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This page: Year 11 student, Cobain Tipiloura hard at work in an Art class



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Vale Michael Brady

SPC 1956-1962, former staff

One of the most loved and respected Old Collegians, Micke Brady passed away on 24 July, 2022 surrounded in the care and comfort of his wife, Robyn and his three daughters, Yemimah, Emily and Sarah and their families,

Mike (SPC 1956-62) was one of the most respected teachers at St Patrick's College for close on four decades leading up to his retirement in 2014.

The family has had a continuous association with St Patrick's College since 1952.

Mike commenced in 1956 as a nine year old boarder from the country town of Caramut in the west of Victoria. He followed his older brother Ray (SPC 1952-1960) and cousin Darrell Grace (SPC 1946-1952) to St Patrick's College, and was followed in turn by his younger brother Gerard (SPC 1965-1970).

Mike remembered life as a boarder being fairly basic – no air conditioning or heating of any kind, meals frequently consisting of baked beans or tinned spaghetti, rarely was there toast, and butter was at a premium.

The school buildings in the late 1950s comprised what we now know as the Waterford Wing, the Old Chapel which used to be where the Spring Board Room and Reception Area are currently, the only additional building constructed during that time was the extension on the east side of the dining room.

Six hundred and fifty students were accommodated in these buildings, and the class sizes were very large.

During his time at St Pat's, Mike was a member of the U14 XVIII Football team and a member of the Galvin House premiership team in the Senior Shed competition in 1959, among many other things. As a youngster, he was also a member of the Nunan House premiership team in the St Roch's competition and served as a cadet.

Mike left St Pat's in 1962 after having completed his Leaving Certificate. After several appointments with other Christian Brothers' schools in Tasmania, South Melbourne and Geelong, Mike returned to SPC in 1978 to teach.

Mike often talked of his tremendous admiration for Br McCabe, who taught him in year 7, in a class of 96 pupils who were housed in the Old Chapel. Mike's esteem for this Brother is not only because of his teaching abilities, but because as well as teaching those 96 boys daily, he also supervised the dormitory, organised after-school sporting activities, and undertook his own university studies. He rose at 5.30am to participate in meditation with the community and would have gone to bed late each night.





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Old Collegians on Staff



ST. PATRICK'S COMPETITION—NUNAN HOUSE PREMIERS

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Centre Row: K. Lowery, C. Jury, S. Hutchinson, J. Oster, A. Jones.
Front Row: T. Rutherford, J. Summons, J. Skillen (V.C.), M. Brady (C.), T. Grano, L. Morgan.

This commitment and sacrifice is what Mike admired and emulated in his vocation 'To Do And To Teach'.

As a long-time Year 7 co-ordinator, Mike provided expert guidance to literally thousands of nervous young students during his remarkable tenure.

Mike had a tremendous sense of humour and gentle nature; he remained entirely optimistic about the work that he did as a teacher as he guided, encouraged, challenged and supported so many students across so many years.

During his time teaching at SPC, Mike was also a driving force on the SPC Old Collegians' Association committee, and committee secretary for eight years. He continued to be a loyal supporter of SPC, as Mike was a regular attendee at St Pat's and at OCA events, a friendly face on each and every occasion.

Former students have spoken candidly of the huge legacy and impact Mike had on their lives.

One such message from an Old Collegian prior to Mike's passing read, "I have no doubt that you have played an important role in the success I have enjoyed since my school days".

Mike tried to fly under the radar, but his service to the St Patrick's community was acknowledged when he was presented with the Facere Et Docere award in 2013.

A Requiem Mass was held for Mike at the St Patrick's College's Chapel, in the loving embrace of the SPC community.

Following the service, Year 12 students performed a stirring rendition of the College's War Cry, in a fitting gesture which Mike taught himself to thousands of incoming Year 7 students during his teaching days, and students and staff then lined the front garden path in an emotional guard of honour as Mike left SPC for the final time.

Mike was a much-loved member of the St Patrick's community; a former student, a former Christian Brother and then as a long serving member of staff for nearly 40 years. Through his work as a teacher and the Year 7 Coordinator over many years, Mike got to know many students and their families.

The tributes which have poured in since his passing are a clear indication of how much people loved him as a teacher, year coordinator, colleague and importantly, as a friend.

Rest in peace dear Mike.

- 1: Mike Brady, 2022. 2: Mike Brady and Juri Kaczkowski on staff back in the early 1980s. 3: Mike Brady with Br. Miller, 1983, College Annual.
4: Mike Brady, Under 16 football, 1962. 5: Mike Brady - Old Boys on staff, 1998, College Annual. 6: Can you identify which one is Mike Brady?
7: Mike Brady - footy, 1958, College Annual.



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Mark Waddington

This is the eulogy, St Patrick's College Principal, Mr Steven O'Connor delivered at Mark Waddington's funeral.



Mark's contribution to St Patrick's College in Ballarat was exceptional and continues to have an impact today, long after he left for Hobart. His first contact with St Pat's however, was probably not his greatest. In 1980, Mark was a member of the 1st XI Cricket team from Braemar College and his Headmaster organised for Braemar's 1st XI side (their only cricket team Mark would add) to compete in the Ballarat Public Schools Association competition. The time had come for Braemar to take on St Pat's. Mark was the only Braemar player to have previously played on a turf wicket, so was chosen to open the batting for his school. Mark wandered out to the wicket on the SPC main oval with a mix of fear and trepidation but thankfully, all of this did not last long. Nor did the innings – the ordeal was over in 22 minutes with the Braemar side being bowled out for a grand total of 6!

His first foray as a member of staff at SPC came in 1995 as a resident supervisor, when he returned to study in Ballarat. Several years later in 2002, Mark was appointed by Peter Casey to the teaching staff of the College. As a Principal or Headmaster, some of the most important work you do is in HR, reflected in the appointments you make. Sometimes you get it right, sometimes not! Surround yourself with good people is the basic principle involved and I can say that Peter Casey's best move ever, was to appoint Mark into a range of senior roles from 2002.

Mark's work was exceptional – he quickly breathed life back into boarding as Director of Boarding, he led the process of updating and renewing the College's marketing material and strategies, bringing a brand of professionalism rarely seen at the College. He worked with the Old Collegians and gave them a sense of purpose and direction. He oversaw and drove enrolments, helping to grow the student numbers from 840 to 1400 during his time. Mark established long lasting relationships with indigenous communities in the NT and helped the College to develop its indigenous education program – something of which, we continue to be very proud!

Earlier this week, I was going through some files and came across a note from Dr Casey outlining a case for new positions to cover Mark's broad portfolios after his departure to Hobart. The note highlighted that Mark was responsible for:

Policy, Planning, Fundraising, Foundation, Development, Community Relations, Old Collegians, Development Office, Registrar, Boarding, Indigenous Program, Overseas Students and Archives... and on top of this, Mark taught! He was extraordinary!

The politics of working in a school are often challenging and perhaps a little farcical. On reflection, at St Pat's, it sometimes felt like you were on the set of 'Yes Minister'. When I worked alongside Mark in my role as Deputy Headmaster 15 years ago, he was a lovely mix of the Private Secretary, Bernard Woolley and Sir Humphrey Appellby, the Permanent Secretary – gentle persuasion and guidance with a wonderfully sharp intellect and insight into the heart of the matter – with those around him (like me) scrambling and flapping all the while.

As Deputy Headmaster, I relied on Mark's advice and insight in so many ways. And I, like many, valued this and trusted him on every occasion. His focus was always on what was best for the boys in our care and their education – always.

Mark probably is responsible for several post-graduate degrees and assisted many in landing their promotional positions in a range of workplaces. His mastery of the written and spoken word was extraordinary and this, coupled with his generosity, meant that he contributed to the letters, speeches, articles, presentations and essays of dozens of people – I expect some of them are here today. The usual arrangement was that you would send something through to Mark at 8pm for some feedback and he would have a revised draft back to you by about 2am. He never missed a deadline and the opportunity to help people in this context. Thanks, Mark!

I often wondered why Mark was not a Deputy or Headmaster himself. He would have been brilliant and I would have loved working with and for him! But the institutional restrictions about religious backgrounds and therefore candidate suitability restricted this, particularly in the context of Mark's commitment to Catholic education. But those who know and love Mark, know that he was not only a wonderful expression of humility and loyalty but that his life was a wonderful example of the Gospel values, inclusivity, justice and solidarity and the provision of an education which liberates hearts and souls.

I am so proud to be Principal of St Patrick's and I am indebted to Mark for the incredible work he did in so many areas. I see evidence of his great work every day.

