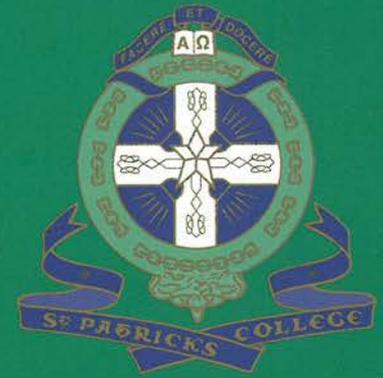


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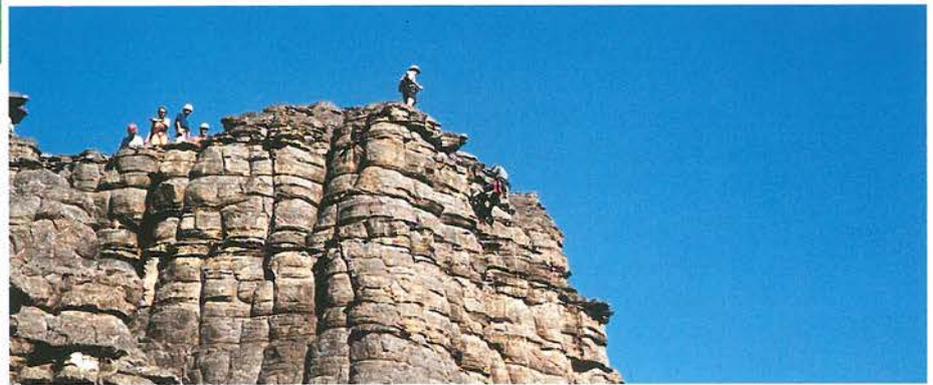
Welcome to the final edition of *The Shamrock* for 2002. It has been an extremely challenging and rewarding year for all students and staff associated with the College. In the annals of the College's long and proud history it will be viewed as a period of great change and the commencement of an exciting new era at the College.

Detailed in this edition of *The Shamrock* are an overview of Stage One of the College's Building Master Plan, an explanation of the rationale for moving to a Junior, Middle and Senior school structure, an update on the re-emergence of Boarding and plans for an annual Ballarat Food and Wine Festival at the College.

Throughout the planning for all these exciting developments, our students have continued to excel in a wide range of areas and have finished the year off in a very positive fashion. Our Old Collegians have also continued to be very active in their own lives and in their support for the College.

In November the SPC Foundation ran a successful golf day. The Old Collegians Association has run a number of greatly enjoyed reunion dinners and the Parents and Friends Association hosted a very successful Farewell barbeque for our departing Year 12 students.

It is little wonder that teachers, staff, parents and students look and feel a bit tired at the moment. As we approach the festive season please accept the College's thanks for all contributions that have helped in re-establishing St Patrick's College as a school that promotes and recognises excellence in all areas of endeavour.



"Leaping into a new era" - Year 9 Student Sanjay De Silva abseils down the 'Grand Canyon' at the Grampians National Park

We trust that all members of the College community have a relaxing holiday season and that the celebration of the birth of Christ is a time of great happiness and inspiration for members of the SPC community.

From the Headmaster

Thank you to all those who read *The Shamrock*. You may be a current student or Old Collegian, a parent, staff member, wife, student, sister, or friend of the College but you are part of something much greater than yourself: you are part of the network of lives and legends that make up this wonderful reality of St Patrick's College. In 2002 we have moved forward on many fronts and I take this opportunity to congratulate all sections of our membership on the dreaming, the planning, the work and the success that have come our way. It has happened because we have cooperated in God's work.

