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# *the Shamrock*



The end of the 2014 school year marks the end of an extraordinary era for St Patrick's College.

Over the past 13 years outgoing Headmaster Dr Peter Casey has transformed the College into a modern, vibrant, successful and ever-growing organisation which has become the envy of schools around the nation.

No aspect of College life has been left unimproved by Dr Casey's tenure.

While all at the College wish Dr Casey and his wife Anna all the very best in retirement, we also acknowledge that the end of the school year presents a time of farewell for many other members of our community.

Our Year 12 Class of 2014 have now departed and are embarking on new challenges while several other staff members are venturing into new experiences in 2015. We wish them all the best and thank them for all they have contributed to St Patrick's College.

We also look forward to welcoming many new faces to the College in the new year, including of course 250 Year 7 students and our incoming Headmaster Mr John Crowley.

We also take this opportunity to wish all in our community a joyful and restful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone back fit and refreshed in 2015.

**Top shot!**  
Year 12 students were full of laughs at their leaving ceremony on October 22.

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**Front Cover:**

Changing of the guard: Retiring Headmaster  
Dr Peter Casey welcomes his successor  
Mr John Crowley.



# Headmaster's Annual Report to Speech Night 2014



Dr Peter Casey  
Headmaster

Good evening everyone!

As we gather I recognise the Wathaurong people as the traditional custodians of this land. I pay my respects to their elders past and present and any other elders who join us tonight. I pay respects also to the Christian Brothers who nourished our College for 120 years and are represented tonight by Br Brian Davis and on a daily basis by the indefatigable Br Zoch.

While our guests have been welcomed previously, I note the ongoing support of Bishop Paul Bird, Patron of the College, Emeritus Bishop Peter Connors, Dr Wayne Tinsey, the Executive Director of Edmund Rice

Education Australia and his Regional Director Mr Paul Williams, and the Federal Member for Ballarat, Ms Catherine King. I offer my personal congratulations to Mr John Crowley who has been appointed to take on the mantle of Head of the College in 2015. He is with us tonight in the company of his wife, Marcella. I wish them great joy.

The College continues to flourish as a Ballarat Catholic school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition. This is attributable to the strong and effective support of the College Board led by Mr Andrew Byrne; the Board committees comprising Board members, parents, staff, and

community members; the Associations of the College represented here tonight amongst our guests; the senior leadership of the College including our Deputy Heads, Mr Jon Franzin (Student and Staff Wellbeing) and Mr Stephen Hill (Teaching and Learning), and the Business Manager, Mrs Shirley Walters; the Leadership Team consisting of the Heads of School and the Directors of Administration, Kelty Resource Centre, Mission, Pastoral Care, Performing Arts and Sport; the Year Level Coordinators; the Heads of Faculty and so many other collaborators within our teaching and non-teaching staff.



### Student Programmes

Mr Mark Holland, new head of ICT, with his extensive team, has led a very successful rollout of iPads electronic textbooks, and electronic diaries.

### Teaching & Learning

Ms Elizabeth Till who is leaving us to take up the position of Executive Deputy Principal at Loreto College Ballarat has furthered the staff coaching programme.

### Student Leadership

Ben Martin has led by example, ably assisted by David Adams and Sam Romeril in a most positive manner. The student body has been active, entertained, challenged and responsive!

### Pastoral

Our recognition of student achievement across academics, performing and visual arts, community service and sport continues to grow, with record levels of participation.

### Cultural

Our new Director of Performing Arts and Head of Music, Mr Mark Witham, has led many great initiatives, lifting the profile of the performing arts in all their aspects. A highlight was the musical soiree in the Chapel, capped by the Year 7 Choir who led us tonight in the singing of the National Anthem.

### Catholic Identity

Our Mission Team led by Mr Geoff Brodie, continues to develop processes and experiences to offer our boys ways of connecting with our tradition and their own evolving futures. Fr James Kerr as chaplain has been a most welcome addition to our staff and prayer life. Sunday evening Mass in our Chapel led by Bishop Peter Connors has been another great initiative.

### Sporting

We have been blessed as usual with many highlights in our sporting calendar and student achievements, but the most public of these would have to be our fifth consecutive Herald-Sun Shield win in the football.

**Opposite:** The Year 12 students blocked off Lydiard St, in the shadows of Craig's Hotel, to perform their final war cry together after Speech Night.

**Top left:** Outgoing Headmaster Dr Peter Casey delivers his final Speech Night address.

**Top right:** Year 12 student Alex Martino performs alongside the Year 12 choir for the song "All Star" by Smash Mouth.

**Bottom left:** Liam Duggan, left, and Samuel Romeril were the Masters of Ceremony at Speech Night.

**Bottom right:** Melbourne footballer Tom McDonald (SPC 2010) was the keynote speaker at Speech Night.



**Above:** A performance by the Saxophone Ensemble was one of the highlights of the night.

**Opposite**

**Top left:** Junior Music Award winner Bailey Pearce performs.

**Top right:** 2014 College Captain Ben Martin delivers his Speech Night address.

**Bottom left:** College Vice-Captain David Adams delivers his Purton Oratory winning speech.

**Bottom right:** The Year 12 choir performed two songs as well as the College Song to conclude proceedings.

The participation rates in representative and house sports continue to grow.

**Boarding**

Our new Director of Boarding, Mr Mike Silcock, assisted by Ms Tamara Westwood and the boarding team, has had a busy but successful year. The Kenny House extension has been well populated, parent dinners and Sunday evening Masses have been well attended and quite effective.

**Population**

Once again demand for places has been high, but we have held to our commitment to try to provide a place for every boy who wishes to

join us in good faith, respecting our tradition and wishing to add to it. Currently we have well over 1400 boys on our books for 2014.

**Finances**

In the Financial area we are travelling well, balancing income with the growing demands of providing quality education.

The 2014 forecast is for a modest deficit and the 2015 budget has us breaking even. The board, at its November meeting, has agreed to apply to EREA for a \$5million loan to commence the next round of buildings for Food Technology, boarding catering and dining, and an Arts Wing paralleling the Pell

2013 Audited Financial Performance	\$
<b>Recurrent income</b>	
School fees	5,519,484
Other fee income - Boarding	1,056,382
Private income	1,769,236
State government recurrent grants	3,174,470
Australian government recurrent grants	10,666,263
<b>Total recurrent income</b>	<b>22,532,490</b>
<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>	
Salaries; allowances and related expenses	14,500,042
Non salary expenses	8,272,172
<b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>	<b>22,772,214</b>
<b>Capital income and expenditure</b>	
Government capital grants	341,155
Capital fees and levies	1,779,709
Other capital income	64,780
<b>Total capital income</b>	<b>2,185,644</b>
<b>Total capital expenditure</b>	<b>2,185,644</b>
Loans (includes refundable enrolment deposits and recurrent, capital and bridging loans)	
<b>Total opening balance</b>	<b>9,335,059</b>
<b>Total closing balance</b>	<b>8,385,715</b>



Wing. Subject to approvals these works would commence in 2015.

These new works are in line with the Board's revised Building Master Plan, revisited as part of the Board's Strategic Plan 2015-18, which is in draft form awaiting the arrival of the new Headmaster to put his stamp on it in February 2015. Generally the building stock is in excellent condition apart from the Pell and Purton Wings, and the maintenance area.

We are indebted once again to each of our support groups: Old Collegians Association, North Old Boys-SPCOCA Amateur Football Club, SPC Rugby Club, the SPC

Foundation, the Friends of St Patrick's, the Friends of Music, the SPC Rowing Club Inc, and a newcomer this year: Gymsports, led by Don Pennell, which has established the Br B.J. Scott Gymsports Centre in Delacombe.

Amongst the staff, we have this year welcomed a new Deputy in Mr Jon Franzin, a Head of Performing Arts and Director of Music in Mr Mark Witham, and Head of ICT in Mr Mark Holland.

Resignations and transfers at the end of 2014 include long serving staff members: Mr Michael Brady, Mr Malcolm Barrins, Ms Sara Taylor, Mrs Anne Hucker, Mr Jamie Lynn,

Ms Elizabeth Till, Mrs Felicity Knobel and Miss Therese Mount. We thank them, wish them well and we will pray for their continued good health.

I thank the Board members led by Mr Andrew Byrne for their unflinching support while offering due diligence across all aspects of our venture.

Since the age of five, I have been involved in schools. That represents 60 of my 65 years. I have been registered as a teacher for 45 years - over 16,000 days. I have been a principal for 29 years - over 10,000 days. I have attended more than 250 Board meetings. The list goes

on, to be wallowed in by geriatrics like me. But above all I have been in the blessed position to make a difference to the lives of innumerable students. For this I am most grateful. I can think of nowhere else on earth I would rather be, and no calling preferable to that which has been mine at St Patrick's College.

**May God go with us all.  
Peter M Casey**

# College Awards

Speech Night 2014

## Academic Awards

### Chris Nolan Distinction Award

David Adams  
Hamish Clydesdale  
Liam Hanrahan  
Thomas Keogh  
Thomas McMaster  
Thomas Mooney  
Louis Powlett  
Harrison Robertson  
Aidan Willowwhite  
The Chris Nolan Distinction recognises the outstanding academic achievement of students who have received a Chris Nolan Award in each semester of their six years at St Patrick's College. A Chris Nolan Award is presented to students who, based on their end of semester results across all subjects, finish in the top 15% of their Year level.