Mark was an incredible role model and mentor for so many: for students, parents and colleagues. He has influenced and enriched their lives. He was remarkable. On behalf of the St Patrick's College community, I pass on our deepest sympathies to Mark's family, especially to his parents, to Jacinta, Declan, Tadhg and Tilly. We will always remember Mark and be grateful for the incredible contribution he made to our great place.

Mark reflected on his time at St Pat's at the end of 2011 and noted that he was proud of many things – his work in boarding, his role in establishing the Flanagan Art prize, his contribution to the College's football program, to its marketing and its strategic planning and our commitment to educating indigenous students. But he went on to say that he was most proud of the relationships he developed with so many people. In his reflection, Mark said 'At times people have commented about my workload and even admired my commitment to the College. It has not been difficult because of the joy of service. It is not really work when you spend time with exceptional people and when you know we are all here for the good of the boys'.

Humble; loyal; generous, gentle, patient and committed; an exceptional educator, leader, mentor, husband, father and friend.

Rest in peace, Mark and know that your legacy lives on in so many ways at St Patrick's College, a place I know meant so much to you and to your family.

**Love you, mate.
Steven O'Connor**



OCA Celebration Dinner

After a number of postponements due to the pandemic, the OCA Celebration Dinner was finally able to be held in August.

Two new College Legends were inducted, along with one new Young Achiever and two former much-loved staff members were honoured with the Facere et Docere (To Do and To Teach Award).

The inductees were:

Legend of the College:

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

Legend of the College:

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

Young Achiever of the Year:

Andrew Groch (SPC 2008-13) was recognised as our Young Achiever of the Year in honour of his incredible work as one of Australia's best young musical conductors and arts administrators. Andrew has already conducted the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and has worked with the world-renowned London Philharmonia Orchestra

before COVID forced a return to Australia. Andrew is currently working as a project officer with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

Facere et Docere Award:

Two much loved former members of staff were honoured with the Facere et Docere Award.

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

Dr Peter Casey AM was the first lay person Headmaster at St Patrick's College, leading SPC in a period of sustained growth and excellence.

Dr Casey was honoured as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2015 Australia Day Honours list. This acknowledgement recognised Dr Casey's significant service to secondary education as an administrator and teacher, to professional organisations, and to the community of Ballarat.

Highlights of Dr Casey's tenure at St Patrick's College included increasing enrolment numbers from 845 in 2002 to 1432 in 2015, overseeing several major capital work projects rebuilding classrooms and facilities. He also reintroduced and rejuvenated boarding and Introduced a specialised Indigenous Education Programme.



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Further Mathematics



Premier's VCE Awards

Matthew Jones, Further Mathematics

The Premier's VCE Awards recognise the outstanding results of individual students and pays tribute to the principals, teachers and families who play a valuable role in supporting these students during their VCE studies.

St Patrick's College was fortunate to have a student recognised at this year's Premier's VCE Awards for their efforts in 2021.

Student, Matthew Jones was presented with a Premier's VCE Award for Further Mathematics at a presentation ceremony held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Matthew was accompanied at the ceremony by his Further Mathematics teacher, Mr Barry Schuurs.



- 1: Matthew Jones accepting his Award.
- 2: Matthew Jones with Mr Barry Schuurs.

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AFL Debuts

The 2022 AFL season commenced with thirteen St Patrick's College students on AFL Lists.

Joshua Gibcus, who was Richmond's first selection in the 2021 NAB draft at pick 9, managed to play an incredible 18 games in his first year.

Sporting number 28, Gibcus held down a key defensive post pit himself against some of the best AFL forwards.

Josh's classmate, Kai Lohmann managed to play two games for the formidable Brisbane Lions outfit before injury curtailed much of his season.

No doubt Kai is enjoying spending time with one of his old SPC mates, Harry Sharp who is also at the Lions.

Sam Butler followed in the footsteps of his brother, Dan who is now at St Kilda.

Sam played 9 games for the Hawks. Sam was drafted with pick 23 in the 2023 draft and proudly wore number 30 for the Hawks in a sensational debut season.



St Patrick's College Alumni on AFL lists in 2022:

- ✿ Tom McDonald, Melbourne (SPC 2010)
- ✿ Brad Crouch, St Kilda (SPC 2006-11)
- ✿ Matt Crouch, Adelaide (SPC 2008-13)
- ✿ Liam Duggan, West Coast (SPC 2009-14)
- ✿ Oscar McDonald, Carlton (SPC 2011-13)
- ✿ Daniel Rioli, Richmond (SPC 2012-15)
- ✿ Jacob Hopper, GWS (SPC 2014-15)
- ✿ Dan Butler, St Kilda (SPC 2009-14)
- ✿ Tom Williamson, Carlton (2012-16)
- ✿ Harry Sharp, Brisbane Lions (2016-19)
- ✿ Joshua Gibcus
- ✿ Kai Lohmann
- ✿ Sam Butler

1: Joshua Gibcus. 2: Kai Lohmann. 3: Sam Butler.



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Twelve Angry Men

St Patrick's College production 2022.

On a sweltering day in the summer of 1957, twelve men enter a New York jury room to deliberate on the court case that has just concluded proceedings. A 16-year-old boy has been charged with the murder of his father, and is faced with the prospect of the electric chair if found guilty. 11 of the twelve initially vote guilty. Only one, Juror 8, votes not guilty. What follows is a passionate debate about race, prejudice and whether justice can really be served in the American legal system.

Twelve Angry Men was the first St Patrick's College production to be performed live since COVID struck and the students could not wait to perform again in front of an audience in May.

Head of Performing Arts at St Patrick's College, Ms Monique Allen couldn't contain her delight on opening night.

"We are just so happy we can finally get into the theatre and bring this to an audience," Ms Allen told The Courier.

Performed at the intimate Helen Macpherson Smith Theatre in the heart of Ballarat, the production was outstanding.

Special mention to the cast of 13 students, the backstage crew of 5 and to the many staff and students who volunteered front of house.

With construction underway on a new Performing Arts Centre at St Patrick's College, the expectation is that interest in music and the performing arts will continue to grow.



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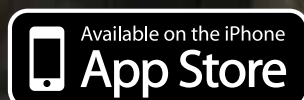
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Purton Oratory Competition 2022

“It is a splendid thing for boys to learn how to carry on a debate and how to make a speech, and it is surprising the fluency and confidence in speaking acquired by the members of the society. It is a part of their training, which the boys themselves are quick to value.”

So said, Brother D.G. Purton, Principal at St Patrick's College from 1934 to 1939.

This year was the 80th Purton Oratory competition, named in honour of Brother Purton.

Some of the more memorable Purton Oratory speeches over the years have included:

1940 Jack Feery.

Oratory Speech, “Himmler and the Gestapo”.

1952 Geoff Torney, Ballarat Lawyer.

Oratory Speech, “How Strong Is Our Commonwealth?”

1967 Gaven Tellefson, Barrister.

Oratory Speech, “The Lotus Eaters”.

1982 Shane Macklinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst.

Oratory Speech “Life — Be in It”.

1991 Justin Quill, Lawyer.

Oratory Speech, “The Typical Aussie”.

2000 James Marburg, Olympic Rower.

Oratory Speech, “Curiosity”.

2011 Adam Spencer, Broadcast Journalist, content creator and certified Drone Pilot.

Oratory Speech, “Social Networking - is it beneficial or harmful”.

This years winners were:

Ms. Mary Purcell Debate: That community work should be included in every student's curriculum.

Affirmative Team: Nick Willis Pitt, Patrick Snowden, Harry Clark.
Reserves/supports: Josh Hayes, Junaid Ali, Oliver Jackson, Riley Hayes.

Brian Broadribb Impromptu Speaking

Harry Clark – True wisdom comes from experience.

Br. Breach Oratory

George Rogers – The ethics of death.

Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speaking

Edward de Salis – Real learning doesn't occur in the classroom.

Br. Purton Oratory

Edward de Salis – The price of time.



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RAP Launch

The College was delighted to launch its new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as part of its Reconciliation Week activities recently.

St Patrick's College was delighted to launch its updated Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as part of its Reconciliation Week activities. Below is an extract from Principal Steven O'Connor's report in The Crest in May which outlines the significance of the updated RAP.

The significance of Reconciliation Week should not be missed by anyone in the St Patrick's College community. We have had a strong commitment to Reconciliation and to providing a quality education to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. I acknowledge that we have not always got things right and amongst the many successes there has been difficult times and disappointment. The commitment to this remains steadfast.

I was honoured to be involved in the many consultations towards the renewal of our RAP in 2021. The people involved in the RAP Committee were passionate and committed and we met through thick during the many lockdowns last year. I acknowledge the tremendous work of Jason Napior in coordinating the RAP Committee last year. Thanks to the many people who were involved in this important process.