Thank you

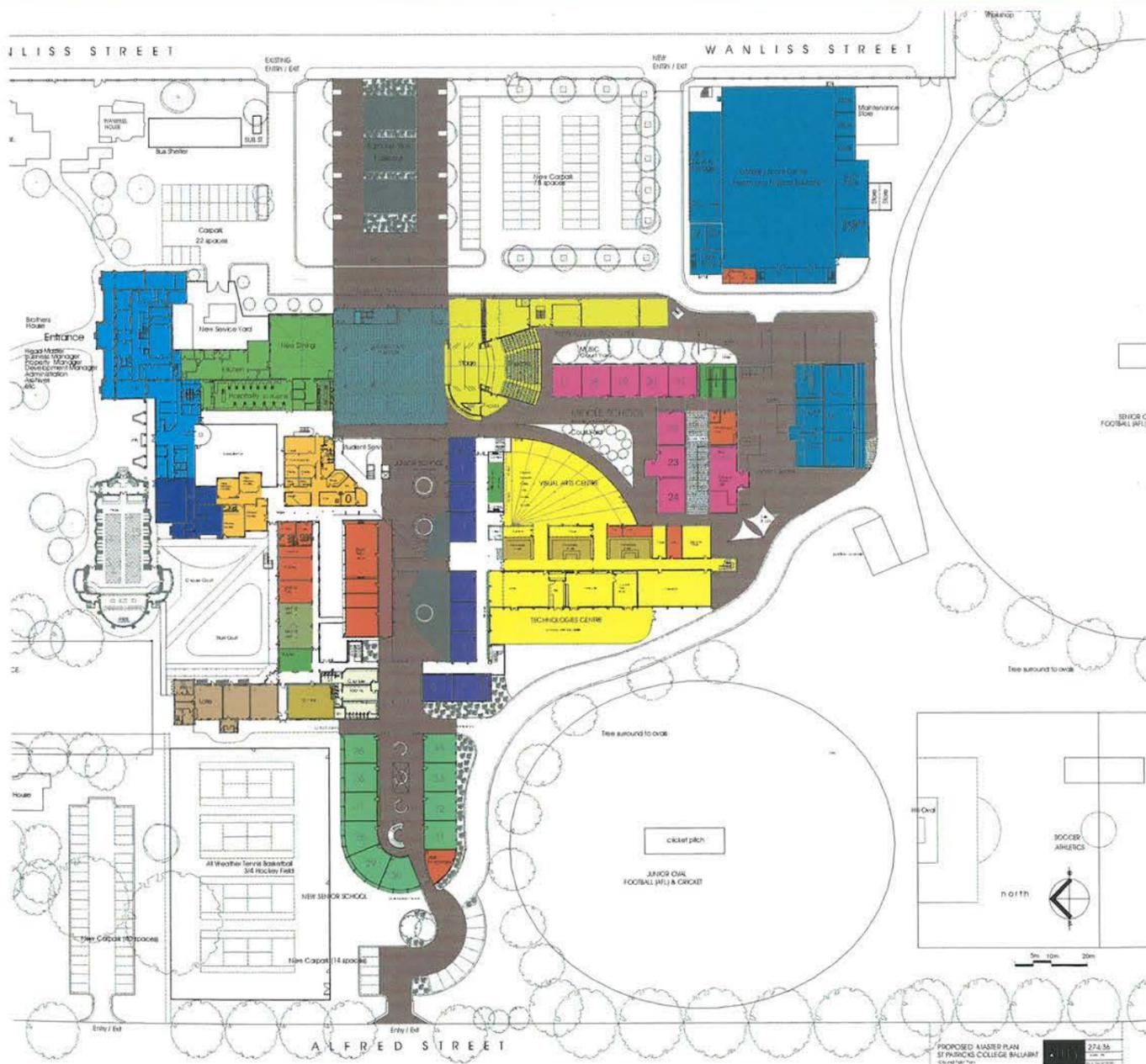
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Building to Enhance Teaching and Learning... The Future!

In recent years the Board has been developing a Master Plan for Buildings on our historic Sturt Street site. This year a further step was taken with the incorporation of emerging methodologies and technologies into the plan. Thus the adoption of Junior, Middle and Senior School models has led to plans for the redevelopment of the O'Malley Wing as a Junior School for Years 7 and 8, the former Year 7 classrooms will be redeveloped and complemented with new buildings to house our Middle School (Year 9) and a new Senior School will be built through Kelty Court onto St Roch's Oval.





SPC Building Master Plan, 2002.

The emergence of the Arts is recognised in the development of a major arts precinct including a 1400 seat auditorium, a theatre, teaching spaces for music, drama and media, studios for art, interactive multimedia, ceramics, photography and so on. Developments within technology call for a more integrated approach to design, fabrication and evaluation in wood, metal, plastics and systems.

The all-pervasive usefulness of technology as a teaching and learning tool has been recognised in access and teaching space design.

At the same time our sporting facilities have been addressed through the inclusion of toilets and a viewing gallery in the O'Malley Sports Centre, a new Pavilion and change rooms, new tennis courts and three-quarter hockey pitch. The Chapel has recently been restored and the Religious Education Faculty is to have a new home in the Chapel precinct. Student Services will be aggregated around the current staffroom area. In time the Brothers House will become the new Administration Centre and house our extensive archives and other memorabilia.

The full plans are available on the SPC website.

Overall we have a very exciting and evolving plan in place. It will be staged over the next ten years subject to financing. As this edition of the Shamrock goes to press we are opening tenders for Stage One of the plan: the Senior School. We would anticipate work starting on this \$4.5 million project in February 2003.

Changing our College Structure
Deputy Headmaster, Mr Rob Brennan

St Patrick's College has set about renewing its vision for the education of boys. The College is committed to offering a holistic curriculum that focuses on relevant and engaging teaching and learning, delivered by staff that are qualified and competent, who engage their students whilst giving witness to Gospel Values in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

There are many proposed changes incorporating all aspects of the College, to ensure St Patrick's College becomes the best school possible given our facilities, staff and students. Some of the proposed changes to facilitate these outcomes include:

- Dividing the school into 3 cohorts, Junior Years 7 & 8, Middle Year 9 and Senior Years 10 - 12
- A new student service structure
- Development of a comprehensive pastoral care program
- Linking these changes to the College's Master Building Plan



Celebrity Chefs, teachers James Maddocks and Mathew Hanlon

The guiding principles of our shared understanding in the changes proposed were:

1. That teaching and learning practices must acknowledge and tap into the particular ways that boys learn.
2. Teaching and learning methodologies must cater for the way boys prefer to learn, requiring tasks to have structure, be closed, provide for kinesthetic learning, offer practical hands-on learning and learning tasks needed to be shorter.