### Middle School Award for all-round excellence

Mitchell Tuddenham

### Junior School Award for all-round excellence

Lachlan Suttie

### Year 11 Dux

William Briggs

### Year 11 Proxime Accessit Prize

Kelsey Gannon

### Year 11 Religious Education Prize

Jett Herrmann

### Year 10 Dux

### Peter Farley Scholarship

Samuel McMaster

### Year 10 Proxime Accessit Prize

Liam O'Shea

### Year 10 Dr Frank McArdle

### Science Prize

James Parini

### Year 10 Religious Education Prize

Nathaniel Corboy

### Year 9 Dux

Thomas Millard

### Year 9 Proxime Accessit Prize

Joshua DeVoogel

### Year 9 Religious Education Prize

Brandon Lauton

### Year 8 Dux

Samuel Williams

### Year 8 Religious Education Prize

Samuel Williams



**Benjamin Martin**  
Headmaster's Award for Leadership

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



**Liam Duggan**  
Howard Award for Excellence

First presented in 1955, this award is the gift of the Howard Family in gratitude for all St Patrick's College did for the four sons who attended SPC from 1923 through to 1937. It is given for All Round Excellence, Character, Leadership, Participation, Academic Pursuits and Culture or Sports.



**Samuel Romeril**  
Little Family Award for School Spirit

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



**David Adams**  
Edmund Rice Award for Ministry

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



**Harrison Robertson**  
ADF Long Tan Award - Year 12

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



**Harrison Robertson**  
Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship

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



**Thomas Mooney**  
Pierre De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship

This award recognises students who demonstrate consistent participation and commendable sporting behaviour in line with the Olympic ideals of participation.



**Timothy Gilbert**  
Catherine King Award for Community Service

This award recognises students who demonstrate all round excellence in contribution to the community – both internal and external to the College.



**Patrick Kennedy**  
Health First Award for Community Spirit

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

**Year 8 Proxime Accessit Prize**  
Nathan Suttie

**Year 7 Dux**  
Matthew Duffy

**Year 7 Proxime Accessit Prize**  
Cooper Gillett

**Year 7 Religious Education Prize**  
Ignatius Holland

## Public Speaking

**Br D.G. Purton Oratory**  
David Adams

**W.T. Doyle Debating**  
Thomas Paarhammer

**Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech**  
David O'Doherty

**W.T. Doyle Debating**  
James McKinnon

**Major Brian Broadribb Impromptu Speech**  
Oscar Grigg

**Mary Purcell Debating**  
Oscar Grigg

**W.T. Doyle Debating**  
Campbell Milne

**Br H.T. Breach Oratory**  
Matthew Duffy

**Mary Purcell Debating**  
Joshua Findlay

**Mary Purcell Debating**  
Xavier O'Shea

## Music

**Performer of the Year**  
Linus Tolliday

**Band Executive Award for Dedication and Commitment**  
David Adams

**Sir Bernard Heinze Award for Outstanding Musical Achievement**  
James McKinnon

**Bandsman of the Year**  
Nicholas Carta

**Junior Music Award**  
Bailey Pearce

## Sport

**Stephen Moneghetti Award for outstanding athlete at the BAS Carnival**  
William Austin  
This award recognises Stephen Moneghetti, Old Collegian (SPC 1975-1980) and College legend. Stephen is one of Australia's greatest athletes and was the Chef De Mission of the Australian Commonwealth Games Team

**Award for A Grade Badminton**  
Peter Leighton

**Peter Farley Award for 1st V Basketball**  
Tyler Constable  
This award recognises the significant contribution made to basketball by long time staff member Mr Peter "Jake" Farley.

**Leo O'Brien Award for 1st XI Cricket**  
Billy Jones and Mitchell Walsh  
This award recognises Old Collegian Leo O'Brien (SPC 1918-1922). He and Jack Hill are our only students to have represented Australia in Test Cricket. His Baggy Green cap and blazer sit proudly in the College museum having been donated by the family in 1998.

**Anthony Benson Award for Senior Cross Country**  
Joshua Leviston  
This award recognises Old Collegian Anthony Benson (SPC 1957 – 1961), 1972 Olympian and legend of the College. Tony remains as one of the College's finest cross-country athletes.

**Br W.T. O'Malley Award for 1st XVIII Football for Best & Fairest Player**  
Matthew Johnston and Thomas Templeton  
This award recognises the great and revered Br Bill O'Malley, staff member and First XVIII coach in fifteen seasons between 1937 and 1959.

**John James Medal for Best on Ground BAS Grand Final**  
Liam Duggan  
This award recognises Old Collegian John James (SPC 1948 – 1952) as one of SPC's finest exports. John was Captain of the First XVIII in 1952, Brownlow Medallist in 1962 and a member of Carlton's Team of the Century. John is revered at St Patrick's College.

**Br H.T. Breach Award for 1st XI Hockey**  
Lachlan Clark  
This award recognises long-time staff member Br Herbie Breach for his commitment to the hockey programme.

**Brian Vear Award for Senior Rowing**  
Benjamin Martin  
This award recognises Old Collegian Brian Vear (SPC 1952-1956), the first Old Collegian to participate in the Olympic Games, representing Australia in the 1960 and 1964 Olympics.

**Award for 1st XV Rugby**  
Kobe Travers

**Thomas Karras Memorial Award for 1st XI Soccer Best & Fairest Player**  
Joshua DeVoogel  
This award recognises Old Collegian Tom Karras (SPC 2009-2012) who, as a Year 10 student, tragically lost his life in an accident in 2012. May he rest in peace.

**Award for Senior Racquetball**  
Ryan Bolton

**Br B.J. Davis Award for Commitment to SPC Swimming**  
Connor Aitken  
This award recognises long-time staff member Br Brian Davis for his passion and commitment to the swimming programme.

**The Captain's Cup Award for Swimming**  
Liam Hanrahan

**The Caine Family Award for outstanding swimmer at the BAS carnival.**  
Jacob Hopper  
This award recognises the Caine Family for their commitment to and excellence in the swimming programme. John Caine (SPC 1952 – 1956) was a significant long-time coach and his sons Michael (SPC 1977-1982), John (SPC 1979-1985) and Peter (SPC 1983-1988) all became Captains of Swimming.

**Br B.J. Scott Award for Senior Gymnastics**  
James Mulraney  
This award recognises long-time staff member Br Bernie Scott for his commitment to the gymnastics programme.

**Award for A Grade Table Tennis**  
William Briggs

**Award for 1st IV Tennis**  
Tynan C Haintz

**Award for Golf**  
Joel Anstis

**Award for 1st VI Volleyball**  
Bradley Ryan

**Award for Shooting**  
Ryan Knowles

**Award for Lawn Bowls**  
Lachlan Kennedy

**Award for Croquet**  
Samuel Laidlaw

**Award for Cycling**  
Declan Dickson

**Award for Squash**  
Billy Jones

## House Awards

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

**The Br J.B. Galvin Award**  
Liam Duggan

**The Br E.F. Keniry Award**  
Alex Browning

**The Br M.P. Nunan Award**  
Thomas Mooney

**The Br J.L. Ryan Award**  
Harrison Robertson



# Valedictory Dinner

2014

In his final address at a St Patrick's College Valedictory Dinner, retiring Headmaster Dr Peter Casey implored those in attendance to honour his four "golden" rules.

The roughly 630 people in attendance on the evening, which was once again held successfully in the Br W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre, were witness to Dr Casey's last major address of his tenure at the College.

Rule number one, according to Dr Casey was to "keep yourself nice: this is fundamental to living and working together".

"Rule number two is do the crime, do the time - we are human and we make mistakes," he said.

"Rule number three: forgive and forget, because life is too short.

"As is my custom, at Valedictory

Dinner, and for all the stayers and winners, I offer my rule number four: Never leave anyone in doubt that you love them. A friend, a family member, you could be gone tomorrow or they could. Never leave them in doubt!"

Dr Casey's was one of several moving speeches on the night which offered a fitting farewell to the more than 180 Year 12 students who had successfully completed their VCE.

Outgoing College Captain Ben Martin, his father Graham, his vice captains David Adams and Sam Romeril and his teachers Mr Mark O'Loughlan, Ms Debra McNaughton and Mr Howard Clark also spoke with passion on the night.

Old Collegians Association President Mr Michael Kearney also addressed the gathering, officially

welcoming the graduating students as the newest members of the OCA.

Attendees were once again treated to pre-dinner drinks in the OCA Pavilion before moving across to the gymnasium for the first class three-course meal.

A jubilant atmosphere surrounded the evening with staff, students, parents and friends all reflecting on and celebrating the final stepping stone for the fine boys who had grown into great men.

Many thanks are extended to the staff who worked so tirelessly to ensure the night was a success and to the Class of 2014 who are to be congratulated on a fantastic final year as students at the College.

We look forward to welcoming each and every one of them back as Old Collegians.

**Above:** Headmaster Dr Peter Casey used his final address to Valedictory Dinner to ask the audience to follow his four golden rules.

**Opposite (from top)** Students Paddy Kennedy, left, and Jesse Palmer, centre, celebrate their graduation with teacher and House Master Ross Wise.

Graduating student Liam Edwards celebrates with staff member Tamara Westwood.

OCA President Mr Michael Kearney officially welcomed the newest batch of Old Collegians.

Year 12 students Deng Deng and Will Austin share a moment together at the Valedictory Dinner.

Shane McAuliffe and Daniel Abbott were among ten Indigenous students to graduate on the night (full story page 19).

Once again a huge audience of more than 600 people gathered for the annual Valedictory Dinner.

Staff members, from left, Mr Chris Gleeson, Mrs Andrea Hadley, Ms Sofia Thapa, and Mr Howard Clark celebrate at the dinner.

Year 12 student Isaac Sullivan saw his official graduation as an opportunity to take a 'selfie' on stage with Headmaster Dr Peter Casey.





# 2015 Student Leaders



2015 College Captain  
Kelsey Gannon



2015 College Vice-Captain  
James McKinnon



2015 College Vice-Captain  
Jacob Hopper

*I had also discovered something that would motivate and drive me to reach my definition of success. This was leadership; the idea of being able to support and guide others to reach their own goals and aspirations.*

## Kelsey Gannon has been appointed as College Captain for 2015.

Kelsey's appointment followed a multi-phased voting process involving staff and students in Years 10 and 11.