The College was honoured to host Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann AM as part of Catholic Education Ballarat's Reconciliation Week events and gatherings. Miriam-Rose was Senior Australian of the Year in 2021 and is a highly respected artist, activist and spokesperson for Aboriginal Australia and Reconciliation. Recently, Miriam Rose has consulted with EREA on the development of its Learning Statement. I am delighted that Miriam-Rose was at the College and had the time to visit our boarding house and dine with our boarders following her presentation to staff on Wednesday afternoon.

Miriam is the type of person with whom you could easily spend hours.

Below, Dr Miriam writes about **Dadirri, the still awareness**:

"Many Australians understand that Aboriginal people have a special respect for Nature. The identity we have with the land is sacred and unique. Many people are beginning to understand this more. Also there are many Australians who appreciate that Aboriginal people have a very strong sense of community.

All persons matter. All of us belong. And there are many more Australians now, who understand that we are a people who celebrate together.

What I want to talk about is another special quality of my people. I believe it is the most important. It is our most unique gift. It is perhaps the greatest gift we can give to our fellow Australians. In our language this quality is called dadirri. It is inner, deep listening and quiet, still awareness. Dadirri recognises the deep spring that is inside us. We call on it and it calls to us. This is the gift that Australia is thirsting for. It is something like what you call "contemplation".

When I experience dadirri, I am made whole again. I can sit on the riverbank or walk through the trees; even if someone close to me has passed away, I can find my peace in this silent awareness. There is no need of words. A big part of dadirri is listening. Through the years, we have listened to our stories. They are told and sung, over and over, as the seasons go by. Today we still gather around the campfires and together we hear the sacred stories. As we grow older, we ourselves become the storytellers. We pass on to the young ones all they must know. The stories and songs sink quietly into our minds and we hold them deep inside. In the ceremonies we celebrate the awareness of our lives as sacred. The contemplative way of dadirri spreads over our whole life. It renews us and brings us peace. It makes us feel whole again...

In our Aboriginal way, we learnt to listen from our earliest days. We could not live good and useful lives unless we listened. This was the normal way for us to learn – not by asking questions. We learnt by watching and listening, waiting and then acting. Our people have passed on this way of listening for over 40,000 years...

There is no need to reflect too much and to do a lot of thinking. It is just being aware. My people are not threatened by silence. They are completely at home in it. They have lived for thousands of years with Nature's quietness. My people today, recognise and experience in this quietness, the great Life-Giving Spirit, the Father of us all. It is easy for me to experience God's presence. When I am out hunting, when I am in the bush, among the trees, on a hill or by a billabong; these are the times when I can simply be in God's presence. My people have been so aware of Nature. It is natural that we will feel close to the Creator. Dr Stanter, the anthropologist who did much of his work among the Daly River tribes, wrote this: "Aboriginal religion was probably one of the least material minded, and most life-minded of any of which we have knowledge."

Miriam spoke about her love of going to Flat Rock; a place overlooking the Daly River. She indicated that this was certainly a place at which she could sit for hours, quietly and know and appreciate that she is in God's presence.

Copies of the updated St Patrick's College Reconciliation Plan are available at College reception or you can view it at www.stpats.vic.edu.au.



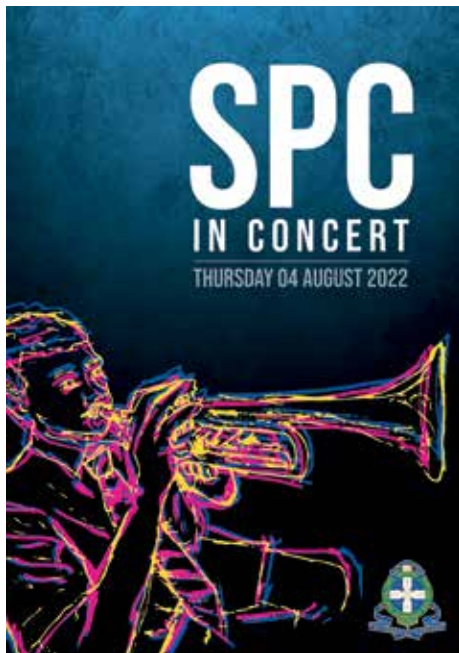


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SPC in Concert

In August, St Patrick's College showcased our music ensembles at the SPC Annual Concert at Wendouree Performing Arts Centre.

The program included performances from the Inter Concert band, Symphonics Winds Ensemble, the Woodwind Quartet, Senior Stage Band, a Guitar Ensemble, Contemporary Band, Percussion Ensemble and a very special Finale item.

With the challenges of COVID and a new Head of Music in Mr Jerry Lau, the concert was put together in a very short period of time.

The end result and the feedback received following the Concert have been amazing!

Our first public performance in two years was incredible and a wonderful opportunity to showcase the student's talent and skill.

We look forward to hosting future SPC concerts in our new Performing Arts Centre.





OCA Report

“I was told that I was the longest-serving OCA president until I checked the records. I share the record with Sir Hugh Devine (SPC 1893-1894) who was president from 1914-1919.”

I write this piece as my last report for the Shamrock, It is ironic that I, a winner of the Sir Hugh Devine trophy for impromptu speaking in 1969 should also, like him, be a long-serving president of the OCA - although more than one hundred years later. One has to wonder how different the OCA of today is from what existed in 1919. This report is a reflection of my time as president and some of the memories I take with me.

I came to the position of president when the Royal Commission hearings were coming to an end. I cannot but admire how the principal at the time, John Crowley dealt with the enormous amount of negative publicity that was being reported about SPC. John led the way supported by Paul Nolan and Stephen Hill and Lorrie Liston in reaching out to survivors. One person during this time was a “stand out” - I refer to Lorrie Liston. It was Lorrie, Paul and John who would reach out to survivors. But it was Lorrie who was the backbone of SPC Care program and got it to where it is today. That period was very difficult for all concerned at the College. Much of the correspondence and emails which John, Paul and I received left much to be desired and were hardly becoming of “Old Boys” of SPC.

At the end of the day, it has to be remembered that SPC is a school. The first responsibility of any school is to the students. The staff members, who work so hard to prepare students for the next stage of their lives, should not have had to read constant negative reports about SPC. Three 2015 Year 12 students wrote to the Ballarat Courier in defence of the school. It was a letter that was well received by the school community and victims alike. It resulted in more victims connecting with the school.

One of the things that distinguish the SPC OCA from many Old Collegian associations is we are not involved in the operations of the school. We have all read of Old Collegian associations wielding too much power. Some have been responsible for the dismissal of principals and council members of schools. The SPC OCA does not see that as its role. We are there and will always be there to support the school and the Old Boy community in any way we can. That is where the OCA stands today and hopefully always will. We do not interfere with decisions that the Advisory Council or EREA make. We have no say on property acquisition, curriculum, staffing or any other operational issues. Some in the Old Boy community need to understand that.

I mentioned SPC Care before. One of my most poignant memories was travelling with Lorrie Liston to Port Campbell to visit Old Boy Phillip Younis

(SPC1970-73) who was involved in a tragedy off the coast of Port Campbell at Easter 2019. The two other rescuers (father and son) drowned. Phil was winched from the raging surf with multiple injuries and survived. The tourist who they went to rescue also survived unharmed. When we visited Phil some six months after the ordeal he was still in a great deal of pain. He and his partner appreciated the visit of Lorrie and me, plus the good wishes of the College. The Coroner’s findings into the deaths of father and son lifesavers were recently released. One of the recommendations was that Phil is nominated for a bravery award for his heroic actions on that tragic day. That is but one example of SPC Care in action. Many kind acts are a result of SPC Care. Something is done almost weekly to assist an Old Boy or the family of an Old Boy.

The introduction of the scholarship program by the OCA is also something we are very proud of. Two boys are selected in Year 11, for a half-tuition scholarship in Year 12. The OCA Scholarship is not necessarily allocated to the smartest student or the best athlete or the pre-eminent musician. The scholarship is targeted towards two students who have contributed in many ways to the school. Once applications are received, the OCA, in collaboration with senior College staff, will determine a short list of students who will be invited to attend an interview. Following that process, the interview panel will recommend to the College Principal the names of two students to receive the OCA Scholarship for their Year 12 year. We hope to extend this further in years to come.

The OCA has recently donated \$120,000 to the restoration cost of the main oval. The oval looks magnificent; you could run the Stawell Gift on it! I encourage all Old Boys to buy a picket and have their name immortalised.

I wish Charlie Flynn, my successor all the best for his term as president. Charlie is a third-generation Old Boy. I do not doubt that Charlie will do a great job. He is SPC to the core. Both his father and grandfather attended SPC; his brother Michael was elevated to Legend status in 2019. What an extraordinary story Michael has, I encourage all to go to the College website and read it.