We also believe that we need to create a greater sense of belonging for the boys through our actions and our practices. It was felt the changes were required if we were to:

- Meet the needs of all boys at each age and stage of their learning;
- Accommodate individual differences between boys;
- Obtain the VCE results the boys were capable of achieving;
- Cater for boys' learning styles and needs;
- Enhance learning networks by involving parents, community groups, business organizations and other tiers of the education system; and
- Recognize the impact of globalisation on teaching and learning and address issues such as student disengagement, reduced/regressed learning and social and community problems.



Foundation Golf Day - Ben Bongiorno, Patrick Foley, Tony Bongiorno, Kyle Foley, Rick Blanchfield, Lyle Dean and Foundation Chairman Dennis Foley.



The entrance procession at the Year 12 Mass



Departing Staff Member Jo Frawley with Kerrie Leach



Foundation Golf Day - three Generations of the Casey family - Graeme Clark, (Uncle) Ryan Casey (Yr 10), Murray Casey (Father) and Danny Forde (Grandfather).



OCA Class of '82 reunion - Peter Leonard (1982 Vice Captain), Gerard Murphy, Bernard Nevins and Anthony Antonelli.



OCA Class of '72 reunion - Michael Glenane, Dennis Foley, Eileen Sexton and Dan Sexton



OCA Class of '82 reunion - Br Theo Breach, Dr Peter Casey and Tim O'Leary.



Year 12 Farewell BBQ - Ryan Conroy, Gerard Brick, VCE Coordinator John Cosgriff and Matthew Richardson.



Lachlan Keen (School Captain 2003) and Fr Anthony Denton (SPC 1984-89)



Foundation Golf Day - Tim Morrissey, Daniel Dwyer, Jim Dwyer and James Morrissey.



OCA Class of '72 reunion - Charles Flynn, Dr Peter Casey and 1972 Headmaster Br Ron Stewart



Student works from the 2002 St Patrick's College Art Week

PHOTO GALLERY

The proposed changes were based on comprehensive research into boys education and the way they grow and learn. The key factors that are pertinent to the way in which St Patrick's College will structure learning opportunities include:

- Belonging is important to boys;
- Boys need rites of passage;
- Boys learn better with practical, sensory and physical activities;
- Year 9 boys need to be kept busy;
- Boys thrive on challenge;
- Boys need positive male role models;
- Boys learn through the development of relationships with teachers, family members and significant friends;
- Boys learn when they can see the reason for their efforts and can see a definite product at the end;
- Boys need to participate in decision-making about their learning; and
- Boys need to be actively engaged in the pursuit of their learning.

The result of acknowledging this research has been the development of distinct cohorts of students within the school (Senior, Middle and Junior) supported by teaching and learning teams of teachers that will focus upon enhancing learning outcomes for every student in the College. This will be supported by an extensive pastoral care programme that will endeavour to foster the feeling that every student at the College is an individual and has a special contribution to make to the life of the College.

All individuals will be nurtured and supported in their quest to achieve personal excellence in whichever area of school life they wish to pursue.

All achievements will be recognised and rewarded and boys will be supported in developing a positive masculinity that will prepare them to be active contributors to the wider community upon leaving the College.

The College is moving into a very exciting new era which will see wonderful learning outcomes for students - and staff! The structures put into place next year will in time develop a sense of community within the classroom that incorporates curriculum that awakens and stimulates the intelligence. This will be mirrored in all areas of school life and will be part of a dynamic culture within the College that encourages students to strive for personal excellence in all endeavours.

Leadership Positions 2003

In line with changes in teaching and learning structures for 2003 a number of leadership appointments have been made to the teaching staff.

The Leadership Structure has been designed to enhance teaching and learning outcomes for students and staff and to facilitate a school environment where all students feel valued and are encouraged to achieve their best.

Leadership appointments for 2003:

Heads of School

Senior School	Andrew Watson
Middle School	Terry Blizzard
Junior School	David Baxter*

Directors

Administration	John Christie
Faith Development	Gina Bernasconi
Pastoral Care	Howard Clark
Studies	Bernadette Brouwers*

Year Level Coordinators

Year 7	Kelvin Porter
Year 8	Peter Brady
Year 9	Damian McKee
Year 10	Fiona Johnston*
Year 11	Les Bone
Year 12	Graham Swinton*

Heads of Faculty

Language	Karen Lukin*
Maths/Science	Colleen Pope
The Arts	Melissa Griffin
Technology	Malcolm Barrins
Sport/Health/PE	Amanda Mooney*
SOSE	Geoff Brodie

* Indicates new member of teaching staff for 2003.

Farewells

The Class of 2002

The Year 12 students formally finished classes on Thursday October 24. The Year 12 Farewell Mass was conducted in the O'Malley Sports Centre and was well attended by students, families and Old Collegians. The Eucharist was a particularly moving celebration and was preceded by Year 12 boys carrying a giant dove into the gym - a fitting symbol for the journey all students were set to embark upon. The Mass was conducted by Bishop Peter Connors and Old Boy, Father Anthony Denton.

That evening the Year 12 boys and their families enjoyed a barbeque dinner in the Old Assembly area. The evening was extremely well attended and a fitting way to mark the hard work put in by boys and their families throughout the year.

The Parents and Friends Association did a wonderful job to organise the dinner. It will no doubt be a highly anticipated event for future Year 12 students.

