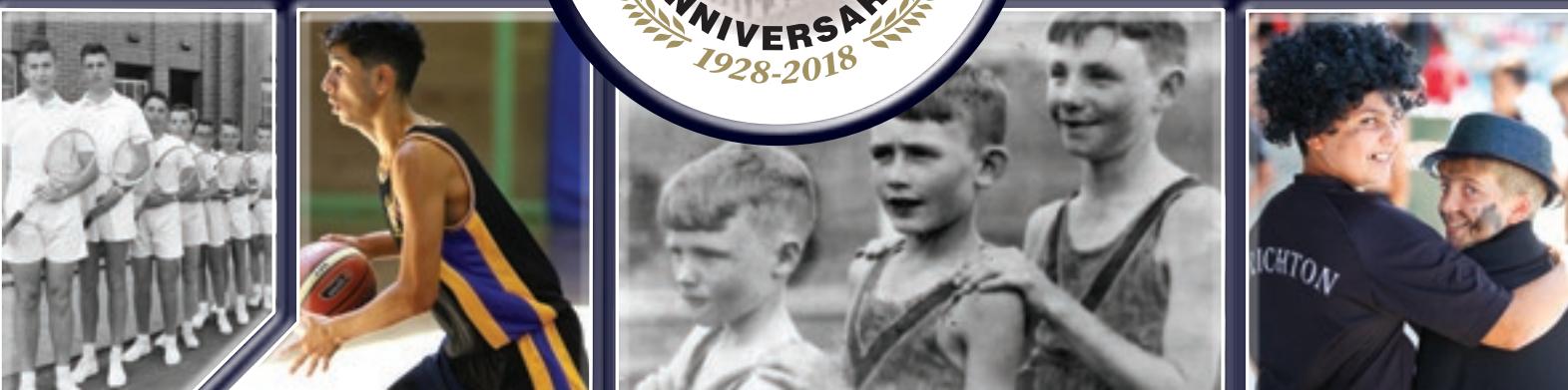




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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Community of St Patrick's College,

This year, St Patrick's College is 90 years old. From humble beginnings and against the advice of some, the Brothers opened the doors to 39 students in semi-rural Strathfield. Generations of boys have since walked proudly through the gates and many have gone on to become famous and influential alumni. Those who do not make the news are the countless men who are just decent human beings, who look out for the poor and marginalised and seek to make a difference in their world. Perhaps these are the unsung heroes of St Patrick's. They are men who readily come back to the College to offer their time, energy and services to the current students; they are fathers, partners and husbands and they are generous of heart. These men have been moulded after the example of Edmund Rice and the story of the Gospel message.

Celebrating our 90th year will be a fairly understated affair. After all, we do not want to upstage our centenary celebrations in a short ten years' time! Nonetheless, during the year we plan to invite a number of Old Boy guest speakers to the College to talk to the boys about their memories and experiences of College life 'back in the day'. Jack Donovan ('42) is one such Old Boy, and he shared his recollections about the College during the late 1930s and early 1940s at a recent Assembly. Jack was one of the members of the First XI who played in the first Cricket match on Breen Oval.

Other Old Boys who have had an impact on our students include Brad Marshall ('01) Principal Psychologist from the organisation Northshore Kidspace, who spoke to the Year 8 boys about the risks of internet and gaming addiction and Dominic Ofner ('08) who, during an Assembly address relating to Climate Change, inspired our boys to 'do'. Professor Neal Peres Da Costa ('82), a Conservatorium specialist in historical performance, also visited the College recently and has offered his services to our music students.

During many sport training sessions, one will witness an Old Boy involved in the coaching of a team or helping out in other areas like the College Band or Debating. They also offer their insights at Career Nights, accompany our boys on overseas tours and are always ready to dig deep for a fundraiser which ultimately benefits our students now, and in the future. As testament to this, the Old Boys' Rugby Club recently hosted a dinner at Ashfield RSL whereupon significant funds were raised for the upcoming College Rugby Tour to North America.

The generosity of our Old Boys was brought home to me at the recent Old Boys' luncheon. A number of Old Boys approached me at this function to simply say, "If I can be of assistance in any way, please just let me know". John Brogden ('86) was guest speaker at the lunch. His humour, raw honesty and candid revelations about his own story of depression and mental ill-health were disarming. At the luncheon, I spoke about our recently completed Master Plan. This is an ambitious plan which will ensure our campus continues to be fit for purpose in the decades to come, whilst also providing our boys with contemporary and aesthetically beautiful learning spaces.