Kelsey, a student at St Patrick's College since Year 7, will be ably assisted in the leadership duties by his Vice Captains Jacob Hopper and James McKinnon.

Following is an excerpt from the speech Kelsey delivered at the Transfer of Leadership Assembly on October 14, 2014.

"It was five years ago when I first stepped through the gates of St Patrick's College, eager but terrified of what awaited me as a new student. After only a few weeks I had recognised what a privilege it is to be a part of this excellent school, and decided that I would do everything I could to maintain the prestige and reputation that the College community holds.

I had also discovered something that would motivate and drive me to reach my definition of success. This was leadership; the idea of being able to support and guide others to reach their own goals and aspirations.

I call upon all students to at least take something away from this address in

the hope that you can help to make St Patrick's College an even greater school in 2015.

Leadership has driven me throughout my time here at the College, and so it is a rather humbling experience to stand before all of you as the leader of the College in 2015.

I would like to sincerely thank the Year 10 and 11 boys as well as staff members for participating in the voting process. I can assure you that Jacob, James and I will undertake the responsibility that we have been given as Captains of the College to the best of our ability, and be the voice for all of you. I understand and greatly appreciate the opportunity I have been given, and I commit proudly to representing St Patrick's across all forums, whether internal or external.

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, there is a deserved reputation for placing the pastoral care of students at the forefront of education. It is an expectation, therefore, that the Catholic ethos and Gospel values of justice, inclusivity, respect, care and forgiveness are placed at the foundation of the College. It is these qualities and aspirations which I will strive to bring to the role of College Captain. I also extend a welcome to all boys, particularly those in Year 7 to approach me with any issues or concerns you may have; I am always here to help.

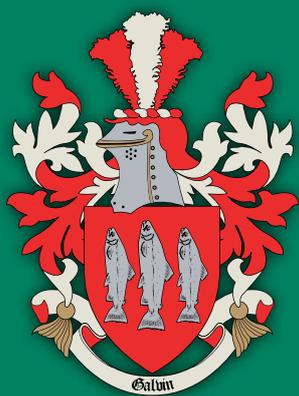
As members of St Patrick's, we are all presented with opportunities that might challenge us to move outside of our comfort zone. Approaching the end of the year, a prime example for many is the prospect of completing final assessment tasks and end of year exams. Regardless of whether or not the task is appealing to us, it is the ability to persevere, persist and have a crack anyway that can ultimately play a role in defining who we are. So I put to you: commencing now and of course extending towards next year, accept and take on the challenges and opportunities that present themselves. The work you put in now will define you in years to come, the rewards being limitless.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank Dr Peter Casey for his dedicated 13 years of work as Headmaster. It is through your guidance that we as a College community have grown and developed in the tradition of Edmund Rice and upheld the pillars of faith, joy, tradition and excellence.

In closing I would like to once again express how honoured and humbled I am to have been selected for this prestigious role. I look forward to working with the Student Council and Congress of 2015, as well as the new Headmaster Mr. John Crowley to ensure that we fulfill our duties as leaders of the College, in order to make it a better place for the future.

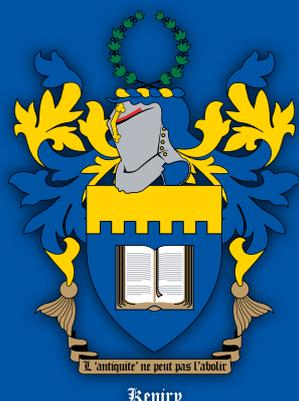
# 2015 Student Council

The following Student Leadership appointments were made for 2015. House Captains, Vice Captains and Congress representatives within each House and year level are listed below.



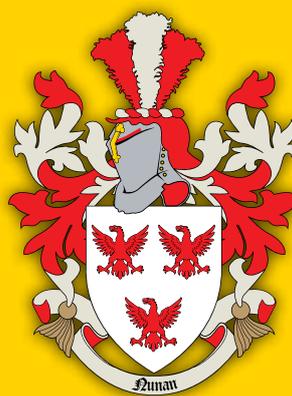
**Captain**  
William Clark

**Vice Captains**  
Mitchell Canny  
Kyle Schorback



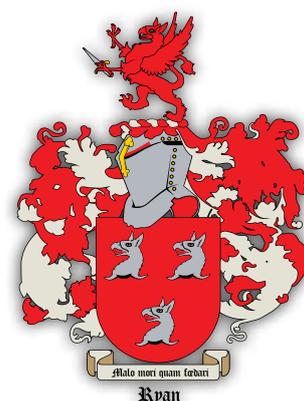
**Captain**  
Matthew Geary

**Vice Captains**  
Callum Holland  
Adam Stevens



**Captain**  
Patrick Collier

**Vice Captains**  
Clay Raine  
Nicholas Anokye



**Captain**  
Nicholas Frawley

**Vice Captains**  
William Jury  
Christopher Milroy

## Members of the 2015 Student Congress

### Year 11

Riley Murphy  
David O'Doherty

### Year 10

Joshua Duggan  
Jordan Grant

### Year 9

Oscar Grigg  
Samuel Williams

### Year 8

Harry Biggs  
Hamish Britt

### Year 11

Dallas Martin  
Samuel McMaster

### Year 10

Isaac Quick  
Ethan Turley

### Year 9

Mitchell Ralston  
Fletcher Loader

### Year 8

Ben Dodd  
Jobe Quick

### Year 11

Hasker Dawborn  
John Brodie

### Year 10

Mitchell Tuddenham  
Brandon Lauton

### Year 9

Jack Butler  
Elliott Lamb

### Year 8

Matthew Duffy  
Aidan Hanrahan

### Year 11

Nathaniel Corboy  
James Parini

### Year 10

Lachlan Conlan  
Henry Ward

### Year 9

Matthew Aikman  
James Torpy

### Year 8

Dyami Hayes  
Mitchell Phillips



Year 12 student Louis Powlett proudly shows off the trophy he received as winner of the 2014 SPAM Awards.

# SPAM Awards 2014



Top: Year 12 student Alex Martino finished runner-up in the 2014 SPAM Awards with his film "On The Inside".

Above: Headmaster Dr Peter Casey congratulates Year 10 student Lawrence McCrabb on being announced as the Young Film Maker of the Year at the 2014 SPAM Awards.

A short film with echoes of "Weekend at Bernie's" has claimed top honours at the 2014 SPAM (St Patrick's Award for Media) Awards.

The film entitled "A Dinner Disaster" was created by Year 12 student Louis Powlett and was declared the best short film created by a St Patrick's College student in 2014.

Louis' parents played the main roles in the comedic, and slightly macabre film, which was filmed in the family home.

The film shows the man of the house preparing to host a dinner party when he discovers his wife battered, bleeding and dead in their bed – ten minutes before the guests are due to arrive for dinner.

While it appears to be a grisly topic, Louis' take on the drama turned it into a comedic rant as the main character endeavours to find a way to deal with the problem before the guests arrive.

The film had a crowd of more than 130 people laughing when it was showcased at the annual SPAM Awards in the OCA Pavilion on November 19.

The judges, Old Collegians Tom Andrews, Paul King and James Seery, noted Louis' fine attention to detail in the script, his use of vivid colour in the filming and his ability to extract the most from his "actors" to deliver a fine performance.

Runner-up prize in the competition was claimed by Year 12 student Alex Martino for his film "On The Inside" while Year 10 student Lawrence McCrabb claimed third prize for his skating film entitled "Gnarles Barkley".

Lawrence also won the award for Young Film Maker of the Year.

The full list of 2014 SPAM finalists was as follows:

**Ethan Wright**  
"Time Set"

**Adam Hayward**  
"Escape"

**Alex Martino**  
"On the Inside"

**Runner up**

**Lachlan Stewart**  
"Africastle"

**Bailey Crawford**  
"Depredation"

**Lawrence McCrabb**  
"Gnarles Barkley"

**Third place**

**Bradley DeVries**  
"Trapped"

**Highly commended**

**Louis Powlett**  
"A Dinner Disaster"  
**Winner**



# Art winners revealed

## 2014 Flanagan Art Exhibition Prize Winners

### Viatek Australia Flanagan Art Prize

Matthew de Moiser  
`Servo No. 3 (State 2)'  
(Above Right)

### Federation University Emerging Artist Prize

Pezaloom  
`Self Portrait (Dopakinesia Parkinson's)'  
(Top Left)

### Lifestyle Travel Ballarat St Patrick's College Affordable Art Prize

Trudi Harley  
`Life Through a Glass Bubble'  
(Bottom Left)

The winners of the 2014 Flanagan Art Exhibition were announced in front of around 220 people at a gala launch in the OCA Pavilion on Friday, August 22.

Head of Fine Arts at Monash University Professor Callum Morton had visited the College earlier in the day to cast his expert eye over the 85 finalists including artwork of various mediums from all over Australia.

Professor Morton then attended the gala launch in the evening to make public his decisions in selecting the three stunning winners.

Melbourne artist Matthew de Moiser won the major prize on the night - the Viatek Australia Flanagan Art Prize - for his laminate on board work *Servo No. 3 (State 2)*.

Professor Morton was full of praise for the work, commenting

specifically on how the artist had managed to transform a "typically bleak, ordinary suburban setting into a startling image with great complexity and professionalism".

Mr de Moiser, as the winning artist, received a \$5000 cheque courtesy of Viatek Australia.

The Federation University Emerging Artist winner was announced as Pezaloom for his confronting image entitled "Self Portrait (Dopakinesia Parkinson's)". The photograph depicts Pezaloom's naked torso and head covered in wax, representing his emotions upon being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Pezaloom, a Morwell-based artist, received \$1500.

Professor Morton also announced Melbourne artist Trudi Harley as the winner of the Lifestyle Travel Ballarat Most Affordable Artwork

Award for her piece entitled "Life Through a Glass Bubble".