The responsible manner in which the Year 12 Leadership Group organised the final weeks of school and the performances at Speech Night was commendable and augurs well for the development of leadership at the College. All at St Patrick's College look forward to the release of VCE results and to recognising and celebrating the achievements of the Class of 2002.

Staff

A number of staff have accepted the challenge to change employment and work at other schools or in different industries. The College thanks the following staff members for their service to St. Pat's and wishes them well in all future endeavours.

David Walker (SPC 1978-83) has accepted a position as Deputy Principal at St Mary's of the Angels, Nathalia. David has been on the teaching staff since 1993 and has been Secretary of the Old Collegians Association since 1993.

Kris Walker - as part of a 'package' deal the College also farewells Kris, who has been an integral part of the College's Food Technology programme since 2000. Kris has no immediate plans to teach and will enjoy time with future SPC boarders Jon and Tom!

Margaret Leahy has decided to leave teaching and take on the challenge of working with husband Gerry. Marg has taught English at SPC since 1991 and has held positions such as Year 11 Coordinator and Head of English.

Mary Purcell is leaving SPC to take up a position at Loreto College. Mary has taught English at SPC since 1991 and has also been the Head of English.

Cate Johnston is leaving SPC to take up a position at Loreto College. Cate has been at the College since 1990 and been Head of SOSE since 1999.

Joel Crocker joined the PE staff at the end of Semester one this year as a replacement for Gerard Ryan.

Gerard Bourke - a former Deputy Principal at SPC, Gerard is leaving the College to take up a position as the Head of Religious Education at Monivae College, Hamilton. Gerard has served the College in a number of other roles including Director of Boarding and Curriculum Coordinator.

Gerard Ryan (SPC 1975-81) Gerard left the College mid-year to take up a position as General Manager of the Ballarat Greyhound Association. He commenced employment at the College in 1986 and served as Sports Master and Coach of the 1st XVIII, coaching the team to a Herald-Sun Cup Premiership in 1999.

Peter Farley is retiring as a teacher after 40 years dedicated service to SPC. See Green, White and Blue for more details.

Matthew Hanlon (SPC 1990-95) will be joining the staff of St Kevin's College, after three years at SPC. Matt has been heavily involved with rowing at the College and will continue this passion at St Kevin's.

Joanne Frawley is leaving the teaching profession to work on the family farm at Bungaree and to devote more time to her artwork. Joanne is a highly talented artist and has been at St. Pat's since 1998.

Barry Auchetti (SPC 1973-78) has returned to the College as a teacher for 2002. He has taught Business Management and SOSE.

Rob Erwin joined the staff in 1990 and was actively involved in cadets, outdoor education, boarding and sport. He left the College mid-year to take up a position at Loreto College.

Belinda Lees also left the College mid-year to pursue travel and other interests. She taught drama.

Peter Ryan has been associated with the College since 1993 as a teacher of technology. He will be recommencing family leave after the birth of his second daughter Margaret in 2002.

Jarrold Waight has been the Sport Department trainee in 2002. He is planning to undertake studies in Physical Education in 2003.

Robbie Yates has been the Information Technology Department trainee in 2002. He will be returning to full time study in Information Technology in 2003.

Kim Willowwhite and Victoria Moore commenced family leave in 2002.

Excellence

Ian McKail joined the English staff in 2002 and has captured the hearts and minds of students with his enthusiasm, commitment to educative processes and unique sense of humour - when the students and staff get it! Ian has inspired a number of students to write and is particularly keen to share these pieces with members of the College community.

Mexican Beach

Tom Andrews Year 10

Morning arrives; the sun lifts itself gracefully from the confines of the endless horizon. As the sun lights the early morning sky, the black void of darkness is reduced to mere tinges of grey, which pay homage to the night as they hang on the fringes of a golden morning. The air is still and the serenity hangs in the air allowing the overpowering flavour of a new day.

A fiery halo of yellow light hovers around the sun. The sky is tinted to gold, and the only thing that distracts from the ocean of the heavens is a bird, as it makes its way across the infinite sky. Golden hues wash the firmament, giving illumination to the ocean, and making the horizon a silhouette against the dawn. As the sky expands into the edge of my vision, it blurs to pink, and occupies a certain majesty over the cracked earth and the quiet sea.

The waves are not still, but movement is quiet and a sense of tranquillity is established. The crest of a broken wave sweeps across the expanse of water, dividing the blue grey sea, establishing the sheer intensity of the seascape. This wave, breaking on the periphery of my vision was able to expand and catch the light of the dawn, as its mirror-finish was able to extract the aura of reflected light, and the sea was host to a light show provided by the sun. Ripples coat the surface like a patchwork of chaotic order, each bustling in its own way, towards the waiting coastline.

Leading up to the horizon is a vast region of rocks, and rock pools, echoing the sunrise above in a dance of mirrored beauty and as the haze of daylight faces us in an ethereal fantasy. It could be shattered by a simple whisper.

The wavelets lap at the foot of the coast; a border of white water, which outlines the black rocks, a perception of the division earth and water is established. The rocks are the remnants of a land once inhabitable, and now eroded by trickles of water, ultimately growing to become canals that meander in between the boulders that texture the land. The land is not still here. All is moving; as gentle as the sway of the tide, as the constants are forgotten as the beach evolves as a never-ending ode to timeless transformation.