An interesting fact is my late father (Jim) and Charlie’s Father (John) were both in Legacy as both were returned servicemen from WW2. My Dad was in Warrnambool Legacy and Charlie’s father was a member of Colac Legacy. They knew each other well and spoke to each other often. It should be remembered also, that SPC Old Boy Frank Doolan (SPC 1908) was one of the founding fathers of Legacy. I have had the privilege of being a member of Ballarat Legacy for many years, and have been witness to the great work it does. Michael Flynn, after the celebration dinner of 2019 sent me several speeches that his father made concerning Legacy. They were beautifully written, eloquent words.

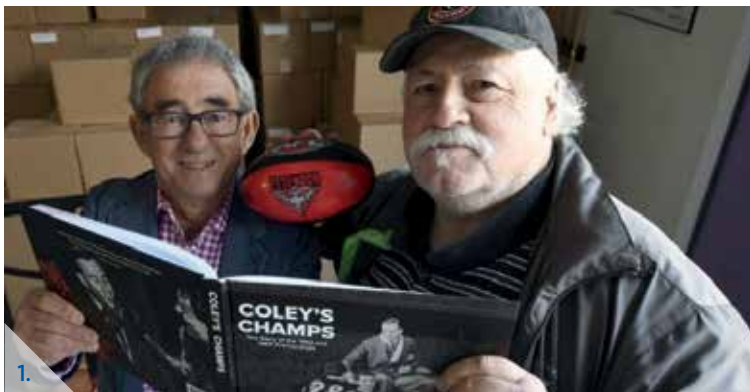
As I come to the end of my reflection I wish to thank the members of the College development team. Firstly: Paul Nolan the College’s former Director of Community Development. I worked with Paul up until he left towards the end of 2021. Paul worked tirelessly, during some of the most difficult times in the College’s history. I wish to thank Roger Le Grande for the help and assistance he has given me, since coming into the position of Director of Community Development in late 2021. I also wish to thank the members of the Development team, Lorrie Liston, Rachel Bryant, Caitlin Bennett and Halina Szynda for all the support and help they gave to me during my time as president. I would also like to thank previous principals and acting principals, John Crowley, Stephen Hill and Elizabeth Ryan who, like Paul, guided the College through a difficult time. The help and advice you gave to me whilst president was truly appreciated. I also wish to thank Steven O’Connor for the assistance he gave to me since taking on the role of principal of SPC in 2021.

Finally good luck Charlie, I am sure you will be a great president, enjoy every moment. You have the good wishes of the whole SPC community behind you.

Allan Mckinnon
Immediate Past President SPCOCA

Old Boys in the News

- Fabulous to see SPC OCA Legend and Bombers fan **Michael Kearney (SPC 1962-67)**, along with great mate Phil Hoey, use their encyclopedic knowledge of the Essendon Football Club for good by producing a book telling the little-known story of an VFL/AFL legend John Coleman.
- Great to see local publican and Old Collegian **Dan Cronin (SPC 1986-90, PY1991)** becoming a TV star with his appearance on the TV show Hunted recently!
- Waubra coach **Matt James (SPC 2005-10)** has announced he will stand down as coach at the end of this Central Highlands FL season, following on from the same announcement by Newlyn coach **Chris Banwell (SPC 1999-2004)**.
- Fantastic news for Saints footballer **Sam Butler (SPC 2016-21)** of his new two-year deal with St Kilda in the AFL.
- Wonderful effort by **Liam Wright (SPC 2016-21)** who was received a Spirit of CFA gong after showing exemplary dedication to his volunteer fire brigade. Well done Liam!
- Great to see **Aaron Cadman (SPC 2016-20, PY2021)** featuring in the AFL U18 national championships recently.
- Tom Azarnikow (SPC 2007-2012)**, or "Tommy A" is fulfilling a childhood dream in the world of professional wrestling. Good lucky Tommy A!
- Wonderful to see the artwork of one of our late Old Collegians, **Josh Muir (SPC 2004-07, PY2009)** on display in Ballarat during NAIDOC Week, providing the opportunity for the wider community to remember and enjoy Josh's work. Josh sadly passed away earlier this year.
- Great to see **Paul Kochskamper (SPC 1996-2001)** encouraging the Ballarat Indigenous community to take up COVID-19 preventative measures in his role as a local Indigenous health leader.
- Carlton defender **Tom Williamson (SPC 2012-16)** has called time on his AFL career, but has since signed with North Melbourne's VFL side.
- We wish **Adam Azzopardi (SPC 2016-21)** all the best after a horror injury on the footy field, suffering a compound leg fracture, while playing for Darley against North Ballarat in the Ballarat FL.
- Liam Brady (SPC 1997-2002)** has announced he is stepping down as playing coach of Buninyong to return to the Red Caps after three seasons away, taking on a development coach role.
- Joe Carmody (SPC 1992-97 & current staff)** announces he is stepping down as coach of the Ballarat senior football group at the end of this season
- Fantastic to see **Steve Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80)** recognised with Commonwealth Games Australia life membership. Congratulations also to Steve, who was also appointed to the Athletics Australia board of directors earlier this year, and carried the Queen's Baton in Ballarat in the lead-up to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- Keep an eye on **Teddy Powlett (SPC 2003-08)**, who is hoping to launch a new exciting venture that will add to the offerings in the Pyrenees wine region. Teddy, who is the man behind Ballarat's much-loved hospitality venues Renard, Moon and Mountain, Winner Winner and Ragazzone, is working to launch the new business at a winery in Waubra.
- Congratulations to Bacchus Marsh premiership captain **Tyson Shea (SPC 2001-06)** who played his 250th football game.
- Great to see Gordon's **Mark Gunnell (SPC 2003-08)** back on the field and playing his first game since round one after breaking an arm in round one.



1: Michael Kearney and Phil Hoey. 2: Tom Azarnikow. 3: Kai Lohmann. 4: Josh Gibcus.

- In other footy news, Beaufort joint coaches **Mitch Jenkins (SPC 2001-06)** and **Brendan Howard (SPC 2001-06)** are in the injury wars after suffering injuries, with Mitch suffering a broken ankle, while Brendan has been out with a calf issue.
- Congratulations to **Mark Kennedy (SPC 1992-97)** and **Ryan Waight (SPC 1998-2003)** who were named in Redan's best 25 players in the club's 150th anniversary celebrations.
- Winner of the 1957 Brownlow medallist **Brian Gleeson (SPC 1947-52)** was also named in Mininera & District Football League's recently named team of the century. Brian was named as half back for Willaura and went on to play 70 games for St Kilda. Well done Brian!
- Congratulations to **Josh Gibcus (SPC 2017-21)**, **Kai Lohmann (SPC 2018-21)** and **Sam Butler (SPC 2016-2021)** who have debuted for the AFL in the first part of 2022. Josh is playing with Richmond, while Kai is with the Brisbane Lions and Sam is now a hawk at Hawthorn. Good luck guys!
- All the best to **Jack Burgess (SPC 2013-18)**, who was planning to head to the United States to play American football with Weber State in Utah.
- Congratulations to **Tim Halpin (SPC 1995-97)** who won the 800m final at the Stawell Gift carnival over Easter.
- Well done to **Cooper Craig-Peters (SPC 2014-19)** who hand-painted Indigenous designs on the Western Bulldogs' footy boots during the AFL Indigenous round. Cooper is playing with the Bulldogs' VFL side and is a talented artist, designing the College's Indigenous tie when he was a student at SPC.
- Well done to **Andrew Leehane (SPC 1987-88, PY1989)** who competed in the Australian Masters Rowing Championships, held on Ballarat's Lake Wendouree earlier this year.
- Congratulations to **Tom McDonald (SPC 2010)** who played his 200th AFL game.
- Congratulations to **Jack Lalor (SPC 2012-17)** on his selection in the Victorian Premier Cricket team of the season along with **Ryan Aikman (SPC 2015-19, PY2020)** who won the Victoria Premier Cricket Second IV Player of the Season 21/22 award. A fabulous achievement by both young men!
- Well done to cancer survivor **Jim Waight (SPC 1985-90)** and his Jimmy's Licorice Allsorts Cycling Team (made up of a number of SPC Old Collegians) who raised just on \$60,000 with their participation once again in The Murray to Moyne Cycling Relay, raising important funds for cancer research by the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute (FECRI). Well done to Jim and his team!
- A Coroner has recommended the nomination of lifesaver **Phil Younis (SPC 1970-73)** for a bravery award for his heroic actions on a tragic day, where fellow father and son lifesavers died while saving the life of a tourist in rough seas near the Twelve Apostles three years ago.
- We were honoured to share the stories of old Collegians and brothers, **Farnel and James Mardling**, who were tragically killed in action on the same day in Belgium almost 105 years ago, during our recent Anzac Day Assembly.

