John Szewczuk (SPC 1969-71)** on November 4, 2021.

John, affectionately known as "Wossel", was enjoying retirement with his family in Robinvale after operating a table grape business up until about 12 months ago.

John leaves behind his wife Karen, son Matt, two daughters Bec and Brooke and grandchildren and we extend our deepest condolences to them.

John was a boarder at SPC from Robinvale and played in the First XVIII Football team in both 1971 and 1970 and SPC Seconds side in 1969. John was also a solid contributor in the First XI Cricket Team, playing in both the 1971 and 1970 teams, vice captain of the 1971 side and making the BPS Representative Team in 1970. He was an award winner in 1971 and also won the First XI Fielding Award in 1970.

- ▶ We send our deepest condolences to the family of Old Collegian **Cavan Joseph Bolger (SPC 1945-52)** who passed away on October 31, 2021 in Melbourne, aged 89 years. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Hawthorn on November 5.

Cavan was the only child of Patrick and Catherine Bolger and was the dearly loved husband of Eleanor and father of Anna, Liam, Edwina, Piers and Michaela and their extended families, including seven grandchildren.

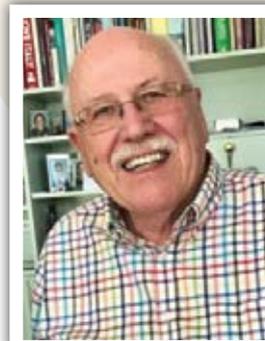
Cavan was a boarder at SPC from Horsham. He repeated matriculation after 12 months absence owing to illness. In his final year, he was elected Prefect and was a Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality and Vice-President of the St Vincent de Paul Society and won a Commonwealth Scholarship. He was also the Treasurer of the Holy Name Society and member of the SPC Altar Society. The 1952 College Annual details that in 1950, prior to an accident and illness, which meant he was no longer able to take part in sport, Cavan also played in the Second IV and rowed in the Fourth Crew. It is understood, that on completing his matric in 1952, Cavan went to university and went into law.

- ▶ **Noel William Loughnan (SPC 1943-47, PY1948)** sadly passed away on August 25, 2021. We extend our deepest sympathy to Noel's family and friends. He was a father and grandfather. Noel resided in Nathalia and his funeral service was held in Numurkah on September 1. Noel was a boarder from Tocumwal and a talented footballer. He was a member of the 1947 First XVIII Football team.

- ▶ We are saddened to learn of the passing of **Br Brian Brandon cfc** on September 24, 2021 aged 83 years. Br Brian was well known to St Patrick's College and served as a member of the College Board, representing the Christian Brothers, in 2003.



- ▶ We celebrate the life of Old Collegian **Leslie (Les) Patrick Dickinson (SPC 1955-58)** who sadly passed away peacefully at home on September 18, 2021 after succumbing to brain cancer, aged 79 years. We extend our deepest condolences to Trudie, his wife for 54 years, and six children and extended family including Les (SPC 1980-83, PY1985) and Larissa, Eugene (SPC 1982-85, PY1987) and Melissa, Louisa and Ross, Juliana and Mike, Paul (SPC 1989-91, PY1994), and Christina and his 10 grandchildren. A funeral service for Les was livestreamed on September 29 due to the ongoing COVID restrictions.



We remember Les, who was a behemoth of Ballarat business, and a man with a fierce work ethic who helped change the face of pharmacy in the city.

- ▶ We were saddened to learn of the tragic passing of Old Collegian **Tristan McArthur (SPC 2000-01, PY2005)** who suffered a heart attack on August 27, 2021 and extend our deepest condolences to Tristan's parents Leah and Barry and brothers Shaun (SPC 1997-2000, PY2002), Ashley (SPC 1998-2001, PY2003) and Ben and their families. We also send our heartfelt sympathy to Tristan's wife, Emma, and children Levi, Mason, Jaxon (dec) and Sienna.

Due to space restrictions we are unable to publish obituaries in this magazine for all members of the College community who have died since the last edition. However, we are now publishing extended obituaries online whenever we are informed of the passing of anyone in our community.

These full obituaries and many others can be read online at stpats.vic.edu.au. Please let us know of the passing of any Old Boys by contacting the College on 5331 1688 or emailing oca@stpats.vic.edu.au ❀



OCA President's Column

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

Last year I started off by saying “what a year.” Not in my wildest dreams did I think that almost the same scenario would exist in 2021.