The waters drain from black to white, the inlets of the coast are brought to the light, and the textures of a place or harmony are ever present.

A new day has come and the bringers of light unleash a luminous golden haze over the environment of unparalleled simple complication and effortless splendour.

Rowing

Chris Ives Year 11

This is what it had come down to: four crews on the line ready to race for glory in the annual boatrace. For six long months we had trained every day after school on the water and two mornings a week of relentless physical exertion in the gym. I sat there at the front of the boat with four guys ready to row our hearts out, and looking down the course I thought that we were not just there to race. We were there to win.

My voice rang out over the microphone, commanding my crew to sit at attention ready to race. Then those four magical words we had strangely dreaded and had been waiting to hear, 'All crews attention. Row'. The boat jerked in the water as we flew out into our lane. My eyes darted over to the other lanes as I saw the other boats half a length behind us. I counted out loud the twenty starting strokes and then we calmed our rating down and settled into the remaining 750 metres ahead of us. 'Rating 35,34, just calm down it down boys, in together out together. Work as one'. My voice disappeared into the microphone instructing the boys on their technique, keeping them in unison. The oars were working in perfect unison, in together out together. 'All right boys we are a length in front'. My eyes looked straight ahead to the line where I saw the spit, a huge mass of people cheering, some for us some against us.

Our boat carved through the water and as we passed the 500-metre mark I began to scream constantly into the microphone, motivating the boys to keep going, this was where the race really began. I twisted and turned trying to see where the other crews were behind us. It was now that the roar of the crowd reached our ears as the boat cut deep into the water as the oars went through the water. 'OK boys, we are pulling away from them now let's lift and win this thing. We've worked hard all year boys, this is our time. THIS IS OUR RACE', I screamed into the microphone.

As we passed through the final 250-metre marker the roar of the crowd was unbelievable. It was at this stage that we lifted and the rating went up to 36. I sat there screaming into the microphone, 'Come on boys bring it home, 150 metres to go'. We neared the final 100 metre mark and the boat lifted again as we brought it home. I looked out the side of the boat as we passed the screaming Patties boys. Then it was over we heard the sweet beep as our bow crossed the line and the two words that the boys had been waiting to hear escaped my lips, 'Easy oar'.

That was it we had won Boatrace, the pinnacle of the rowing season, we were the best. The best thing about winning the race though wasn't us winning or hearing the Patties boys cheer us home but seeing our coach, who had never won a boatrace walking into the water smiling and we could see the pride in his eyes.

Art Show

The depth and breadth of the College's artistic abilities were on display at the 2002 St Patrick's College Art Week. The College Board Room was literally transformed into a maze of colour and fascination with works from students from all year levels on display. The many parents and visitors to the College were awestruck by the quality of student work and the diversity of creative works on display.

The 2002 Art Week prize was awarded to Eddie McKay. Eddie's work will be framed and will hang in a prominent location at the College for the next 12 month period. At the conclusion of 2003 the work will be returned to Eddie and may one day feature in a display of his future work at a high profile gallery.

The Shamrock photo gallery contains several examples of student artwork that was on display during Art Week.



Award Winning work by Eddie McKay

Year 9 Camps

Throughout October and November Year 9 camps were conducted in the beautiful, albeit rugged, Grampians National Park. Students had been preparing for camp throughout second semester and were responsible for all catering and other logistics associated with being involved in a three-day outdoor education experience.

Students were involved in a range of activities including bushwalking, abseiling and rock climbing.

The camps were held in starkly contrasting weather conditions. Whilst some of the groups experienced torrential downpours others had to put up with very hot and testing conditions. The camps were an invaluable educational experience for all boys. Special thanks to all staff and volunteers who assisted with the programme.

Boarding

Interest in boarding at St Patrick's College continues to grow with numbers expected to be around 20 for 2003. This is a very encouraging result given that 14 Year Twelve boys left the College's Boarding Houses in 2002.

On Sunday November 24, the Shamrock Boarding Association conducted its first Boarding Open Day. All in attendance commented on the spectacular external renovations at McCann House that have transformed the historic boarding house. Internal and external renovations will soon begin on McCann, Nangle and McCunnie Houses to provide all boarding students with first-class purpose-renovated accommodation.

In 2003 the College will offer fulltime, weekly and occasional boarding. Occasional boarding will be of particular appeal to students residing in communities such as Bacchus Marsh, Melton, Daylesford and Beaufort who wish to be involved in co-curricular activities. For all enquiries about Boarding please contact the Director of Boarding, Mark Waddington.

The Leo O'Brien Club

Major work has been completed on the Main Oval to restore it to its once hallowed status. A fully automated watering system has been installed and is now operational, subject to water restrictions like most of the state! The new turf wicket square is growing well and should be ready for the first game in 2003.

These projects have been greatly assisted by the generosity of members of the Leo O'Brien Club. Foundation membership (\$500) of the Club is available until the commencement of school in 2003. All Foundation members will have their names recorded on a Board that will hang in the O'Malley Centre until the new Main Oval Pavilion is constructed. Life membership of the club is available for \$125, with all monies raised going to the development of sporting facilities at the College.