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Old Boys in the News

- Congratulations to **Josh Pegg (SPC 2015-19, PY2020)** and **Jack Bambury (SPC 2019-2021)** who were part of the premiership-winning team for Golden Point in the Ballarat Cricket Association first grand final against Darley.
- Congratulations to **Callum Linnane (SPC 2008, PY2013)** who has been promoted to the highest level a ballet dancer can reach – that of a principal artist. The announcement was made to a surprised Callum during the curtain call after the Melbourne opening night of the Australian Ballet's production of Anna Karenina, where Callum was performing the lead role of Count Alexei Vronsky. Callum received the SPC Young Achiever of the Year Award in 2017. Congratulations Callum!
- Congratulations to **Sam Oostendorp (SPC 2011-16)** and **Austin Reinehr (SPC 2018-21)** for outstanding performances in the Australian Rowing Championships.
- We had some fantastic news all the way from Los Angeles with **Patrick Rea (SPC 2019-2020)** signing with LA Tech University as a gridiron punter!
- Well done to **Justin O'Brien (SPC 2005-10)** who helped lead Carngham home in stunning Grenville Cricket Association grand final victory. Justin picked up the best on ground with five wickets and 55 runs.
- It wasn't a good day for **Nathan Sobey (SPC 2008)** earlier this year when his Tokyo Olympics bronze medal was stolen from his home in Brisbane. Nathan posted to social media asking the person responsible to return it.
- The Danny Frawley Centre was officially opened in early March, named in honour of Old Collegian **Danny Frawley (SPC 1976-79, PY1981)**, who passed away in late 2019, and has been described by his family as a "new beginning". The health and wellbeing centre will house a range of physical and mental health facilities, including rehabilitation and recovery programs. Danny played over 200 games for St Kilda.
- Well done to **Shaun McArthur (SPC 1997-2000, PY2002)** who claimed the Grenville Cricket Association batting aggregate and average and finished second in the best and fairest.
- Great to see **Jon Kanoa (SPC 1995-2000)** promoting his work as the new co-chair of the Koorie Engagement Action Group.
- Great to see **David Loader (SPC 1982-85, PY1987)** working hard in his new role as NAB League Talent Pathways Coach with Greater Western Victoria – AFL.
- Congratulations to Ballarat City soccer players **Leighton Lauton (SPC 2014-19)** and **Alex Baker (SPC 2014-19)** who have been signed to Western United FC's inaugural NPL3 squad.
- Well done to **Joel O'Connell (SPC 2013-18)** who was picked as one of 10 new recruits out of a field of more than 1200 applicants to become a Powercor apprentice.
- Congratulations to **James Doherty (SPC 2015-20)** who made his Melbourne Premier Cricket 1st XI debut with Footscray against top-of-the-table Northcote, which featured fellow Old Boys (**Matt Short 2008-13, Blayde Baker 2010-13, Jack Lalor 2012-17**) and current student **Dan Lalor**.
- Fantastic news for basketballer **Sam Short (SPC 2011-16)**, who has been picked up by the New Zealand Breakers in the NBL, while big brother **Matt (SPC 2008-13)** enjoyed a great season of cricket in the Sheffield Shield for Victoria and named one of the best players of the BBL, making the BBL's official Team of the Tournament.
- It appears we have a superstar in our midst with **Fr Eugene McKinnon (SPC 1965-66)** featuring in the Australian movie "The Dry", which was out in cinemas across the country earlier this year. Fr Eugene was called on to play a role he knows very well, that of the parish priest.
- Congratulations to **Fr Eric Bryant (SPC 1958-66)** who retired after 46 years in parish ministry. Fr Eric was ordained in Ballarat on May 18, 1974 and was assistant priest in Colac, Portland and Ballarat Cathedral parishes. He was Parish Priest in Hopetoun, Portland, Koroit and Port Fairy and finally in Stawell.
- Well done to Mount Clear fourths cricket captain **Shaun Jeffrey (SPC 1987-90, PY1992)** who played his 350th game for the club.
- Congratulations to **George Helon (SPC 1980-82, PY1983)** whose business MedicReady was awarded the 2020 international Global Health and Pharma (GHP) Magazine's (UK) Award for Most Innovative Patient Medical Information Service – Australia.
- We wished **Chris Henderson (SPC 1986-91)** all the best as he captained the Richmond wheelchair AFL team as they headed towards a back-to-back premiership this season.
- We were delighted to hear that **Norman Houghton (SPC 1963-65)** was presented with an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his outstanding services as an historian and archivist to the community of Geelong.
- **Michael Clark (SPC 2002-07)** and **Alex Parker (SPC 2002-07)** were happy teammates after winning the Ballarat District Bowls Division state men's fours championship.
- Congratulations to **Ryan Knowles (SPC 1996-2001)** who played his 200th first grade game with Brown Hill late last year, entering the match with 5539 first grade runs to his name – the third highest in club history.
- Great to hear former NBL and SANFL CEO **Ben Kavenagh (SPC 1990, PY1992)** has been appointed to the role of Head of AFL Victoria.
- At the start of the school year, we welcomed Class of 2021 students as 2022 Trainees **Jess Murphy (Library)**, **Rorey O'Kelly (Mission)**, **Spence Jenks (Enhanced Learning)** and **Harvey Woodburn (PE & Sport)**.
- Congratulations also to **Bryson McDougall (SPC 2009-14)**, **Sam Willian (SPC 2008-13)** and **James Blackburn (SCP 2006-11)** who have set up "Project Growth", which started with a simple passion shared by these three friends to give young males with a disability a place of belonging, with a simple purpose based around sports, technology and socialising. Well done guys!
- Congratulations to **Ben Andrews (SPC 2003-08)**, whose project "Gondwana" has been selected for the 2022 Sundance Film Festival.
- Well done to **Josh Ballinger (SPC 2016-18, PY2021)** who had been accepted into the Australian Ballet School's Level 8.
- **Mark Dunne (SPC 1992-97)** opened the Elaine Farmgate Shop, including a pick-your-own sunflower farm to raise funds for its expansion.
- Well done to **Andrew Watson (SPC 1982-87)** who commenced as Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.



1: Sam Butler. 2: Mark Dunne. 3: Callum Linnane. 4: Nathan Sobey. 5: Cooper Craig-Peters.

Obituaries

- The St Patrick's College community mourns the passing of one of our most loved and respected Old Collegians and teachers, **Michael Brady (SPC 1956-62)** who sadly passed away on 24 July, 2022.
See tribute on page 4

- We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Old Collegian **John Francis Brady (SPC 1954-57)** who passed away peacefully on 15 July 2022 at Mercy Place, Sandringham, aged 82 years. John was the son of John and Carmel and loving older brother of Bryan (SPC 1956-57, PY1959), Rosemary, Suzanne and Catherine. John was the beloved husband of Claire and loving father of Nicole, Sean, Paul and Rebecca and a grandfather to nine.



John was a boarder at SPC and following his completion of a Masters Degree in Psychology at Melbourne University, he forged a career as a management consultant with Chandler & Mcleod and became the national management partner in charge of 125 psychologists. John attended St Patrick's College as a boarder from Doncaster for four years between 1954-57. He was also a Prefect in his Second Year Matriculation in 1957.

John also worked for a number of years as Sports Psychologist for the North Melbourne AFL club.

- We are deeply saddened to learn of the sudden and peaceful passing "under the stars, in the landscape he loved" of larger-than-life Old Collegian **Francis (Frank) Hoban (SPC 1964-66)** recently while on an interstate camping trip. A memorial is being planned for a later date. Family members remembered Francis as a "bushman, loud, generous, compassionate, friend to all with a nickname for everyone, keeper of family stories and yarns" and "such a special person". Fellow Old Boys paid tribute to their great mate "Buck", describing him as a "lifelong friend. A wonderful, original character. Irrepressible, irreverent, outrageously funny and generous to all of those in need". Francis was a boarder from Kyneton and a member of the First XVIII football team in his matric year.

- We pass on our deepest sympathy to the extended family of Old Collegian **John Brants (SPC 1961-67)**, who passed away peacefully on 1 July, 2022 at Queen Elizabeth Village in Ballarat with loved ones by his side. John was a day student at SPC and began in first year in 1961 and repeated his matriculation in 1967, receiving a scholastic prize in both French and General Mathematics in 1967, and in English Expression in 1966.

- We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Old Collegian **Simon Scarff (SPC 1981-86, PY1987)** who died tragically in a house fire in Ballarat earlier this year. A Funeral Mass was held for Simon at St Patrick's Cathedral on 4 March, 2022. Simon was a day student and attended SPC from Year 7 to Year 11. Simon was a talented member of the SPC senior rugby team. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Simon's mother Joan, his two sisters, uncle Peter Morris (SPC 1949-55) and their extended families.