This again has been a year like no other!!! The COVID crisis has continued to impact every part of our society. Again I would like to acknowledge on behalf of all Old Boys, all people connected to the College for the way they have managed this year. Every part of the College has had to continue to adapt as they did in 2020. We congratulate new Principal Mr Steven O'Connor for the magnificent job he has done in managing the school. It is no mean feat to come into a new school in the middle of a worldwide pandemic and try to manage what has again been a challenging year. Again the OCA congratulates all members of the leadership and administrative team of the College. We congratulate all teachers who have had to continue online. Finally, I would like to again congratulate the students especially the year 12's. This has no doubt been another very difficult year of your school life. Like last year so many milestone events during your final year of school have been missed. As Old Boys whose whole school life was the “old normal” we cannot begin to comprehend what it has been like.

This year has been a year of many changes. Not only have we welcomed new principal Mr Steven O'Connor but we have also said goodbye to Paul Nolan, the College's Development Officer. Paul's contribution to the College and the OCA has been immense. His knowledge and expertise in dealing with the media during the Royal Commission proceedings were extraordinary. His compassion and understanding of Old Boy victims has endeared him to all who were connected to the College during that period. As president, I saw how Paul reached out and made connections with not only victims of abuse but any Old Boys who were “doing it tough”. He had time for all. Paul was full of ideas for the OCA and we as a group were the beneficiaries of them all. We will always be grateful for the role he played in the 125 Celebration dinners at the MCG, he was always ready to assist and join us in planning meetings and give ideas. His latest idea of the picket fence around the newly developed oval is proving to be very popular. If you have not purchased your “part” of the fence do it ASAP because they are selling fast. We wish Paul all the best in his new role with the media.

We also say goodbye to former Deputy Principal Mrs Elizabeth Ryan. Elizabeth was a great supporter of the OCA and will be greatly missed. She came to many meetings when the principal at the time could not attend. Her input to meetings and her ability to pass on information to us was greatly appreciated by all in the OCA. We wish her all the best for the future.

We welcome the new College's Development Office Roger Le Grand. Roger has got an excellent background in media and advertising. He is keen to work closely with the OCA and to assist us in any way he can. I feel we are blessed to get such a person as Roger at SPC. We as an OCA look forward to working with Roger well into the future and are there to assist him whenever he needs us.

Because of COVID restrictions, almost all reunions (school-based and regional) and functions were pushed into 2022. However we were able to hold a few reunions in the earlier part of the year, they were;

- Class of 1990 30 Year Reunion – OCA Pavilion
- Class of 2010 Ten Year Reunion – OCA Pavilion
- Class of 2015 Five Year Reunion – Lake View Hotel
- Class of 2016 Five Year Reunion – Golden City Hotel
- Class of 2011 Ten Year Reunion – OCA Pavilion

Indeed 2022 will be a very busy year as we get through the scheduled 2020 and 2021 reunions. Some have had to be combined to clear the backlog before we move to 2022 reunions. The annual St Pat's Day lunch abandoned in 2020 was held in 2021. Our guest speaker was the new SPC Principal Mr Steven O'Connor. Steven was able to outline his vision for the College and what he hoped to achieve. It was particularly special, for Steven because his father was present at the event.

He told me how proud he was of Steven's appointment as Principal of SPC. Sadly it was not long after the St Pat's Day lunch that Steven's father passed away. The thoughts and prayers of the College continue to be with him. We certainly wish him all the best as he leads SPC into the next part of its journey.

Once again the OCA stood ready to assist the College and families with any hardship they may have been experiencing during 2021. We did not have to make any donation as we did last year, but we stood ready to assist if need be. The Pastoral Care (SPC Care) program under the direction of Lorrie Liston continued to assist where there was a need. On behalf of the OCA I want to thank Lorrie for the time, care and compassion she puts into this aspect of the OCA. We managed to fit in the “Winter Warmers Lunch” for our Old Boys between lockdowns. We even had a carload from Melbourne come down. The OCA is indebted to Tim Kearney for allowing the OCA to use Gee Cees to have this special lunch. Hopefully, we will be able to hold our Christmas luncheon this year as well.

The OCA Scholarship was awarded again this year and is now firmly embedded as part of the OCA. This initiative was started last year and is now embedded firmly as something that has an OCA stamp firmly on it. This scholarship is for two boys in Year 11 and covers 50% of their Year 12 fee. Three of the OCA committee (Kieran Murnane, Chris Torpy, and Stephen McMahon) again took charge of the scholarship process. It is something we as an Old Boy group can feel very proud of. The two recipients will take up the scholarship in 2022.

One initiative this year that was introduced and which is gaining momentum is the personalised picket fence as part of the College oval redevelopment. I encourage all "Old Boys" to visit the College Website for information and a full explanation. Then perhaps purchase a picket and be immortalised.