Pleasingly, all three winners were in attendance on the night to receive their awards. Many other finalists were in attendance enjoying the fine setting, the brilliant artwork, the exceptional food and wine provided by our catering sponsors (Austin's Wines, Shockolade, the Lake View Hotel, the Harvest Foodstore and Cafe and The Forge Pizzeria) and the music performed by our Saxophone Ensemble and by Year 11 solo pianist James McKinnon.

As the Flanagan Art Prize is an acquisitive competition, all winning works are retained by the College and are now on display in the theatre in Kennedy House.



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## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE BALLARAT

# Scholarships

The 2016 Year 7, 10 and 11 Scholarship programme is now open. Interested families are to register via the St Patrick's College website or follow this link: <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/scholarships.php>

Payment is \$93 and is payable at the time of registering.

The closing date for all registrations is midnight on Sunday February 15, 2015.

Scholarships are available for Academic, Performing Arts, Music, Art, Sport and General Excellence. The Academic component will be held at the College on Saturday February 21 from 9 am until 12 noon.

For further information please contact Caitlin Bennett at [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)





# Pride in Public Speaking

2014 has been one of the most successful years for the College's public speakers and debaters.



Mr Michael Murphy

**Top right:** College Vice Captain David Adams won the 2014 Purton Oratory Competition.

**Top left:** The Year 11 team of, from left, Thomas Paarhammer, James McKinnon and Cam Milne won the 2014 W.T. Doyle Debate.

**Below:** Year 10 student Liam O'Shea will compete in the national finals of the United Nations National Voice Competition in April next year.



The first major public speaking engagement of the year saw nine gentlemen from the Senior School compete in the Rostrum competition. These young men performed outstandingly well. Special mention must go to Thomas Paarhammer who made it through to the day's semi-finals.

Next on the list was the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition. This year five young men represented the College in the first round which was hosted by the College. Oscar Grigg did an outstanding job, making it to the state finals in Melbourne, making him one of 12 young people whittled down from more than 1000 contestants.

Whilst these two competitions were in full swing, all of our debaters were regularly competing in the DAV competition, once again with a great deal of success. Cam Milne won a "Swannies Award" for best speaker.

This success in debating however was not limited to the DAV competition.

All of our College teams entered the Royal South Street Debating Challenge Cup with our Year 10 team taking out the Grand Final in their division for 2014 - the first St Patrick's College team to do so in that division. In addition our young men were awarded best speaker in every section, as well as the runner up in two. Kai Duncan was best speaker in the Years 7-8 Division, with Enrico Yu runner up. The senior Year 7 team also proceeded to the semi-final round including: Kai Duncan, Enrico Yu and

Damian Van Gaans. In the Year 9-10 section Liam O'Shea won best speaker and Cam Spedding runner up. Finally, in the Year 11-12 section Cam Milne won best speaker.

Looking then to our involvement with the UN Youth programmes. This year 10 young men entered the UN's Evatt competition, which involves teams of two representing countries on the UN Security Council. Well done to James McKinnon and Campbell Milne who proceeded to the state finals in Melbourne. Not to be outdone, our juniors entered six young men into the UN Youth Australia public speaking competition along with three gentlemen from the middle and lower senior school. Three of our young men proceeded to the state finals including Enrico Yu, Ryan Mulheron and Liam O'Shea. We wish Liam all the best as he proceeds to the National Finals in April next year.

Most recently we have had six entrants into the Lions Youth of the Year Award. It speaks volumes about the calibre of the young men here at the College. John Brodie and James McKinnon have progressed to the district round.

Most importantly however was this year's performance in the College Oratory competitions. The Purton Oratory itself has been run every year since 1940 and is named after previous Headmaster Br D.G. Purton. In the junior oratory section, the Breach Oratory, eight young men competed, with Matthew Duffy in Year 7, taking

the cup. In the junior debate, the Mary Purcell Debate, Oscar Grigg, Joshua Findlay and Xavier O'Shea, won.

In the Impromptu speaking section, the juniors competed for the Major Brian Broadribb Cup. Oscar Grigg was the recipient of this trophy, and it was presented to him by Major Broadribb. The adjudicators both commented that it was the strongest group of orations that they had seen at the College, so it would appear that the future is bright.

Looking at the senior sections, College Vice Captain David Adams won the Purton Oratory, speaking about ANZAC Day and how Australia commemorates it. David O'Doherty won the Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu section, named after the famous Old Collegian who was knighted for his service to medicine in 1936. The W.T. Doyle Debate, was won by the Year 11 team, consisting of Thomas Paarhammer, James McKinnon and Campbell Milne.

Looking forward, the future of public speaking is indeed bright. At the commencement of next year, we will undertake a weekend to better form and foster the skill of our young men. This will also be a fantastic opportunity for those interested in becoming involved to step forward and set themselves apart. I must offer once again, my congratulations to all of the staff that have supported these outstanding young men over the past year.



# Indigenous Success

History has been made at St Patrick's College in 2014 with a record number of Indigenous students completing Year 12 and obtaining their VCE.

Indigenous Education Manager Mr Rick Balchin said ten students with Indigenous backgrounds completed the achievement representing a substantial increase on previous years and showcasing the success of the College's vaunted Indigenous Education Programme.

"Never before have we had so many Indigenous students start Year 12 and we are delighted that all ten have completed the year and are now looking forward to new and exciting challenges," Mr Balchin said.

"In 2012 we had two Indigenous students in Year 12 – Jake Neade and

Dom Barry – both of whom went on to play AFL football.

"In 2013 that number increased to six: Donovan Jones is completing an electrical apprenticeship in Katherine, Liam Flanagan who is now in full-time work as an Aboriginal Liaison officer at a primary school in Darwin, Luke Bosworth who is working in Ballarat, Blake Davis is in university studies in Melbourne and Kayle Benson is completing an apprenticeship.

"It's so pleasing to see our programme deliver real, tangible results for the boys who then go on to deliver real, tangible results to the wider community."

Pictured above (from top left) are the ten boys who have completed Year 12 in 2014 are:

**Wattie Hutcheon**  
Joining the Royal Australian Air Force

**Daniel Briggs**  
University of Melbourne (ARTS) first preference, Griffith University second preference

**Zach Healey**  
University of Melbourne (ARTS) first preference, Victorian University second preference

**William Austin**  
Gap Year will return to East Timor as a volunteer. Has also applied to University.

**Blair Gilson**  
Has just confirmed a building apprenticeship for 2015.

**Daniel Abbott**  
Currently working at home, and aspires to become a helicopter pilot,

looking to do training via Australia Defence Force Academy.

**Joshua Tranter**  
Starts Media Academy studies in 2015

**Shane McAuliffe**  
Has applied to Clontarf Academy and other Indigenous Youth Programs throughout Central Australia. Aspires to mentor young Indigenous kids.

**Ben Janson**  
Aspires to join the Australian Defence Forces Commandos like his father.

**Shaquille Kruger**  
His School Based Apprenticeship in carpentry will be transferred to Adelaide for him to continue full-time.

## Music maestros Mr Mark Witham - Director of Performing Arts

St Patrick's College bands have returned from competitions with more medals to add to the awards cabinet.

While on a tour of South East Queensland bands competed in the Queensland and Catholic Schools' Music Festival.

The Saxophone Ensemble won a gold award with Stage Band, Concert Band and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble all winning silver awards.

Weeks later at the Victorian Schools' Music Festival, held at Deakin Edge at Federation Square, both the Concert Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble, received gold awards.

Adjudicator Dr Gary Sousa from the USA said publicly, the St Patrick's College symphonic wind ensemble were the "Rolls Royce" of bands.

To add to their success the Symphonic Wind Ensemble was

placed at the Royal South Street Society competition, only one mark behind two music specialist schools from Melbourne.

The newly formed Chamber Choir led by Mr Michael Murphy was given an honourable mention at South Street.

The Chamber Choir is made up of auditioned Year 7 boys.

This is an enormous achievement given the short time the boys have

worked with Mr Mark Witham, Mr Brad Murray and Mr Michael Murphy.

At time of writing the Junior Concert Band were preparing to compete in the Victorian Schools' Music Festival in the novice and beginner section. We all look forward to a bright future with our ensembles for 2015.



Forward Jesse Palmer was drafted by Port Adelaide.

2014 1st XVIII Captain Liam Duggan is West Coast bound.

On-baller Dan Butler will be looking to use his speed in the Richmond midfield.

Oscar McDonald has joined his older brother Tom at Melbourne.

# Draft delights

The reputation of St Patrick's College as one of the best producers of football talent in Australia was further enhanced at the 2014 AFL National Draft when four SPC players were selected.

Star among the bunch was 2014 1st XVIII Captain Liam Duggan (SPC 2009-14) who was selected at pick number 11 by the West Coast Eagles. A classy on-baller with strong leadership credentials, Duggan was earmarked as a first round selection heading into the draft and will be sure to make an impact with the Eagles in 2015.

Old Boy Oscar McDonald (SPC 2011-13), who was also a staff member in 2014, was the next chosen when Melbourne selected him with pick number 53. In what was a fantastic story for the club, the College and the McDonald family, Oscar now joins his older brother Tom (SPC 2010) in the red and blue Demon colours. Ironically, both McDonalds were chosen with pick number 53.

Speedy on-baller Dan Butler (SPC 2009-14) was snapped up as a fourth round pick by Richmond at number 67 and will look to add his line-bursting talents to a burgeoning Tiger midfield in 2015.

Finally, key position, strong marking forward Jesse Palmer (SPC 2013-14), a boarder from Swan Hill, had his name called out by Port Adelaide at pick 78 and will join the Power in 2015.

The following week, in the AFL Rookie Draft, two further SPC Old Boys were confirmed on AFL lists in 2015. Key position player Brenton Payne (SPC 2010-14) was selected as a rookie by St Kilda and will now have his first shot at an AFL career while Fremantle re-selected Tanner Smith as a rookie after he had been

delisted at the end of the season following a spate of injury concerns.