- We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Old Collegians brothers **Emerson (SPC 2011-16)** and **Simon McMaster (SPC 2005-10)** as well as brothers James (SPC 2006-10) Nicholas (SPC 2008-13), Thomas (SPC 2009-14) and Samuel McMaster (SPC 2011-16) and their extended families on the passing of their grandfather Donald McMaster on 26 May 2022 at Nazareth House, Ballarat. Donald was married to Barbara for 65 years and was a much-loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

- We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Old Collegian **Matthew Alan Bull (SPC 1985-87)** who passed away suddenly on 21 May 2022.



Matthew was a loving husband to Narelle, and a devoted father to Sasha (14), Alex (12) & Lochie (9). He was also the younger brother of Bryan (SPC 1977-78, PY1979). Matthew's funeral was held in Glenroy on 1 June 2022 and a gofundme page has also been set up at <https://gofund.me/ef9af358> to help with ongoing family costs as Matt was the sole family income earner. Matthew was a boarder at SPC from Goroke, north of Edenhope, and studied Year 10 through to Year 12.

- We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Old Collegian **Cornelius (Con) Glennen (SPC 1944-45, PY1947)** who passed away suddenly and peacefully on 21 May, 2022, aged 92 years. Con was very well known in the Noorat community, where he operated a dairy farm with his brother Jack (SPC 1948-50, PY1951). Con was one of 15 children and lived his whole life on the farm, apart from his time as a boarder at SPC. He was a much-loved son, brother, uncle and great uncle. His niece Maria Bohan said Con lived for his farm and the footy. He never married and was a "strong, fit man with a great sense of humour and a wonderful storyteller".

- We also extend our deepest sympathy to Old Collegian **Kevin Renwick OAM (SPC 1946-47, PY1949)** and his family on the peaceful passing of his son Terry, aged 64, from cancer late on St Patrick's Day.

- We are saddened to learn of the passing of Old Collegian and former staff member **Peter Vincent Bergin (SPC 1953-62)** who passed away earlier this year. Peter was a day student, starting as a junior (grade three) in 1953. He completed nine years of schooling at St Patrick's College, completing his matriculation in 1962.

Peter went to Teachers' College in Ballarat and taught Humanities at the School of Mines in Ballarat before eventually returning as a teacher at SPC, teaching for nearly a decade from 1988 through to 1997. Peter taught many subjects across the years at SPC, including English, politics, geography, media studies, religious education and he was a Year 7 & 8 and Second XVIII football coach.

Peter was also the coordinator of table tennis and his former students have described Peter as a fine educator who really cared about his students.

Peter was the dearly loved and loving husband of Marg, adored dad of Anthony (SPC 1987-92) and Wendy, Alison and Justin.

- We extend our deepest condolences to the extended family of **Bernard (Bernie) John Mathews (SPC 1949-53, PY1954)** who passed away on 23 January 2022, aged 84 years.



Bernie came to St Pats from the family farm at Werneth and had a successful stint at school where he received awards for his talents in Latin and proved himself skilled at gymnastics, the violin and at athletics. (What a combination!) He was popular with other boarders for his sense of humour, his sense of fun and his sharp wit.

He was a full-time boarder with his younger brother Peter (SPC 1957-62). Bernie returned to the farm after leaving school and spent many happy years being a dedicated part of the close-knit Werneth community. He had a love of sports cars and was a skilful driver enjoying lively trips down the Ocean Road in his Austin Healy testing the nerves of his thrilled passengers and his car became well known throughout the district.

He had a passion for anything to do with flying also and gained his private pilot's licence with the Ballarat Aero Club in the 1960's and flew for many years.

Bernie married Lorraine Barry in 1960 and had five children with his son John attending St Pat's from 1978-1983 and as the children became adults and left the farm Bernie became the publican at the Little Hard Hills Enfield from 1993-2005 where he and Lorraine were generous, popular and friendly hosts.

On retirement Bernie moved to Geelong to be near family. He was always quick with a joke and a story to fit any occasion and was still reciting poetry he learned at St Pat's 70 years earlier! His memories of the school were incredibly clear and he spoke fondly of his time there. Of the dedication of the Brothers and of the many experiences he had as a boarder. We thank Bernie's son John for helping with this tribute.

- We are saddened to learn of the passing of Old Collegian **Dean Bedgood (SPC 1987-92)** on 1 May, 2022. We extend our deepest sympathy to Dean's extended family, including his brother Chris (SPC 1988-93).

Dean and Chris were boarders at SPC from the Melbourne suburbs of West Melton and then later Camberwell. Dean was very sporty and active across his entire schooling years at SPC across many sports, including rugby, tennis, rowing, football, basketball and squash.



- We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Old Collegian **Adrian McConnell (SPC 1954-57, PY1958)** who passed away peacefully on 1 April, 2022.

Adrian was a boarder from Gisborne, starting in second year and completing his Leaving studies. During his time at SPC, Adrian was a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society and Our Lady Sodality. He was also a member of the Nunan House football premiership team in the 1955 Shed competition. His daughter Sharon says her dad remembers his time at St Pat's as the best years of his childhood as he made many friends, got to try many sports and got a great education – which he valued more than anything.

Adrian went on to become an accountant and undertook additional study to also become a financial planner.

He worked as an accountant in many organisations including senior accountant/adviser at Perpetual Trustees when he then ventured out into private enterprise to establish his own successful accounting/financial planning business for some 40 years.

Adrian is survived by his wife, Carmel and their six children – three of whom are also accountant/financial advisers and 15 grandchildren.

- Lawrence (Laurie) Albert Webber (SPC 1952, PY1958)** passed away peacefully on 23 March, 2022, aged 80 years, in Benalla. Laurie was the loved and loving husband of Dorothy, and adored father and father-in-law of Ryll and Glenn, Lincoln and Ruth and a loved uncle. Laurie was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Benalla on 1 April. Laurie was a boarder at SPC from East Hawthorn, in Melbourne for one year only, in the junior grade.



- Old Collegian **Denis McKimmie (SPC 1953-57)** passed away on 28 March, 2022 in Warrnambool.

We extend our condolences to his wife Pat and their children, as well as their extended family and friends. Denis was a student at St Pat's originally a day student, however he became a boarder after his parents moved to Warrnambool.

Denis was a very talented sportsman across football, athletics and cricket during his time at SPC.

He was the captain of Football and Athletics in his matriculation year and was awarded the Athletics Senior Champion honour and The Brian Gleeson Cup in football.

Denis was captain two years running of Br O'Malley's 50th and 51st Public Schools First XVIII Football championship sides in 1956-57. Denis was also named the Senior SPC Champion in Athletics in 1957 and was a member of the 1956 Ballarat Combined Sports SPC Athletics Champions team. He was a member of the 1957 First XI Cricket team and a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Denis was named an assisting prefect as well as a second year matriculation prefect and received a studentship for Teachers' College. After leaving school, Denis joined the Education Department. Denis taught at the Warrnambool High School for the rest of his life playing football with South Warrnambool and in representative league teams in his playing days.

Again his tenacity was demonstrated by his fight against leukaemia over 15 years.

In 1965 Denis married Pat (nee Quinlan), a pairing which began at a St Patrick's College social night dance and they had five children: Jane, Sam, Lucy, Prue and Gregor and seven grandchildren.

Rest in Peace Denis.



- We extend our deepest sympathy to Merlyne and their four children on the passing of her husband **Brian Phelan (SPC 1951-52, PY1953)** who passed away on his 87th birthday on 24 February, 2022.

Brian was the only one of three sons from the family farm in Beulah to attend St Patrick's College in Ballarat because he was keen to make his career in something other than farming.

Brian enjoyed his time at SPC and still had his school cap and diary from his boarding days when he passed away 70 years later.

Brian enjoyed playing basketball at SPC and was also a member of the Second XVIII in 1951.

Sadly for Brian, he badly hurt his knee playing football and did not end up completing his matric. He returned home and was a farmer until the age of about 40 when he decided to ditch farming for good. He moved to Horsham with his family and became a businessman, operating a farm machinery business until he retired.

- We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Edward (Ted) John Rankins OAM (SPC 1948-50, PY1952)** who passed away on 10 March 2022 in Bendigo, aged 87 years.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was held at St Therese's Catholic Church in Kennington, Bendigo, on 18 March.

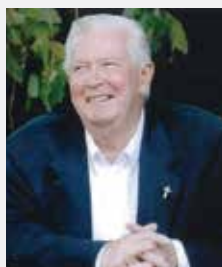
Born in Boort in 1935, Ted received a scholarship to St Patrick's College and revelled in life as a boarder. He excelled in his sporting pursuits, athletics, tennis, cricket but his passion was Australian Rules, becoming Captain of the SPC Under 15 Football team at the same time being a member of the SPC First XVIII Football team.