I would like to acknowledge all who were on the 2021 committee. This is especially so for the new members. Unfortunately, the absence of face to face meetings like last year made things difficult but we got by. Whilst we did not have our traditional face to face reunions and other gatherings what we achieved this year like last year has been quite significant

I would also thank Mr Paul Nolan, our executive officer until September 2021, then Roger Le Grand and the team of Lorrie Liston, Rachel Bryant, Caitlin Bennett and Halina Sztynka. They are so obliging and helpful; the amount of work they do on behalf of the OCA is phenomenal. On behalf of the committee, I thank you. As president, I have especially appreciated all you have done for me during the year. I look forward to working with Roger and all of you in 2022.

The OCA executive committee this year consisted of

President: Mr Allan Mckinnon (SPC 1966-1969)

Vice President: Mr Chris Torpy (SPC 1989-1994)

Secretary; Mr Stephen Kirby (SPC 2004-2009)

Treasurer Mr Dave Adams (SPC 2004-2009)

Committee members:

Mr David McMahon (SPC 1989-1994)

Mr Stephen McMahon (SPC 2004-2009)

Mr Paul Ballinger (SPC 1977-1983)

Mr Shane Hayes (SPC 1989-1994)

Mr Kieran Murnane (SPC 1988-1993)

Mr Ben Martin (SPC 2009-2014)

Mr Peter Howley (SPC 1963-1966)

Mr Will Rothe (SPC 2015-2020)

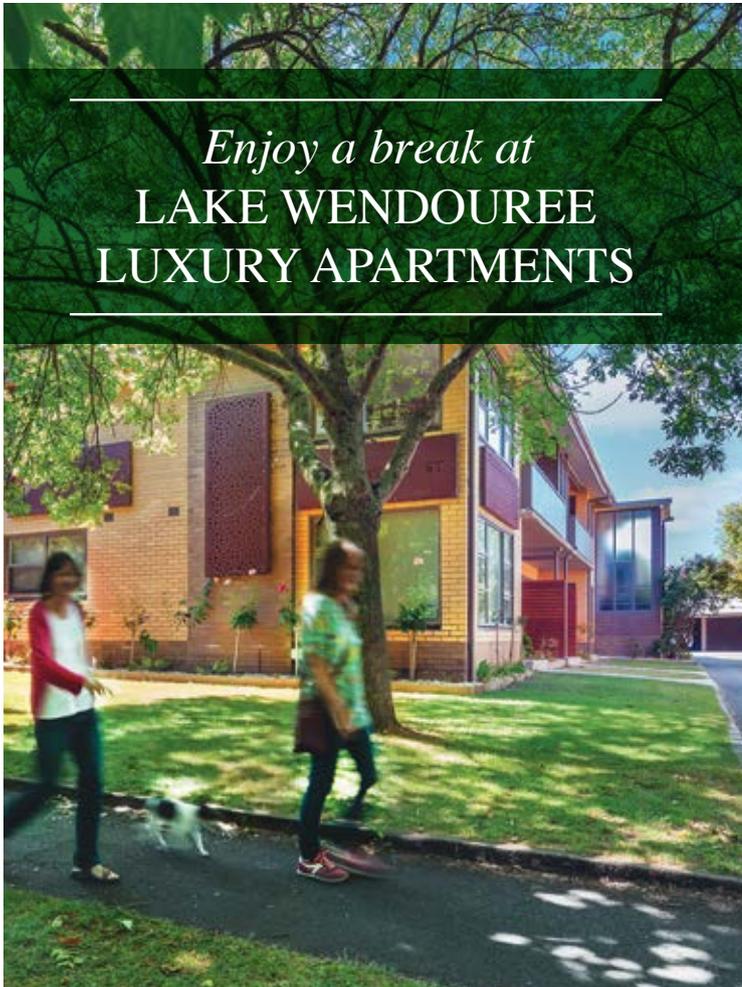
Mr Simon McAloon (SPC 1993-1998)

Executive Officer: Mr Paul Nolan (SPC 1991-1993)
(Mr Roger Le Grand post-October)

Ex Officio member Mr Peter Wilson (SPC 1967-1972)

Ex Officio member: Mr Charlie Flynn (SPC 1971-1972)

The committee welcomes anyone else who would like to join especially Old Boys who have recently left SPC.



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Class Reunions

With restrictions easing, we are eagerly anticipating our Class Reunions, which are run by our dedicated Old Collegians' Association, will be able to go ahead in 2022!

We have a number of reunions, which will be taking place in 2022, which have been rescheduled from 2021 due to COVID restrictions at the time.