Within this edition of The Shamrock is an information brochure and membership form for the Leo O'Brien Club. For more details please contact Development Manager, Mark Waddington.

SPC Foundation Golf Day

The Foundation held its inaugural golf day at the Midlands Golf Club on Sunday 17 November. A full field of 144 players greeted the starter in hot and blustery conditions. The water proved a formidable foe for some of the players, whilst others found conditions well and truly to their liking. It was wonderful to see so many people gather in the name of St Patrick's College and enjoy a great day of golf and fellowship. Particularly pleasing was the mix of sons and dads, sons and mothers, students, Old Boys and friends of the College.



Foundation Golf Day - 2002 College Captain, Daniel Dwyer putting on the 15th green.

The winning score for the handicap section was a sizzling net 53.75, whilst the winning score in the non-handicap event was 67. Full results of the day were:

Handicap Section

1st: Alec Wiltshire, John Wiltshire, Val Wiltshire and Ross Wiltshire - 53.75

2nd Kyle Haase (Year 8), Alistair Haase, Daryl Haase and Craig Haase - 55

3rd Howard Clark, Michael Brandenburg, Tony Brandenburg and Maureen Brandenburg - 55.5

Non Handicap Section

1st Michael Sheedy, Paul Salter, David Salter and Steven Tudor - 67

2nd Ryan Casey (Year 10), Murray Casey, Danny Forde and Graeme Clark - 69 on count back

3rd Shaun Finlayson, Tom Rice, Andrew Francis and Tim Deveson (Year 12s) - 69

Thank you to the many generous sponsors of the event that enabled the day to raise over \$6,000 for the SPC Foundation. 2002 sponsors were Gerard Cosgrave Real Estate; Bylisma Hire; Foley Wilson and Co; Barker East and Jennings; Molloy, Orr and Ronan; J N Cooke and Foley; Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy; Lawrence Atley Architects; Peter Amor Motors; Newington Physiotherapy Clinic; Kearney and Crowe; Ballarat Real Estate; North Ballarat Football Club; Ballarat and District Trotting Club; Feather's Bistro; Red Lion Hotel and Sovereign Park Motor Inn.

The 2003 Golf Day will be on Sunday November 16 at Midlands Golf Club. Entries will be posted out in the new year. Given the popularity of the 2002 event, a prompt return of forms will be a must.

A reminder to all members of the College community about the 2003 Legends Dinner featuring returned Premier of Victoria Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71). Tickets are selling very fast. To avoid disappointment please contact the Development Office to organise a ticket or a table of ten. This is a night for all members of the community - mums and dads, old boys and partners, current students and staff, family and friends.

Ballarat Food and Wine Festival 2003

The State Minister for Tourism John Pandazopolous visited the College in November to launch the 2003 Ballarat Food and Wine Festival to be held in the grounds of the College. The Festival to be held on the weekend of March 29-30, 2003 will feature wine and produce from throughout the region as well as a series of performances from jazz musicians and master chefs.

The festival will provide a wide variety of practical learning opportunities for SPC students - the band will play a number of sets over the weekend, food technology and art students will be able to showcase their work and students will be involved in the planning and management of the event. Interested students will be able to work with the Event Manager as well as attend sessions conducted by leaders in the food and music industry. Ticket and programme details will be featured in *The Shamrock* in Edition One 2003.

Student Achievements

Tristan Cartledge Drafted to the Big Time!

Year 11 student Tristan Cartledge was rewarded for his excellent season with the College and the North Ballarat Rebels when he was drafted by Essendon with selection number 28 at the recent AFL National Draft. Essendon's interest in Tristan was stimulated by an impressive game against Essendon and Penleigh Grammar in which he kicked six goals and a dominant performance in the ruck in the annual BPSA versus AGSV game in Ballarat.



Tristan Cartledge

Tristan was also selected to play in the Under 18 National Championships for Vic Country and was a leading player in the rapidly improving Rebels team in 2002.

Tristan follows in the footsteps of Drew Petrie (SPC 1995-00) who is developing into a high quality big man with North Melbourne. The success of both boys is testament to the strength of the football programme that under the leadership of Mr Howard Clark develops boys from Year 7 through to senior teams.

Congratulations to other boys for their notable achievements throughout the year:

- Chris Banwell for selection in the Vic Country Under 16 team for the National Australian Rules Championships in Perth.
- Lachlan Keen upon his appointment as College Captain for 2003.
- Matthew Doyle, Simon Harwood and Joshua Jellett upon appointment as College Vice Captains for 2003.
- 2003 Year 12 Student Councillors Mark Bothe, Ashley Britt, Ashley Davies, Brendan Gilbert, Mark Grigg, Luke Prato, Nicholas Whitefield and Eamon Zelencich
- Nick Bauer scored in the top 6% of all students tested for the Young Researchers program at the University of Melbourne.
- Corey Galea has been awarded a full scholarship in the Victorian Institute of Sport Soccer Program for 2002/2003.
- David Lambert received Honours in his 6th Grade AMEB Piano Exam.
- Not exactly a current student but extremely young at heart - Brother Brian Davis won a gold and silver medal at the World Masters Games in Melbourne. Brian won a gold medal in his pet event the 200 metres butterfly.
- The SPC Athletics team retained the CHISSA Boys Aggregate with an inspiring team display. Corey Galea won the prestigious Steve Moneghetti Perpetual Trophy for the most outstanding athlete at the carnival.
- Two boys broke individual records at the CHISSA Athletics carnival - Luke Kermond and Corey Galea.