Ted was succeeded at St Patrick's by two brothers, Vincent (SPC 1957-58, PY1962) and Patrick (SPC 1959-61, PY1962).

Ted completed National Service in Ballarat and then embarked on a career with the PMG (Australia Post) at the Postal Training School in Melbourne before relieving in Country Post Offices, to Inspecting and then becoming Bendigo Senior Post Master and finally retiring after 46 years of faithful service as area manager.

Ted played an active and vital part in the Bendigo community, and performed countless voluntary roles, culminating in him receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in June 2014 for service to the community of Bendigo, particularly through tourism roles. Ted was an avid reader of SPC's Shamrock magazine and a proud St Patrick's past boarder. Ted leaves behind his wife of 64 years Gwen and was the loved father of Frances, Vivienne (dec), Paul, Lisa, Daniel and Genevieve.

- We extend our deepest sympathy to Old Collegian **Bill Molloy (SPC 1962-65, PY1966)** on the passing of his wife Carmel recently, and also to their sons, Adrian (SPC 1991-96) and Jordan (SPC 2000-05).
- We mourn the passing of former staff member **Stephanie Carswell**, who was a teacher at Loreto College and died earlier this year after a brief battle with brain cancer. Stephanie, aged 36, taught at SPC in 2018 and was remembered as enriching "the lives of many through her bubbly personality and joyous approach to aspects of her life".
- We are devastated to share the sudden passing of Old Collegian and former staff member **James Petrie (SPC 2001-06)** on 26 February, 2022. James attended SPC between 2001-2006 and was captain of the successful First XI BAS Champions 2006 and captain of the first SPC soccer team to defeat St Kevin's College. He was an exceptional sports player in soccer and cricket for SPC. He was also a member of the 2nd XI Cricket and was named player of the year in 2005 "for his consistency with the new ball" and described as a "true competitor". James was an outstanding sportsman locally representing Waubra in AFL premiership teams as well as local BDSA Championship soccer teams. James also worked on staff at St Pat's in the boarding house. James was both well-known and well-respected in the local community and a popular PE and VET teacher at Ballarat High School for many years since his graduation. We extend our deepest condolences to James' family and his partner Jane. Hundreds of mourners turned out for James' funeral at St Patrick's Cathedral on 14 March.
- We are saddened to learn of the passing of **Fr Kevin Melville Mogg AM (SPC 1942-48)** on 26 February, 2022 just two months short of his 90th birthday. Fr Kevin has been remembered for his over 65 years of generous and unfailing service as a priest, as a great mate and mentor to many, and a fierce advocate for the care of people pushed to the edges of the community by poverty and violence. He served the local Church of Melbourne for more than 65 years and spent more than five decades as a leader in Catholic social services, founding Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV). He was remembered by the Holy Spirit Parish in Ringwood North, where his funeral was held on 7 March. Well over 1000 people paid their respects including numerous Old Collegians. Kevin was a full-time boarder from Pascoe Vale along with his brothers Les (SPC 1942-48) (dec) and Russell (SPC 1948-51, PY1953) (dec). Kevin and Les both received Commonwealth Cadetships in 1948, and Kevin received a matriculation scholastic prize in 1948. Fr Kevin was ordained on 22 July 1956 at St Patrick's Cathedral and over the years spent time in various parishes around the Archdiocese including Bentleigh, Heidelberg West, Glen Waverley, Clayton, Ringwood North and Mornington. In 1964, he was appointed Chaplain in the Youth Welfare Division of the Social Welfare Department and undertook further studies over the years in Rome, Chicago and the UK. Upon his return to Melbourne, Fr Kevin was appointed Rector at Corpus Christi College (Glen Waverley and then Clayton), before being appointed as Parish Priest of Holy Spirit Ringwood North where he spent more than 20 years. He also served as Episcopal Vicar for Social Welfare. Fr Kevin was a tireless and inspirational leader, educator, and advocate



for the vulnerable. For 24 years he also served on the Board of CatholicCare and was a member of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council for 15 years. In January 2019, Fr Kevin celebrated the launch of his book, *An Enabling Life*. He was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2000, was inducted as a SPC Legend in 2002 and made a Member of the Order of Australia, receiving an AM in 2004 for his work in the community. Fr Kevin celebrated his 65th anniversary of ordination in 2021.

- We are very saddened to learn of the passing of the larger-than-life Old Collegian and SPC Legend **Graham Duff AM (SPC 1956-59)** who passed away on 12 February, 2022 aged 80 years. A distinguished sports administrator, Graham, known to many as "Duffy", lost his fight after a short illness. Tributes poured in for Graham, who made an outstanding contribution to sport, most notably as Racing Victoria's (RV) inaugural chairman for six years between 2001-07 and chairing North Melbourne Football Club between 2005-07. He also held other high-profile chairmanships of major sporting organisations. Graham received a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) on Australia Day, 2006, for service to the administration of sport in Victoria through the establishment and development of the Institute of Sport and to the thoroughbred racing industry. He was inducted as a Legend of SPC in 2008 acknowledging his work in these areas. Duff also held a number of high-profile board positions including, Victorian Institute of Sport (foundation chairman), 2002 World Masters Games Victoria and International Masters Games Association's Board of Governors. Graham was a boarder at SPC from Colac. He was very active in all facets of school life, from debating and athletics to football, cricket, cadets and Our Lady's Sodality. Graham was a member of the 1959 First XVIII Football BPS Premiers and Champions team, BPS Champions team for athletics and his sixth crew won the Head of the Lake in 1958. Graham attended many SPC and Old Collegian events in Ballarat and Melbourne in later life. Building on his own boarding links, he was master of ceremonies at the College's Boarding Appeal Launch in 2016, which culminated in the construction of our multi-million dollar new boarding precinct, which was officially opened in 2018. We extend our deepest sympathy to Graham's wife Bonnie and their children Lisa, Nick and Tony and extended families. Graham's funeral was held on 18 February at the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories in Camberwell.
- We are extremely saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Old Collegian and award-winning artist **Josh Muir (SPC 2004-07, PY2009)** on 5 February, 2022, of a reported heart attack. Josh was well known for his bright street-art-inspired works and his work was well respected in art circles, with the Gunditjmara and Yorta Yorta artist's mural and painting works represented in art galleries, including The National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, Ballarat, Bendigo and Northern Territory art galleries as well as in public spaces. His mural *Roots* is located in Ballarat's Alfred Deakin Place and one of his designs was used on the Richmond Football Club's guernseys in the 2017 AFL Dreamtime round. His work reached a whole new audience in 2016 when it was projected onto the National Gallery of Victoria during Melbourne's White Night light show extravaganza, and later dazzled as part of Ballarat's White Night light show. We extend our deepest sympathy to Josh's extensive family and friends. Josh was a brother to James Muir (SPC 2005) (dec) and Jordan Muir (SPC 2009).



- Former staff member **Sister Anne Forbes RSM** sadly passed away on February 17, 2022, aged 92 years, in the 72nd year of her religious profession at Mercy Place Ballarat. Anne's ministry was primarily in education in the Ballarat Diocese. She was a founding staff member at St Martins in the Pines (1967), now Damascus College. Sr Anne was also on staff at St Patrick's College between 1987-88 and taught religious education, English as a second language and history. Sr Anne was also involved in the school's pastoral care team, helping with retreats and life education programs. Anne was the Diocesan Director of Caritas for some years, a work which she loved. In Ballarat especially, Anne became a champion advocate for the East Timorese for many years.

- We were notified of the passing of Old Collegian **Michael (Mick) Bernard Nailon (SPC 1954, PY1957)** who sadly passed away on 3 January, 2022. Mick was a boarder from Ararat, where his father was a police superintendent. Mick only attended SPC for one year in 1954, where he completed his sub-intermediate studies and was a member of the cadets. After leaving SPC, we understand Mick continued to live in western Victoria, at Hamilton and later Wickliffe. He was the devoted husband of Margaret (dec) as well as a father, stepfather, father-in-law and grandfather. Mick's funeral was held at Moyston on 11 January.

- We are extremely saddened to learn of the passing of Old Collegian and OCA Legend **Dr Michael Joseph Bourke OAM (SPC 1950-54)**, who passed away on 6 January, 2022, aged 85 years. Michael's funeral mass was held in his hometown of Leongatha on 17 January and was co-celebrated by five priests, including Old Collegian Fr Kevin Arundell (SPC 2952-54).