We also have our scheduled reunions set to take place for the various cohorts where their milestone reunion co-incide. We look forward to seeing everyone, so we encourage you to talk to your classmates and lock these dates in. 🍀

Class Reunions in 2022:

Saturday February 12 -

Class of 2000 20 Year Reunion Dinner (rescheduled from 2021 and 2020)

Saturday February 12 -

Class of 2001 20 Year Reunion Dinner (rescheduled from 2021)

Sunday February 13 -

Class of 1970 50 Year Reunion (rescheduled from 2021 and 2020)

Sunday February 13 -

Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion (rescheduled from 2021)

Saturday April 30 -

Class of 2012 10 Year Reunion Dinner

Thursday March 17 -

St Patrick's Day celebrations including Class of 1962 60 Year reunion.

Sunday May 1 -

Class of 1972 50 Year Reunion Lunch

Friday May 13 -

Class of 2017 Five Year Reunion Evening

Saturday May 14 -

Class of 2002 20 Year Reunion Dinner

Saturday May 28 -

Class of 1991 & Class of 1992 30 Year Reunion Dinner
(Class of 1991 rescheduled from 2021)

Saturday June 4 -

Class of 1980, Class of 1981 & Class of 1982 40 Year Reunion Dinner
(Class of 1980 & 1981 rescheduled from 2020 and 2021)

Please note that it is extremely important that your contact details are up-to-date with the College as we will be sending most of our communications via email about our reunions in 2022.

To update your contact details, simply go to this link - www.surveymonkey.com/r/spcupdate

To find out more information about these events or to book your ticket, simply go to this link -

www.stpats.vic.edu.au/old-collegians/upcoming-events/



Old Boys In The News

- ▶ Great to see **Jon Kanoa's (SPC 1995-2000)** involvement in a new Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative program which could change the future trajectory for dozens of Aboriginal families.
- ▶ Ballarat police Inspector **Bob Heaney (SPC 1987-89)** was allaying concerns in the community following recent violent attacks.
- ▶ Great to see **Jack Lalor (SPC 2012-17)** starring with the bat and ball in a recent game with the Northcote allrounder firmly on state selectors' watchlist.
- ▶ Old Collegian **Damien Milloy (SPC 1988-94)**, lieutenant at Werribee Fire Brigade, was one of the firefighters on the tragic scene, where four children lost their lives in a house fire on November 21.
- ▶ Great to see Old Collegian **Paul Huggett (SPC 1988-93)** at the helm of the Lifeline Ballarat, which recently celebrated 50 years of great work in offering a reassuring voice on the end of the line for thousands of people in the city.
- ▶ Great to hear from former boarder **Sam Hobbs (SPC 2019-2020)** who is working in customer service, **Matthew Butterworth (SPC 2015-2020)** and **Harry Johns (SPC 2015-2020)** who are both at uni, apprentice signwriter **Toby Jennings (SPC 2019-2020)** and **Bill Thornton (SPC 2015-2020)** who is working as an electrician.
- ▶ Diocese of Sandhurst Bishop **Shane Mackinlay (SPC 1977-82)** has asked a priest in his diocese to take leave over his COVID views.
- ▶ Good luck to Old Boy **Sean Callanan (SPC 1987-90)** who was vying for a spot on the Collingwood Football Club's board of directors. Voting closed on December 10 and we hope Sean will be named on the board at the Magpies' AGM in mid-December.
- ▶ Congratulations to Old Collegian **John Nicholls (SPC 1971-73)** who can now say he has a building named after himself! The W. John Nicholls Pavillion, which overlooks Parade's Preston Campus' Ambrose Treacy Field was officially opened recently in honour of the long-serving Parade teacher, who will complete 43 years this year at Parade, and has been recognised as one of the longest teaching stings of a lay person in College history.



- ▶ Watch out for opening fast bowler **Oli Hayes (SPC 2007-12)** who has joined Caulfield this season in the Sub-District cricket for 2021-22.



- ▶ While in the Victorian men's Premier Cricket competition this season, **Blake Thomson (SPC 2011-15)** is the new captain of the Melbourne side after an outstanding last season while Northcote will be looking to unleash talented current student Daniel Lalor.
- ▶ Great to see Old Collegian **Warrick Davison (SPC 1988-93)** helping in his role at UnitingCare to help the homeless.



- ▶ Great to see Hepburn Lagoon Trial Rides owner **Kieran Prendergast (SPC 197-82, PY1983)** busy in business as the COVID restrictions eased, as well as motel operator **Tim Canny (SPC 1995-2000)**.

- ▶ Old Collegian **Steve Moneghetti** was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in November as a General Member for his contribution to sport through administration.