- David Stevenson won the Under 18 three kilometre walk at the All Schools Championships. Both David and Tim Stevenson have qualified for the National Athletics Championships in the Under 20 Five kilometre walk and Under 15, 1500 metre walk respectively.
- Congratulations to Jason Hegert, Andrew Cochrane and Ashley Braszell who successfully defended the Joe Merrylees School teams Time Trial, held as part of the Herald Sun Tour event at Buninyong.
- The Senior Concert Band was afforded the honour of opening the Royal South Street Festival Showcase Concert in recognition of their outstanding performance at the festival.
- Nick Erbacher won the Queens Trophy recently at the Midlands Golf Club.

2002 Year 12 Award Winners:

- Daniel Dwyer Headmaster's Award for Leadership
- Chris McBrearty Little Family Award for School Spirit and Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship
- Shaun Finlayson Pierre De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship



Br Brian Davis

Green White & Blue

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GREEN, WHITE & BLUE

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Welcome to the final edition of the new look Green, White and Blue for 2002. News from Old boys continues to flow in (a little slow at times) from all parts of the globe, as does positive feedback on the format of The Shamrock.

The Old Collegians Association has been busy over the past few months organising reunion dinners for the classes of 72, 82 and 92. All of the reunion dinners were held at the College and were thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

For Old Boys in the classes of 73, 78, 83 and 93 it is time to start thinking about rounding up your colleagues to make your reunion a huge success. Dates for 2003 reunions are printed on the rear side of the address label with this month's edition of The Shamrock.



OCA Class of '82 reunion dinner - John Shannan and Peter Farley

Peter Farley

Affectionately known as 'Jake', Peter retires from teaching after a lifetime of dedicated service to his beloved St Patrick's College. Never one for fanfare, Peter has written a note to the SPC community upon his retirement from teaching:

"The end of this year will be my last as a teacher and happens to coincide with the completion of 45 years since I first collected a piece of chalk and took my first class (grade 6, I think) in 1958 in South Australia.

I appreciate being able to make my farewell as quietly as possible, and I intend to catch up with as many as possible during these last weeks of the 2002 school year. I've been very fortunate to stay so long at St Patrick's - 40 years, as it has allowed me to be influenced by so many great friends whom I've known as colleagues, students and parents".

Brother Pat

On Thursday 14 November 2002, Myles Patrick Smith, fondly known as "Brother Pat" was ordained to the Diaconate at the Texas Memorial Hall. Pat had helped with the Parish of Charleville prior to his appointment in June 1997 as Pastoral Leader of the Sacred Heart Parish Texas. Br Pat taught at SPC from 1978 to 1980 and was Deputy Headmaster.

Old Boys in the News

Barry James (SPC 1947-48) has celebrated the 50th year of his highly successful business, Barry James Smash Repairs and Cranes. His lime green cranes are instantly recognisable at building sites across the state.

Damien Sheehan (SPC 1976-81) is the viticulturist at Mount Langi Ghiran Vineyards and was recently featured in The Courier discussing the importance of fine weather during the critical harvest period in the region.

Nigel Bowen (SPC 1992-97) has won the International Head Concierge Award for Australia and Oceania and will be travelling to France to attend an international concierge congress. He is currently Head Concierge at the Parkview Hotel, St Kilda.

This year's Cox Plate presentation brought together an impressive collection of Old Boys. The Premier Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71), presented the trophy to winning jockey Paddy Payne (SPC 1988-89) in the presence of Moonee Valley Race Club Chairman Geoff Torney (SPC 1946-52).

Ron Wilson (SPC 1971-72), the former Shadow Spokesman for Health dropped in to visit his old school in October - prior to gearing up for the recent election. Ron spent Year 7 and 8 at SPC and had fond memories of his time at the College, referring to SPC in his maiden speech to parliament in 1999. Prior to entering parliament he was President of the Young Liberals. Ron was unfortunately defeated at the November 30 election, but will continue to maintain an active interest in politics and the Liberal Party.

James Marburg (SPC 1995-00) rowed in the National University Championships at Lake Wendouree in October and was featured in 'The Courier'. In 2002 rowing has taken James to different parts of the world where he has represented Australia in the Under 23 Men's Eight.

Archbishop George Pell (SPC 1949-59) launched his autobiography on October 30 at a function in Melbourne attended by the Headmaster and members of the 2003 student council. The autobiography written in conjunction with Tess Livingstone contains numerous references to his days at SPC.

Tim McMahon (SPC 1989-91) is currently working as the National Portfolio Manager for Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance and living in North Sydney. He is marrying Caroline Morgan in 2003. Originally from Moama, he played 1st XI, 1st XVIII, was Dux of Economics and a boarder. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Economics from the University of Melbourne and has commenced an MBA. His brother Patrick was a boarder at the College from 1998-2000.