With all AFL clubs now finalising their lists for 2015, there will be a remarkable 23 Old Boys involved at the highest level.

Director of Football Howard Clark said, for the first time ever, in 2015 there would be enough SPC Old Boys on AFL lists to fill an on-field team.

"This is just fantastic to see so many of our boys excel through our football programme and then go on to play at the highest level," Mr Clark said.

Remarkably, following the drafting of Oscar McDonald, the College has three sets of brothers on AFL lists – Mitchell and Nathan Brown, Brad

and Matthew Crouch and Tom and Oscar McDonald.

Meanwhile, several Old Boys featured in other changes to AFL lists. Dom Barry (SPC 2009-12) surprised us all by quitting Melbourne Football Club and returning home to his native Northern Territory despite playing five senior games for the Demons this year and having recently signed a new two-year contract. The Demons also delisted Daniel Nicholson (SPC 2007-08) who has since signed to play with Port Fairy in the Hampden League. Nicholson finished his AFL career with 32 senior games to his name.

Finally, SPC Legend Danny Frawley (SPC 1976-81) has signed on as a part-time coach at St Kilda.



# John James Medal Night

A record crowd of around 240 people gathered for the John James Medal Night on Monday, September 8 to celebrate the College football programme's record breaking year of success and to honour individual players for their excellence over the season.

The College was once again privileged to have several special guest speakers on the night, all passing on wisdom gained from years of football at the highest level.

The keynote speaker for the evening was former Essendon premiers player Sean Wellman who implored all young footballers to make the most of their opportunities but to never forget that having a sound career and interests outside of football must always remain a high priority. Sean also spoke of the need for persistence and to "give it your all" should young footballers really wish to make a career as a long-term AFL player.

Old Collegian and former Hawthorn and Collingwood player Alex McDonald (SPC 1982-87) was also in attendance and interviewed two other special guests in Collingwood premiers player Nathan Brown (SPC 2002-06) and former Melbourne player and Best and Fairest winner Aaron Davey.

There was a jubilant atmosphere on the night with many of the football programme's players, staff and supporters still celebrating the College's record-breaking fifth consecutive Herald Sun Shield Premiership.

Coach and Director of Football Howard Clark delivered an emotional speech thanking the players, staff and parents for their unwavering support and commitment to the programme which had enabled such success.

The John James Medal, presented to the player adjudged best on ground in the BAS Grand Final, was won by 1st XVIII captain Liam Duggan.

The winners of the 1st XVIII Best and Fairest Award couldn't be separated after a thrilling vote count with Year 12 student Tom Templeton and Year 11 student Matthew Johnston declared joint winners.

Following is a full list of winners on the night:

**1st XVIII B&F - Br W.T. O'Malley Best & Fairest**  
Tom Templeton & Matthew Johnston

**2014 John James Medal Best on Ground BAS Grand Final**  
Liam Duggan

**Year 10 Most Promising Player**  
Sam White

**SPC Rebels Most Valuable Player**  
Tom Templeton

**SPC Western Jets Most Valuable Player**  
Liam Duggan

**2nd XVIII Best & Fairest (Greg Dowd Trophy)**  
Cameron Pither & Alex Browning

**2nd XVIII Best & Fairest (White)**  
Alex Browning

**2nd XVIII Best & Fairest (Blue)**  
Cameron Pither

**Year 10 Intermediate Blue Best & Fairest**  
Tim Liston

**Year 9 Intermediate Green Best & Fairest**  
Aiden Domic

**Year 9 Intermediate White Best & Fairest**  
Will Garner

**Junior Green Best & Fairest**  
Tom Clark

**Junior White Best & Fairest**  
Matthew Aikman

**Junior Blue Best & Fairest**  
Jed Hill

**Junior Gold**  
Jack Buttler

**Yr 7 Ryan Best & Fairest**  
Mitchell Phillips

**Yr 7 Galvin Best & Fairest**  
Izaak Grant

**Yr 7 Nunan Best & Fairest**  
Connor Ascough

**Yr 7 Keniry Best & Fairest**  
Riley Polkinghorne

Top: Year 12 students Tom Templeton left and Matthew Johnston shared best and fairest honours.

Above left: Collingwood premiers player Nathan Brown congratulates 1st XVIII captain Liam Duggan on winning the John James Medal.

Above middle: Former Essendon premiers defender Sean Wellman was the keynote speaker on the night.

Above right: Old Boy Alex McDonald, left, interviews former Melbourne player Aaron Davey.



# Basketball Best Revealed

Tamara Westwood - Director of Basketball

The 2014 school year continued to showcase the number of talented basketball players we have here at St Patrick's College and the success of the programme, based on the BAS results.

Participation continued to rise thanks to the wonderful commitment and effort of all of the coaches, umpires, scorers and supporters.

Congratulations to all of the boys who played in the 2014 competition - each boy represented the College with pride and sportsmanship.

The 2014 BAS Season saw St Patrick's College finish with the following results:

**Senior**  
1st V - Premiers  
2nd V Green - B Grade Premiers  
2nd V Blue - B Grade Runners Up

**Intermediate Yr 10**  
SPC Blue - Runners Up  
SPC - Third

**Intermediate Yr 9**  
SPC White - Premiers  
SPC Gold - Runners Up  
SPC Green - Third

**Year 8**  
SPC Green - Fourth  
SPC White - Fifth  
SPC Blue - Sixth

**Year 7**  
SPC White - Runners Up  
SPC Blue - Third  
SPC Green - Fourth

On Monday October 13, the SPC Basketball Programme held its annual presentation dinner. It was fantastic to see more than 150 students, parents and friends attend the night.

Special guests included former NBL Championship player Brad Sheridan and current Ballarat Miners player Liam Gibcus who shared their basketball journey with the crowd.

Most Valuable Player and Coaches Awards for each of the 14 teams were revealed on the night. Following is the list of all the award winners.

**Year 7**  
**SPC Blue MVP**  
Riley Polkinghorne / Hudson Wilde

**Coaches**  
Harry Fraser

**SPC Green MVP**  
Jordan Muir

**Coaches**  
Mitchell Nicholson

**SPC White MVP**  
Sam Fisher

**Coaches**  
John Ramsay / Macarthur Roberts

**Year 8**  
**SPC Blue MVP**  
Matthew Aikman

**Coaches**  
Matthew Browne

**SPC Green MVP**  
Lachie Cassells

**Coaches**  
Randy Francis

**SPC White MVP**  
Ned Nash

**Coaches**  
Jack Burgess

**Intermediate**  
**SPC MVP**  
Caolan Somers

**Coaches**  
Ollie Nash

**SPC Blue MVP**  
Will McCuskey

**Coaches**  
Riley Murphy

**SPC Green MVP**  
Archie Bissinella

**Coaches**  
Ryan Gibbs

**SPC White MVP**  
Aiden Lourey

**Coaches**  
Nick Canny / Ryan Cox

**SPC Gold MVP**  
Max Edwards

**Coaches**  
Beau Rasic / Lochie Bobrowski

**Senior**  
**SPC Blue MVP**  
Jack Walter

**Coaches**  
Marcus Mullins

**SPC Green MVP**  
Jack Herbert

**Coaches**  
Jarrod Kemp / Will Jury

**1st V MVP**  
Tyler Constable

**Coaches**  
Jake Prior

At time of writing 28 boys from Years 9 to 11 were training three times a week in preparation for the 2014 USA tour which departed Melbourne on Monday, December 8. The tour promised plenty of exciting experiences and opportunities for the boys as they travelled through Washington, North and South Carolina, Virginia and Los Angeles.

**Top left:** Year 12 student Tyler Constable was named the Most Valuable Player for the First V at the basketball presentation dinner on October 13.

**Top Right:** New Miners player Liam Gibcus was one of the guest speakers at the basketball presentation dinner which was held in the OCA Pavilion.

**Bottom right:** Year 9 student Archie Bissinella was all smiles after being named the intermediate SPC Green Most Valuable Player.



## Rowing round up

Mr Peter Joyce - Director of Rowing

It is an exciting time of year for Rowing at St Patrick's College with the continued development of the Year 8 and 9 rowing programme and coxswains course.

The support of some seasoned senior rowers as new coaches and, of course, the continued acquisition of new boats to upgrade the ageing fleet, have also been highlights of the past few months.

The St Patrick's Rowing Committee is also establishing a parents retreat and offering a comfortable place to have a coffee and enjoy watching the crews coming and going.

The opening events for the 2014-15 rowing season have seen the participants endure some weather challenges, forcing them to row regattas in blustery conditions while navigating unusually large waves and struggling with poor visibility.

Undaunted by these challenges, the crews have rallied together and continued with early morning training sessions and after school ergo (rowing machine) tests.

A true measure of the commitment of the boys is to see them all ready and eager to improve on their previous ergo times.

We are in preparatory and planning stages for the camps in January and look forward to putting the crews through their paces as we build our fitness toward the Head of the Lake.

It is rewarding to be part of the St Pats Rowing community and we invite everyone to follow us on Facebook or continue to visit the College website.

Some key dates to pencil into your diary for next year include:

Sunday, February 22 at Lake Wendouree: St Patrick's College Rowing Regatta. Our last chance to put the crews through their paces and face off against opposition before the Head of the Lake

Sunday, March 1 at Lake Wendouree: Head of the Lake Regatta

Monday, March 23: Rowing Presentation Night in the OCA Pavilion.



## Shooters hit target

In 2014 the College continued its interest in clay target shooting with students competing in two events.

In August students travelled to Noorat in Western Victoria along with around 300 others from across the region to compete in the Down the Line (DTL) clay target discipline. Competitors were required to shoot at 20 targets using single barrel only. The students shot in two rounds of 10 targets and 35 students attending the event from the College.