In addition to competing at four Olympic Games, four Commonwealth Games and six World Championships, Moneghetti has also served as captain of the Australian athletics team, Chef De Mission at three Commonwealth Games and in administrative roles with a focus on providing better facilities and greater support for athletes.

Moneghetti was the Australian team captain at the Kuala Lumpur 1988 Commonwealth Games and Sydney 2000 Olympics. He was Mayor of the athletes village at Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games and Chef De Mission at Delhi 2010, Glasgow 2014 and the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

He has also served as board director of Sport Australia and three terms as Chair of the Victorian Institute of Sport. ♣

- ↑ 1: John Nicholls
- 2: Oliver Hayes lets one go for East Ballarat. (Picture: The Courier)
- 3: UnitingCare's Warwick Davison receives doonas and bedding from Ron Fleming and Len Tyzack from Buninyong Freemasons Lodge. (Picture: Adam Trafford)

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Where Are They Now

The College recently reconnected with Old Collegian Paul Huggett (SPC 1988-93) who has been a social worker for over two decades and credits the extraordinary support of a former staff member during his student days when he needed it the most.



How has your education shaped your professional life?

As I see it, I received two forms of education at St Pat's. There was the academic education and then the moral/values based education. This often gets referred to a 'formation' now amongst the Edmund Rice network. This is where I believe I really grew. Initially I was going to pursue a career in microbiology but I had a life-changing experience when I started volunteering on Edmund Rice Camps. It truly changed my whole perspective on life and I then gravitated to social work as a career. Years later I worked as the Executive Officer of Edmund Rice Camps Victoria. It was a great job and incredibly rewarding to work in what I consider to be one of the best programs the Christian Brothers ever established.

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

St Pat's taught me to walk your talk. It's a bit like the old adage of 'actions speak louder than words'.

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

Grab every opportunity that catches your eyes and run with it. ✿

Where has life taken you since leaving SPC?

After leaving St Pat's I studied to become a social worker. I've been a social worker for 24 years now and I absolutely love it.

How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your work and industry?

It's had a massive impact and I fear we're yet to see the true extent of this for many individuals and families. So many folks have been struggling with loss of employment, home schooling and isolation to name but a few stressors. I'm currently the manager of Lifeline Ballarat and since the pandemic hit, we've had a 40 per cent increase in the number of calls we receive each day.

Do you have family ties with SPC?

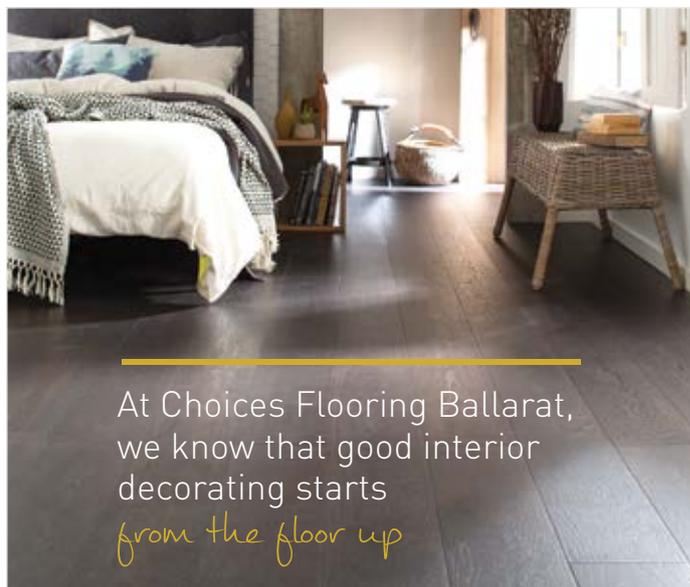
My two nephews attended St Pat's. One graduated last year and the other graduated in 2018.

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

I had a great time at St Pat's. There are many fond memories but most of all, I enjoyed public speaking and playing in both the junior and senior college bands.

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

Peter McDonald was the student welfare coordinator at St Pat's when I was there. He became like a father to me. A lot of people weren't aware that I was really struggling as a student with personal issues. Peter kept me motivated and true to my path. He kept me safe. Sadly, we lost Peter last year to a long cancer battle. I still have his photo as my screensaver on my phone. That's just a small example of how much he meant to me. He was simply the best example of a man I've ever met and I miss him dearly.



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SPC Care

You never know when you may need a helping hand.

With this clearly in mind, St Patrick's College has established SPC Care, which offers assistance to our SPC 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 has since been expanded to our current students and their families.

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 those in our SPC community 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 a member of our SPC community in their time of need.

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

Alternately, we invite you to consider making a donation to help us to help members of our community 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 members of our SPC community through SPC Care.

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

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