Affectionately known as "The Bourkes of Pakenham", Michael and his three brothers, Gavan (SPC 1952-54) (dec), Hugh (SPC 1949-51) (dec) and John (SPC 1945-49) (dec) were inducted as Legends of SPC by the Old Collegians' Association in 2010. Michael's brothers also included David (SPC 1944-52) (dec) and Brien (SPC 1947-49) (dec). Michael was the devoted husband and soulmate of Therese for 59 years. He was the adored father of Gabrielle, Justine, David (SPC 1981-84), Peter (SPC 1983-87) and Sarah and a loved grandpa to 11. In tributes marking Michael's passing, his family described Michael as "a gentle compassionate family man with a strong faith and love of his community. His passions were his family, horse racing and sharing a good wine with those he loved". Michael was extremely active in all aspects of school life and his interest in medicine was high on his priorities when he finished his schooling at SPC. He was assistant prefect and Dux of the College in 1954, as well as winner of the Physics and Chemistry scholastic prizes during that same year. He matriculated in 1953 with a Junior Government Scholarship and won a Commonwealth Scholarship, which he deferred. He was Head Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality, president of Holy Name Society, executive member of the Senior Literary and Debating Society and member of the Altar Society and St Vincent de Paul Society. Michael also represented SPC in cricket and football and was captain of the Cricket First XI, winning the 1954 premiership, as well as vice-captain of the First XVIII Football team, where he played alongside his brother Gavan. Following Michael's academic success at school, his dreams of pursuing a career in medicine were soon realised and he devoted his life to this work. Michael was awarded an OAM in 2019 for his extensive services to medicine in the Leongatha area. He was the original founding member of Leongatha Healthcare (previously known as Leongatha Medical Group).

- Old Collegian **Peter Franklyn Giuliano (SPC 1945-48, PY1951)** sadly passed away on 30 December, 2021 in Mulgrave, aged 88 years. We extend our deepest sympathy to Peter's wife Judith and their extended family and friends.



In sharing his passing, Judith said Peter was "always very proud to have attended the College, in particular to have participated in the football, tennis and athletics sporting achievements".

Peter was born on 3 April, 1933. He was a boarder at SPC from Hamilton, along with his brother William, known as Bill (SPC 1943-47) (dec), who became a renowned spinal and sports physiotherapist in Melbourne and later in Sorrento. Bill was the senior physiotherapist for AFL teams Footscray (1965-68) and Collingwood (1972-1996) which included their premiership win in 1990 when Leigh Matthews was the coach. Peter was a talented sportsman and enjoyed success in football, cricket, athletics and boxing at SPC. After leaving SPC, Peter completed National Service Training in 1952 with the RAAF, based at Laverton and East Sale with the rank of Aircraftman. In 1965, Peter married Judith Corcoran who nursed at the Mercy Hospital in Young and they became proud parents of Jacinta (born 1966) and Mark (1968), and later, Matthew (1971) and Lucia (1977). In the 1970s, Peter worked at Edwards Business Machines and during the 1980s, he worked in the investment and insurance industry at Manchester Unity and then later at Australian Eagle, and Catholic Church Insurance.

- We were notified of the passing of **Frank Lawrance Quinlan (SPC 1953-57, PY1958)** in August 2021. Frank lived in Mortlake. Frank was a day student who completed his leaving studies and was a very active student during his time at SPC. He was a member of the 1957 First XVIII Football BPS Champions side and played school footy throughout his schooling.
- We were notified of the passing of Old Collegian **William Thomas (Bill) Maher (SPC 1955-57, PY1958)** on 6 July, 2021. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Lesley and his extended family. Bill attended SPC for three years and was a boarder from Pira, near Swan Hill. His wife Lesley said Bill enjoyed reading The Shamrock magazine and keeping updated with SPC news over the years.
- We were notified that **Donald Henry McRae (SPC 1953-54, PY1958)** sadly passed away on 11 June, 2021, aged 80 years. He was the loved husband of Nancye (dec) and loving partner of Rosalie "Rose". He was a loved father and an adored pa of 12 grandchildren, including former boarder Harry Hobbs (SPC 2016-17), and a great grandchildren of two. Donald was a boarder from Ballengeich, near Mortlake and attended SPC in his first and second year.

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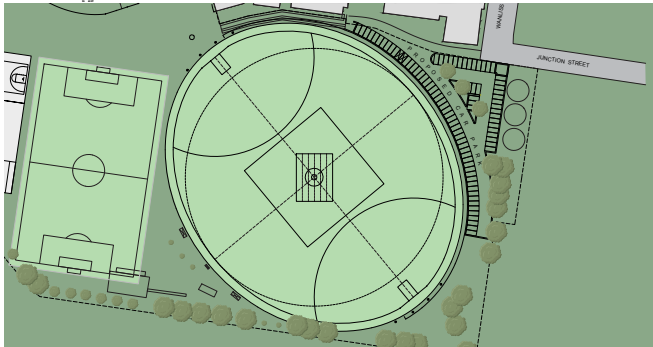


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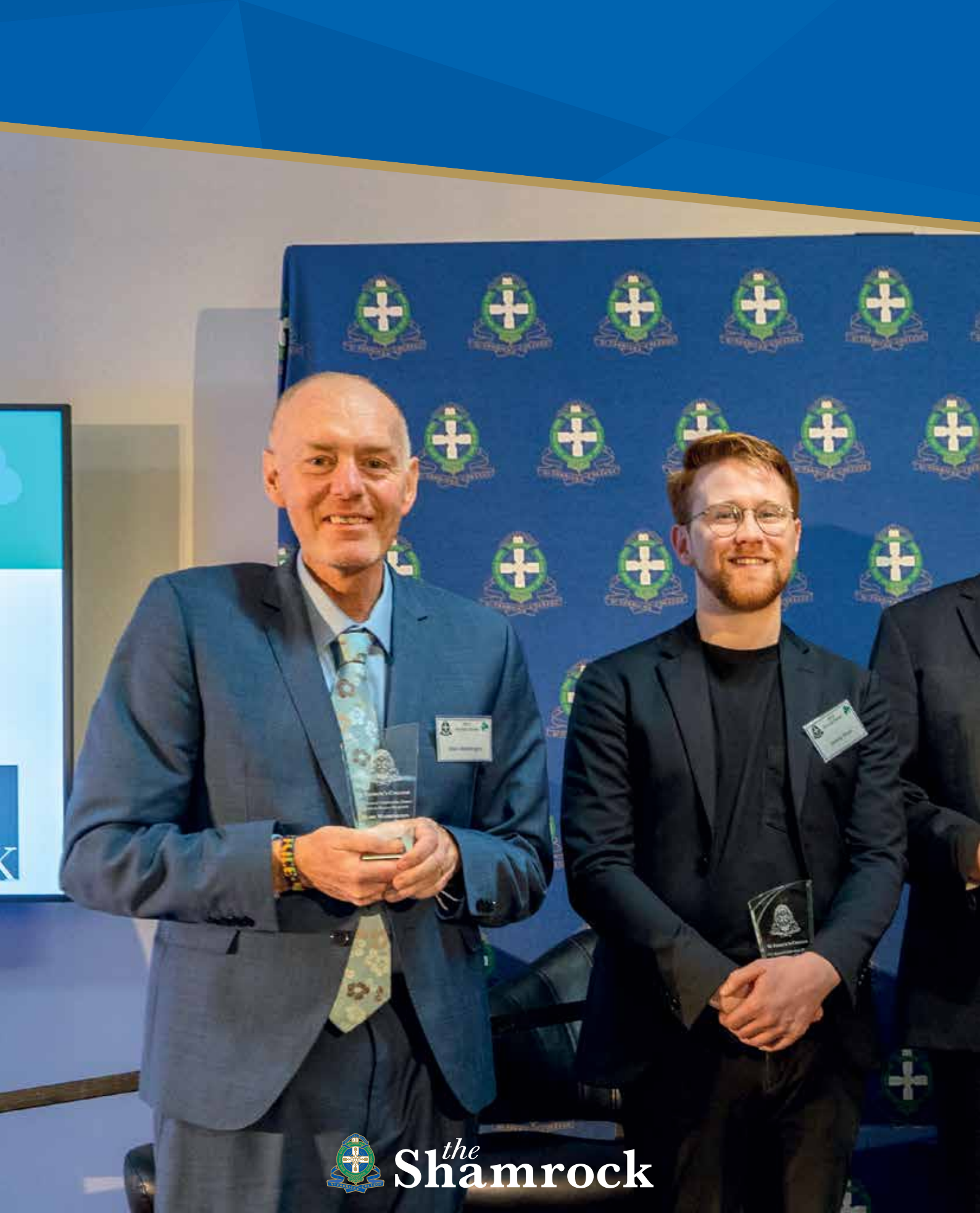


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