The leading shooter representing the College for 2014 was Ryan Knowles who shot 15/20 showing that consistent shooting is the key in an event of this type.

In October the second event our boys attended was the Minyip Field and Game School Shoot. We had 50 students compete in this event. The competition attracted 420 students from areas as far south as Geelong and Warrnambool and north up to Swan Hill and Ouyen. The event was a Field and Game Clay Target shoot with a variety of targets offering somewhat more of a challenge than Down The Line (DTL) discipline.

At Minyip students were required to shoot at 24 targets – 12 from each side of the quarry where the event is held. This year the best shooter on the day from St Patrick's was Kyle Whitefield in the senior non-members division where he scored 20 out of 24 and won a silver medal.

## Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships

On Friday August 8 a group of SPC students competed in the Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships held at Woodland Park Historic Reserve on the outskirts of Melbourne.

The course for this event had been developed by last year's winner and current Australian World Championship representative, Angus Robinson.

Riders navigated over the designated course collecting each of the 18 checkpoints in the two hour time limit. The racing was very competitive with schools from across Victoria entering a total of 138 riders across various age groups and disciplines.

In the Solo Senior Boys section Declan Dickson was able to navigate the course in 78:48 minutes collecting all 18 checkpoints and coming in 20 minutes ahead of his nearest competitor. This is Declan's first year at racing Senior Boys, showcasing his riding ability and navigational skills.

Other competitors from the College included Ben O'Connor, Brandon Cooper and Lachlan Cassells who raced the Junior Boys Pairs event, managing to complete the course in 96 minutes and collecting eight of the 18 checkpoints. This was a great achievement considering none of these students had ever raced or attempted Mountain Bike Orienteering previously.

Congratulations to Declan Dickson who is now the Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Orienteering Champion for 2014 and well done to all those who competed in this event gaining points for the College in the best represented School trophy.



## Soccer

In what is a true reflection of its growing stature within the College community, the soccer programme was delighted in September to host its inaugural presentation dinner honouring the best performers across the 2014 season.

More than 70 people gathered in the OCA Pavilion for the night which featured a vote count from the premiership winning 1st XI campaign.

Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson said he was delighted that the soccer programme, under the guidance of Director of Soccer Mr Andrew Agardy, had grown to the level where it could sustain its own formal presentation dinner, in line with other key sports such as football, rugby, rowing, basketball and cricket.

Mr Gleeson said he was also delighted that the fledgling partnership between the College and the Ballarat Red Devils Soccer Club was continuing to strengthen with many current and former students of the College deeply ingrained in the Red Devils senior teams.

One such player, Year 9 student Joshua de Voogel won the top honour on the night – the Thomas Karras Memorial Award for 1st XI Soccer Best & Fairest Player. The award is named in honour of former student Tom Karras (SPC 2009-2012) who, as a Year 10 student, tragically lost his life in an accident in 2012.

Other winners on the night were:  
**Red Devils 1st XI Award**  
Miles Baker

**2nd XI Best & Fairest:**  
Mitchell Ellis

**Year 9 (Intermediate)**  
**Best & Fairest**  
Jack Gaffney

**SPC Gold (Junior /Year 8)**  
**Best & Fairest**  
Mitchell Ralston

**SPC White (Junior /Year 7)**  
**Best & Fairest**  
Mark Ritchie



## Sam strikes again

The reputation of Year 8 student Sam Williams as an athletics star of the future continues to enhance following yet another sensational year of middle distance running.

Sam returned home with a gold and silver medal from the Victorian All-Track and Field Championships which were held in Melbourne in early November.

Competing at the Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park, Sam took out the boys' under 15 1500m in convincing fashion.

Sam also backed up with another solid performance in the boys' under 15 800m where he claimed the silver medal.

At time of writing, Sam was preparing to represent his state at the Australian All-Schools Track and Field Championships which were being held in Adelaide in December.

## Rugby

Congratulations are in order for two Year 10 students who have been selected in the Melbourne Rebels Under 17 Junior Gold Cup squad for 2015.

Nicholas Donghi and Dyvontae Tippett were named in the 30-man squad which will represent the Rebels against other teams from around Australia.

The Junior Gold Cup (JGC) is a national long term talent development and competition program at U15 and U17 age levels. The truly national nature of the JGC competition provides players, coaches, administrators and match officials with the opportunity to be involved in high levels of representative Rugby programming and development at a National level on an annual basis whilst maintaining local/regional representation.

It will be Nicholas' second year as a representative in the Under 17 team, while Dyvontae will be making his debut in the competition.

The boys' selection provides further evidence of the growth of the rugby programme at St Patrick's College. Key figures at the College met recently to develop a strategic approach to ensure that growth is sustainable and accelerated in the coming years.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Rugby programme at St Patrick's College is urged to contact the Director of Rugby Mr Leigh McKee at [lmckee@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:lmckee@stpats.vic.edu.au)

Meanwhile, the following players were honoured at the 2014 Rugby Presentation Night:

### Under 13

**Best & Fairest**  
Tarquin Schreenan

**Coaches Award**  
Ambrose Haddin

**Most Improved**  
Mitch Hammond

**Players Player**  
Sean Antrobus

**Under 14**  
**Best & Fairest**  
Jesse Jury

**Coaches Award**  
Connor Aikin

**Most Improved**  
Isaac Roberts

**Players Player**  
Aidan Brown

### Under 16

**Best & Fairest**  
Sean Howard

**Coaches Award**  
Duncan Spedding

**Most Improved**  
Mitchell Fowler

**Players Player**  
Lachlan Dewar

**1st XV**  
**Best & Fairest**  
Kobe Travers

**Weary Dunlop Award**  
Nicholas Donghi

**Most Improved**  
William Sullivan

**Players Player**  
Dyvontae Tippett

**Above left:** Year 9 student Josh de Voogel was the winner of the Thomas Karras Memorial Trophy for being the best and fairest player in the 1st XI Soccer team in 2014. He is pictured with Thomas' father Arthur Karras, left, and 1st XI coach James Robinson.

**Above right:** Year 10 student Dyvontae Tippett applies some of the tackling pressure which has seen him rewarded with a spot in the Melbourne Rebels Under 17 squad.

**Left:** Year 8 student Sam Williams with his gold medal.



# Short makes history

St Patrick's College cricketing history was made in October this year when Old Boy Matthew Short (SPC 2008-2013) was selected to represent the senior Victorian one-day cricket team in a match against Queensland.

In doing so, Matt became the first Old Boy to make his debut for Victoria since Jack Hill (SPC 1935-40) in 1946.

It is believed the only other Old Boy to have represented Victoria is Leo O'Brien (1918-22). Both Hill and O'Brien went on to play Test Match cricket for Australia so Matt now has some lofty goals to aspire towards.

Matt's call-up for the Victorian team was unexpected to say the least. Matt had been playing for the Victorian Second XI in a four-day fixture when regular batsmen Rob Quiney was injured on the morning of the one-day clash against Queensland on October 14.

The Victorian selectors, no doubt impressed by Matt's knock of 98 the weekend before while opening the batting for Northcote in the Victorian Premier Cricket competition, rushed him into the side at the last minute. The selection was so unexpected that Matt made his debut wearing Quiney's uniform.

Matt performed well on debut in what was a torrid match for the Bushrangers. He took 0-24 off three overs of off-spin bowling before scoring 30 from as many balls after coming in to bat a number 6.

Despite the Vics suffering a heavy loss on the day, Matt's performance was strong enough to ensure his subsequent selection in two more one-day games against New South Wales and Western Australia.

"I felt really comfortable out there batting, I was pretty pleased with how I went," the tall right-hander told *The Courier* on the day of his debut.

"It was hard in a way because a few risks needed to be taken because we were well behind, but it was a great experience."

"It was a great experience," he reiterated.

"I would love another opportunity but there are some really strong cricketers still to come back in.

"There were a few nerves before the game, but once I was out there I was fine."

Short became the 190th cricketer to play for Victoria in one-day cricket and the first Bushranger out of Ballarat since Shane Harwood.

Short is leading a fine pack of exciting young cricketers to have come through the ranks at St Patrick's College in recent years. Matt Begbie (SPC 2006-11) at Melbourne and Blayde Baker (SPC 2010-13) at Northcote have also been playing regular first grade cricket in the Victorian Premier Cricket Competition.

Current Year 11 student Blake Thomson also made his debut in the First XI for Melbourne in late October and was then named vice captain of the Victorian Under 17 team on November 6. Blake looks to have a bright future ahead.

**Above left:** Matt Short in action in Victorian colours. Photo courtesy of Arj Giese.

**Above right:** Year 11 student Blake Thomson has been named vice-captain of the Victorian Under 17 cricket team.



# Where are they now?

Peter McEncroe's connection to an Aussie Icon. Rachel Bryant reports.

Did you know that the father of one of our very own Old Collegians founded the company that produced one of Australia's well known icons? That's right, St Patrick's College Alumni have in their midst, among a plethora of high achievers, the founding family of the iconic Chiko Roll!

Above: Peter McEncroe (left) and the then Mayor of Bendigo, Barry Ackerman, hold a Golden Chiko Roll that was presented to the City of Bendigo in 2001 by Simplot. Photo courtesy of Bendigo Advertiser.

The Chiko Roll is as Australian as the meat pie and Aussie Rules Football and takes many of us back to our childhood where they were in almost every corner milk bar and fish and chip shop, but until now the St Patrick's College connection had been little known.

The quintessential Chiko Roll was the brainchild of Old Boy Peter McEncroe's (SPC 1947-49) father, Frank McEncroe, who conducted a successful outdoor catering business in Bendigo and created a snack which could be eaten with one hand at shows, football games and race meetings. The very first Chiko Roll debuted at the Wagga Agricultural Show in 1951 with great success.