Peter Vaughan (SPC 1945-48) from Wangaratta kindly contacted the College to provide some insights into the lives of three Old Boys who passed away in recent times. Peter writes, "John Pitcher (SPC 1944-46) was centre half forward in the 1945-46 teams. Br O'Malley considered the 1945 team one of the greatest SPC football teams. John hailed from the Western district and I believe he would have played VFL football if he had gone to Melbourne. Barry O'Sullivan (SPC 1938-45) was a great sprinter representing SPC in the 100 and 200 yards. Basil Sheehan (SPC 1951) was the son of the great Richmond defender Maurie Sheehan. I got to know Basil when he coached Walpeup in the Northern Mallee league. I coached Murrayville and had a few fiery tussles with Barry, but we ended up being great friends. As I look back I still see Basil's fiery blonde head charging through the packs".

Anthony Cosgriff (SPC 1982-87) works as a vet for Mark Johnson Racing and was featured in a recent edition of their magazine. Not surprisingly he was lured into horse racing having followed his father to the races each Saturday (where father John pencilled for a bookie) and had part-time jobs at stables during school and university study. He is married to Rebecca and has a daughter Grace and son Darcy.



Foundation Golf Day - Michael Brandenburg, Tony Brandenburg, Maureen Brandenburg and Yr 7 Coordinator Howard Clark.

Sincere apologies to John O'Callaghan (SPC 1973 - 74,76), who was incorrectly called John Gallagher in Edition 2. John is a partner in law Firm Riordan and Partners and has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the feasibility of establishing a Sports Court in Victoria.

Dr Tim McArdle

Moving obituaries for Dr Tim McArdle (SPC 1969-74) were featured in both The Age and The Courier. The following summary is courtesy of The Courier.

**Dr Timothy Francis McArdle
Died: September 11, 2002
Aged: 45**

A doctor educated in Ballarat, who died in a traffic accident last month, was well respected for his tireless work within the community. Dr Tim McArdle was bike-riding alone after a day of surgery in his home town of Warragul.

Police said the accident happened about 6:40pm on September 11 when Dr McArdle and a Nissan 4WD collided. Dr McArdle was wearing full safety equipment at the time of the accident. "He started riding a bike to keep fit - he joined a cycling club and took part in the Great Victorian Bike Ride two years ago," Dr McArdle's mother, Pat Wilson, of Ballarat, said.

She said more than 500 of his patients sent tributes to his funeral, held in Warragul, with dozens more coming from family and friends. "It was a huge outpouring of respect and love," Mrs Wilson said. Dr McArdle only ever wanted to follow in his father's footsteps - Ballarat doctor Frank McArdle, who died when Tim was just 16. "He enjoyed helping people, and always had time for people", Mrs Wilson said.

Dr McArdle was widely known for his private practice and his strong commitment to community health. His mother said the death had left a tremendous gap in the family.

One of his best mates, Ballarat man Mick Zala (SPC 1969-74), described Dr McArdle as an "inspirational guy". The pair met at St Patrick's College and discovered a mutual love of 60s music, spending their lunch hours in the music room belting out versions of their favourite songs.

"He spoke ill of no-one, and I've never heard anyone speak ill of him. "He was forever loyal to his friends. "He always spoke fondly of Ballarat. "He liked our four seasons," Mr Zala said.

"Whenever he came to visit his family, he would always take the time to call in and see me. My kids loved him. He would teach them new things on the piano. Everybody learned something from him. I learned that one's life is made better by knowing good people. Tim was one of the best."

Dr McArdle left Ballarat in his late teens to pursue a career in medicine after attending Villa Maria Primary School and St Patrick's College. He studied at Monash University, finishing in the top 10 students in Victoria in his year. He then completed post-graduate work in gynaecology, obstetrics and paediatrics.

His first taste of rural medicine was in the small Victorian country town of Cohuna. He moved to Warragul 16 years ago and opened a general practice with two other doctors. Dr McArdle was heavily involved in the community, teaching trainee medical students, playing tennis and golf - and he loved playing piano.

Next Edition

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is Friday February 28, 2003.

SPC News

Births

Cosgriff - to Anthony (SPC 1982-87) and Rebecca, a son Darcy, born October 7 in England. Brother for Grace.

Deaths

James Xavier Spain (SPC 1941-45) died May 11, 2002

Bernard Leonard (SPC 1940-44) died November, 2002

Jim Farrell (SPC 1941-46)

Joseph Hanrahan (SPC 1927-31)

Jim McKinnon - father of Des (SPC 1963-66) and grandfather of James (SPC 1992-94), Xavier (SPC 1994-96), Timothy (SPC 1998-2000), Mark (Year 12)

June O'Brien - wife of SPC Rowing Coach Kevin (SPC 1961-66) and mother of Andrew (SPC 1973-79 and ex-staff), Simon (SPC 1976-80), Chris (SPC 1980-85 and ex-staff)

The College and Old Collegians Association extend their deepest sympathies to all family and friends of departed Old Boys and friends of the College. We ask that you remember these Old Collegians and their families in your prayers.

Class of 2002

The Old Collegians Association welcomes the Class of 2002 into its ranks as Old Boys of St Patrick's College and congratulates all students upon their rich and diverse contributions to the College. Cheers, Cheers for old SPC!