By the early 1950's the McEncroe family had moved to Melbourne and Peter was a fresh-faced St Patrick's College graduate who was immersed in the world of Chiko Rolls! Peter proudly worked in the family business alongside his father for 11 years, where at its peak 40 million Chiko Rolls were sold annually, and has fond memories of his time there.

The McEncroe's company, Chiko Food Products Pty Ltd, amalgamated

with Frozen Food Industries Pty Ltd in 1960. Today, Simplot manages the Chiko Rolls brand, after taking over in 1995, and has expanded its range to include corn fritters, fish cakes, onion rings and other frozen snack food products.

Peter, who was at the College from 1947 to 1949 and completed his Leaving Certificate year, still resides in Melbourne, close to where it all began back in the 1950's. Peter enjoyed his time at St Patrick's as a boarder participating in a range of sports including boxing and football. He played a couple of football games with the 1st XVIII in 1949 and captained Treacy House to a premiership in the Hill Football Competition.

Peter married his sweetheart Dorothy in 1956 and they went on to have five children; Jane, David, Anne, Leon and John and 12 grandchildren.

Peter, who has a keen interest in horse racing, is an entrepreneur just like his father was, running a number of his own business ventures after he left the family business including retailing in the liquor and wine industries.

Last year it was 60 years since the first Chiko Roll came off the assembly line in the North Essendon factory in 1953 and in 2001 Simplot presented gold plated replicas to the City of Bendigo and the City of Wagga, with Peter immensely proud of the family legacy and preservation of such an Aussie icon.

Peter says his father was a 'great battler' who succeeded in competition with the multi-national giants.

"This is a story of a country town person being able to rise to the top of the business tree through vision, innovativeness, hard work and the help of a lot of good people willing to succeed," said Peter.

Thanks to the McEncroe family for bringing us not only the Chiko Roll but a St Patrick's College link to a treasured Aussie icon!

Long live the Chiko Roll!

If you have a link to an Aussie icon please email [pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au) and your story could be profiled in the next edition of The Shamrock.

# President's Column

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Hello fellow Old Collegians.

Since my last correspondence there have been a number of functions organised by the Old Collegians Association including regional dinners and the annual OCA Golf Day.

Most OCA functions across the year were very well attended but we are always looking to welcome more and more Old Boys back into the fold. There has definitely been a trend towards increased attendances at reunions in the past two years. This is a pleasing observation and I conclude that the many changes within the College precinct are a drawback.

As for the regional dinners, it was decided in 2014 to merge the Warrnambool and Terang functions in Warrnambool this year and it seemed to work well with Old Boys from both towns attending. 'New' faces continue to turn up at these functions, particularly at the Geelong dinner where around 20 Old Boys attended

including some who had recently retired to Torquay. So there now has emerged a growth area for our future dinners. Bill Molloy, John Nestor, Michael Slater and Tim McPhee have made their homes on the Surf Coast. It was great to catch up with these gentlemen and their spouses at the Geelong dinner along with other regular attendees.

The Old Collegians were also welcomed to an end-of-season football match between the North Old Boys-St Patrick' College Amateur Football Club and the Prahran-Assumption College club in the VAFA competition. Despite losing this match the NOB-SPC team went on to compete in the finals where unfortunately they were eliminated before the grand final stage. However, the hospitality extended to us was most enjoyable.

As most of you would know Dr Peter Casey has retired as Headmaster of the College. His replacement, Mr John

Crowley from Marian College Ararat, assumes the role at the commencement of next year. On behalf of all Old Collegians I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Casey for his great work over his 13 years at the College. He has been, and hopefully will continue to be, a fervent supporter and friend to the OCA. He has encouraged our committee to pursue our goals. He has always reminded us that our association, above everything else, is the friend-raising arm of the College community. His thoughtful and creative ideas for our functions have always been accepted and appreciated. I wish Peter and his supportive wife Anna a happy and healthy retirement and wish to ensure he is aware that his magnificent contribution to the College will never be forgotten.

I also wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season. I look forward to meeting up with as many of you as possible again in 2015.



Mr Michael Kearney  
OCA President

Below: Basil Tierney (SPC 1933-40) with wife Vera at the 2012 St Patrick's Day luncheon where Basil was guest speaker. Basil died in September.

## Obituaries

• The College community is mourning the loss of Basil Tierney (SPC 1933-40) who died on September 6 at St Vincent's Private Hospital. Many Old Boys may remember Basil from the speech he delivered at the St Patrick's Day luncheon in 2012. Basil was born on April 2, 1924, to William and Mary Tierney of Goroke as one of seven children. He married Veronica (Vera) in 1952, and together had six children. Basil was a day student at St Patrick's. He creditably completed his Leaving Certificate in 1939 with passes in the following subjects: English, Latin, Greek & Roman History, Commercial Principles. The following year, 1940, he was in the Honour Class, attaining honours in English, Latin and Commercial Principles. The College Annual of 1941 noted that Basil was working in a bank but he went on to forge a successful career in law. In 1954 he established a legal office in Edenhope and started

teaching Latin at the local school before moving back to Melbourne in 1962. Upon his retirement in 1986 Basil bought his favourite watering hole – the Elms Family Hotel in Spring St where he remained holding court in the bar until his death. Basil was a loyal and dedicated supporter of St Patrick's College and the OCA and will be sadly missed.

• Steve Deedman (SPC 1981-1986) died in Ballarat in early August following a battle with Motor Neurone Disease. Steve was a member of the 1st XVIII Football Team in 1986 but his year was curtailed by injury. The College Annual of that year noted that "unfortunately Steve was injured early in the season and took no further part in the season. Left a real hole at full back with his marking ability and long kicking". Steve also played 1st XI Cricket for the College.



• Maurice 'Mo' McNamara (SPC 1943-45) from Numurkah died on Sunday, August 31 after a period of illness. His funeral was held on Wednesday, September 3. At the funeral it was remarked that Maurice told his family of the times "he would get out of Latin lessons by volunteering to roll grass on the oval. This gave him the opportunity to sneak the odd cigarette sent to him regularly by one of the older family members". Mo married Hilda Heritage on November 17, 1951 and settled in Numurkah to raise their family.

David was first born followed by Peter, Tim, Mark, Julie and Michael. A real estate agent, Mo made the bold decision to go it alone in business and created Maurice McNamara and Co in 1962. The company is still family owned and strong today. One of Mo's other life highlights was receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship award for 40 plus years of service in Rotary.

• Francis James 'Jim' O'Neil (SPC 1939-1944) died on June 30, 2014.



Midlands Golf Club once again played host to the annual Old Collegians Association Golf Day on November 9 with glorious weather and a committed field of Old Boys competing.

Once again competitors had the chance to win a \$25,000 Mitsubishi Lancer, courtesy of King's Cars, if they scored a hole-in-one day on the designated hole, while a host of other great prizes were also up for grabs, courtesy of major sponsor Barker and Jennings.

The success of such social days often relies on the generosity of such sponsors and we encourage all in the SPC community to support those who support us.

A challenging breeze made scoring difficult in the early part of the day before some teams found their touch and started to tear the course apart.

The Midlands Golf Club needs to be commended for ensuring the course was in brilliant condition for the day, enabling our players to post some highly competitive scores in the four-man ambrose competition.

The winning team of Ashley Haase (SPC 2004-09), Alistair Haase, Neil Haase and Sam Young finished with a fabulous nett score of 53 and one eighth, comfortable winners ahead of Tim Halpin (SPC 1995-97), Jono Barlow (SPC 1995-97), Ben Hogan

(SPC 1995-97) and Simon Powell (SPC 1992-97) on 55 and a quarter.

The 2015 Golf Day has been scheduled for Sunday, November 8 and we encourage you to start working to organise a team now.

**Final results:**

- 1 – 55 1/8:** Ash Haase, Alistair Haase, Neil Haase, Sam Young
- 2 – 55:** Tim Halpin, Jono Barlow, Ben Hogan, Simon Powell
- 3 – 56:** Kelly Lyle, Oscar McDonald, Luke Wilson, Xavier Vearing.
- NTP 3rd:** Ben Hogan
- NTP 11th:** Oscar McDonald
- NTP 16th:** Luke Beaston
- Longest Drive 13th:** Patrick Nolan
- Straightest Drive 17th:** Xavier Vearing

# Letter to the Editor

Dear sir,

I have just read the latest "Shamrock." Congratulations to the SPC 1st XVIII for a magnificent victory in the Herald Sun Shield. What a marvellous achievement-winning five on end! Xavier Carey wrote a wonderful article - look out Tim Lane!

Br Bill O'Malley would have a smile I'm sure. I was lucky enough to play in the 1952 and 1953 teams - I escaped 1954, but went up to watch College beat SPC. There is no doubt that the teams of recent years must be even better than our 1952 team which Bill claimed was his "best team".

Two of the legends I knew well - Ted Long was a great friend of Monsignor Kevin Toomey (National Chaplain of the YCW and a former Fitzroy footballer). I was Fr Toomey's President of the Brunswick YCW and captain of the YCW Premier Brunswick YCW team which won the grand final in 1954. When Ted Long was running the YCW Co Op, my wife and I arranged a loan to buy our house.

The other legend, John Devine was at school when I was at St Patrick's. He used to carry my footy bag to training! Later on of course he was in the 1st XVIII, then played for Colac in the Hampden League. I played against him for Camperdown when I was a young school teacher, living down that way. I kept in touch with John for many years until he moved to Tassie. He was very talented, extremely tough mid-fielder.

I hope I haven't bored you with this diatribe.

Well done again - a super effort and St Patrick's College will go down in history as one, if not the greatest football school in Australia.

I was sorry to read that Dr. Peter Casey was retiring. He will be greatly missed.

Regards  
**John Deany (SPC 1949-1953)**

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**Clockwise from top left:**

Justin Quill has been appointed to the board of Cycling Australia.

Former Ballarat Mayor Josh Morris contested the 2015 Victorian Election as the Liberal Party candidate for the Upper House seat of Western Victoria.

Nick Rippon was selected to represent the VFL in a game of international rules against a visiting Irish team.

Joel Parnis was an ensemble cast member in the Australian production of *Les Miserables*.

Old Boy Ted Rankins with wife Glen on the day he was honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia.

# Old Boys in the News

- Congratulations to Ted Rankins (SPC 1948-50) who was honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2014 Queen's Birthday Honours List. Ted was recognised for his outstanding services to the Bendigo community through decades of selfless volunteer work in local community groups. According to an article in the Bendigo Advertiser positions Ted has held over the years include "president of the North Bendigo Football Club, chairman of the Bendigo Squash Centre Co-operative, president of the Bendigo Rotary Club, president of the Catholic Men's Dinner Club, board member for the Bethlehem Home and Hospital for Aged and chairman of the Goldfields Tourism Region". Ted is also a former chair of Bendigo Tourism and remains involved to this day as a volunteer at the Bendigo Information Centre where he gives morse code demonstrations. Ted is a regular attendee at SPC-OCA regional dinners in Bendigo.
- Fresh from representing Australia at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow it seems lawn bowler Tim Slater (SPC 2004-09) may have new, potentially Olympic-sized challenges on the horizon.
- Talent scouts for the Australian Paralympic team invited Tim to undergo some testing with a view to determining which, if any Paralympic sports he would be most suited to compete in at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. It seems Tim's physique has him suited to either shot put or cycling and now, with the assistance of a Victorian Institute of Sport scholarship, he will aim to try out for the Australian team in one of those sports for the next Paralympics.
- Congratulations to Old Boy Joel Parnis (SPC 2004-06) who has been performing as an ensemble cast member in the Australian production of *Les Miserables*.
- Old Boy Josh Muir (SPC 2004-09) was the feature of a documentary on ABC2 which aired on Wednesday, October 8 as part of the ABC's national mental health week coverage. Josh described his battle to overcome mental health issues, including drug addiction, to become a successful artist. His success was perhaps best illustrated a week earlier when one of his artworks (a striking digital print transferred onto aluminium) was declared the People's Choice Award winner for the Victorian Indigenous Arts Award 2014.
- Another Josh, former Ballarat Mayor Josh Morris (SPC 1995-2000) was also in the news after deciding to resign from his post in local government and contest the 2014 State Election for the Liberal Party in the Upper House seat of Western Victoria.
- The OCA community now has another published author among its membership after Luke McInerney (SPC 1992-97) managed to secure a publishing deal for a book he wrote after three years of research investigating links between the Gaelic learned class in medieval Ireland and the Catholic Church. The book is available for sale at this link: <http://www.fourcourtspress.ie/product.php?intProductID=1132>
- Prominent media lawyer Justin Quill (SPC 1989-91) now has another string to his bow after being appointed to the board of Cycling Australia in September.
- North Ballarat Roosters star on-baller Nick Rippon (SPC 2007-12) was selected to represent the VFL in an international rules match against Ireland which was played at Sandringham on November 16. Rippon was the only player from North Ballarat selected in the team.
- Old Boy musicians also continue to excel in their chosen field. The band Horris Green, made up of Old Boys Lachlan Murphy (SPC 2008-13) and James McDougall (SPC 2008-13) won the Ballarat leg of the Freeza Push Start Battle of the Bands competition and will now compete in the grand final at Moomba next year. Meanwhile emerging band Goldfields, comprising Old Boys Mark Fuller, Vin Andanar, Rob Clifton and Luke Peldys (SPC 2001-06), has signed a new management company for tours of Australia and Europe while also releasing a new single entitled "Hold Me".
- Basketball stars from SPC also continue to make their mark at high levels. Old Boys Nathan Sobey (SPC 2008) and Ash Constable (2008-11) are on the roster at the Cairns Taipans in the NBL while Stefan Osborne (SPC 2010-11) made his debut on November 1 in the highly-competitive American College competition, the NCAA, playing for Indiana University Pennsylvania.

If you have any news about an Old Boy you wish to share, please contact Director of Community Development Mr Paul Nolan at [pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au).

# OCA dates for 2015

The St Patrick's College Old Collegian's Association has confirmed its dates for a jam-packed series of events in 2015.

The highlight of the year will be the Annual Legends Dinner on Saturday, May 2 in the OCA Pavilion. The Legends Dinner will have a distinct military theme, coming exactly one week after the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. College archivist Catriona Banks has been working incredibly hard over the last 12 months compiling a history of all the Old Boys who fought in World War 1 and this fascinating book will be released on this night. It promises to be an event of high emotion celebrating some of the bravest men ever to walk through the gates of the College.

Other highlights for the 2015 calendar include the St Patrick's Day luncheon, a busy three-week

reunion period, several regional dinners and a special football-themed night celebrating the College's could-have-beens from 1955-85. It's sure to be full of laughs.

More details for all these events, including the opportunity to purchase tickets, will be made available early next year. Make sure you like the College Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/spcballarat](http://www.facebook.com/spcballarat)) to ensure you are always up to speed with all the latest happenings.

Key dates for the OCA calendar in 2015 include:

**Wednesday, February 11**  
Class of 2014 BBQ (6:00pm-9:00pm) – OCA Pavilion

**Tuesday, March 17**  
St Patrick's Day – OCA luncheon (50-Year and Pre-1970s Reunion)/St Patrick's Day Mass - Chapel and OCA Pavilion

**Saturday, May 2:**  
OCA Anzac Centenary Anniversary Legends Dinner – Launch of SPC War History book (6:30pm) – OCA Pavilion

**Friday, May 15**  
OCA 30-Year Reunion (6:00pm) – OCA Pavilion

**Friday, May 22**  
OCA Five Year Reunion (7:00pm) – Lake View Hotel

**Saturday, May 23**  
OCA 20-Year Reunion (6:00pm) – OCA Pavilion

**Friday, May 29**  
OCA 40-Year Reunion (6:00pm) – OCA Pavilion

**Saturday, May 30**  
OCA 10-Year Reunion (6:00pm) – OCA Pavilion

**Wednesday, June 10:**  
OCA Regional Dinner – Shepparton

**Friday, August 14:**  
OCA Football Dinner – OCA Pavilion (7pm)

**Wednesday, September 2:**  
OCA Regional Dinner – Warrnambool

**Monday, October 19**  
OCA Regional Dinner – Bendigo

**Tuesday, October 27**  
OCA Regional Dinner – Geelong

**Sunday, November 8**  
OCA Golf Day

Above: The OCA Pavilion will again play host to a wide-ranging and exciting array of OCA events and reunions in 2015.

## Next edition ...

As 2014 draws to a close, so does the Dr Peter Casey era at St Patrick's College. It will be remembered as an era of substantial growth and regeneration for the College and its extended community.

From 2015 a new Headmaster, Mr John Crowley, assumes control, promising a range of fresh ideas and initiatives. It will be an exciting time to be involved at St Patrick's

College and we look forward to bringing you all the latest news and developments through these pages of The Shamrock next year.

We also can not wait to welcome to our community another 250 Year 7 students and their families in 2015, as well as dozens more older boys who will join our community for the first time in higher year levels.

There will also be new staff to welcome in 2015 as well as new events and functions to celebrate and new milestones to achieve.

We invite you to come along for the journey and contribute to it wherever possible by sharing your own accomplishments and achievements.

Should you have any contributions you wish to make towards the next edition of The Shamrock please email me at [pnolan@stpatricks.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnolan@stpatricks.vic.edu.au)

In the meantime, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a wonderful and festive new year.



# St Patrick's College Foundation

As a member of the St Patrick's College community we invite you to reflect on the enormous role the College played in helping you and your family develop to where it is today.

We trust that the quality of education you experienced in your time affiliated with the College has left a lasting legacy. We now hope can leave a lasting legacy on the College in return.

St Patrick's College remains committed to providing Ballarat's best education for boys. As we mark the closure of 2014 and look towards a new year, we also remain particularly committed to providing first class education to those who may sometimes struggle financially to meet all the costs of quality schooling. This is where you can help.

The financial challenge of maintaining and developing first class educational facilities for boys is immense. The cost of maintaining up to date teaching and learning facilities incorporating emerging and engaging technologies is significant. To keep pace in a competitive educational environment the College must be proactive in continuing to expand the programmes and facilities available to students. The College also seeks to maintain the inherent beauty within its grounds and buildings, a significant challenge given the century old buildings that are a hallmark at SPC.

Fundamentally however St Patrick's College aims to be true to its Catholic heritage and the spirit of Edmund Rice. The College continues to work closely with the marginalised in the community and offers fee relief to approximately 10% of the student population. It also supports members of our Indigenous community and others experiencing temporary and ongoing hardship. To continue these good works the College needs to attract and invest endowed funds that can be used to finance scholarships and bursaries for students. St Patrick's College has a rich history of supporting students with scholarships and bursaries, with many of the College's highest achievers benefiting from the good will and generosity of our community.

If you feel that St Patrick's College in some way has played a precious and significant part in your life today then, through your generous support, you can help us serve the needs of future generations of young men who will 'stick with the green, white and blue'. Any bequest or a donation is a tangible, tax deductible method of showing this support and helping maintain the tradition of giving that has assisted generations of 'Paddy Boys'.

## How to proceed from here

The College Headmaster together with the St Patrick's College Foundation invite you to complete this reply form, which will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and return it to:

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- I wish to advise that I intend to include St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation Incorporated as a beneficiary in my will.
- I would like to discuss the matter of bequests and gifts with the College's Bequest Officer - without obligation and in the strictest confidence.
- I am interested in making an annual gift to St Patrick's College and would like information about gift options and information on tax deductibility of gifts.
- I do not wish to pursue this matter at this time but please keep me informed.

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# Farewell

Dr Peter Casey is applauded by students after his final assembly as Headmaster on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.