The Master Plan looks to the future whilst preserving the best of our history and traditions. Shortly we will launch a Building Fund Appeal to commence Stage One of the building programme. This will include the construction of a new community gymnasium/hall which will accommodate our whole community as we gather together for different events. A new teaching and learning building complete with underground parking and kiss-and-ride facilities will also be constructed adjacent to the Tennis Courts. Clearly, the cost of this venture will be considerable and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognise the generosity of Old Boy, Doug Sutherland ('49) who has donated \$100,000 to kick-start this building appeal.

Back to Breen day is a wonderful opportunity for Old Boys to visit the College, go on a tour of the campus and engage with our current students. An afternoon of sport will prevail as our boys participate in their last home round of Football and Rugby matches for the season. I implore all, who have not already done so, to register on the Old Boys' website. Doing so will ensure Old Boys are kept up-to-date with all the events and opportunities in which to stay connected to each other and the College.

I do not underestimate the wealth of talent and generosity that is alive in our community, especially among our Old Boys. I hope that all of our alumni feel welcome to visit us at any time, and more importantly, still feel connected to St Patrick's.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.


Craig Wattam
Principal



Jack Donovan ('42) following his Assembly address about College life 'back in the day.'



Rugby Coach, Oliver Donnellan ('17) helps out during the Winter Sport Trials.

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Celebrating the achievements of the Class of 2017

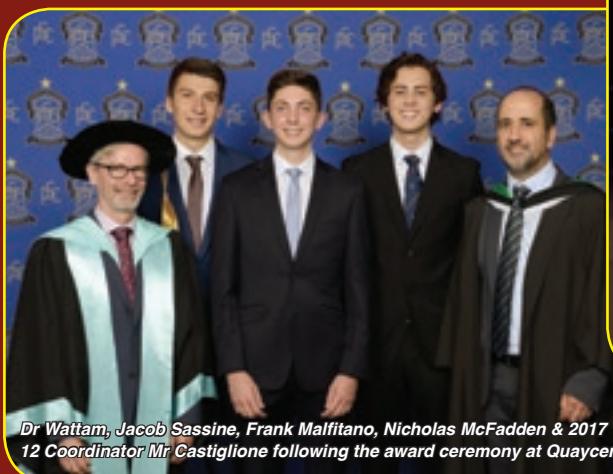
On Friday 23 February, the College assembled at the Sydney Olympic Park Quaycentre, Homebush to acknowledge and celebrate the distinguished academic achievements of the HSC Class of 2017 as well as award the successful recipients of the Br R J McDonald and McGlade Scholarships for 2018.

Distinguished Achievers of the HSC Class of 2017 with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90 and above, were presented their Academic Excellence Award for Distinguished Achievement at this inaugural event. An ATAR of 90 and above represents the top echelon of HSC candidates in the State.

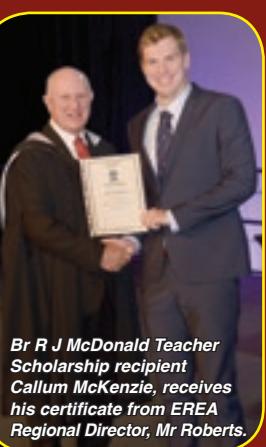
We congratulate Frank Malfitano who is 2017 College Dux having achieved an ATAR of 99.55 and Nicholas McFadden is Proxime Accessit with an ATAR of 98.95, the latter also making the Top Achievers' List by coming 8th in the State in Studies of Religion 1 Unit. Three students appeared on the All-Round Achievers' List, Mitchell Devine, Frank Malfitano and Samuel Mathieson all having attained a Band 6 in 10 or more units. A comprehensive publication of the HSC Class of 2017 High Achievers is available on the College's website.

The Br R J McDonald Teacher Scholarship has an ever increasing number of Old Boy recipients now entering the teaching profession. The Scholarship was instituted to give encouragement to young men from the College to embrace the vocation of teaching in Catholic schools. The Scholarship offers financial assistance to the chosen student or students who decide to commence tertiary studies in order to become school teachers. Congratulations go to Callum McKenzie, this year's recipient of the Br R J McDonald Teacher Scholarship, who will be entering the ministry of teaching in secondary education.

Michael Cutrupi
Director of Curriculum



Dr Wattam, Jacob Sassine, Frank Malfitano, Nicholas McFadden & 2017 Year 12 Coordinator Mr Castiglione following the award ceremony at Quaycentre.



Br R J McDonald Teacher Scholarship recipient Callum McKenzie, receives his certificate from EREA Regional Director, Mr Roberts.

2018 McGlade Scholarships

The McGlade Scholarships are named in honour of Br James Athanasius McGlade and were conceived in 1998 to mark his seventieth anniversary as a Christian Brother. The aim of the Scholarships is to foster a love of learning and academic excellence through holistic involvement in school life.

The Scholarships are awarded to prospective senior students of the College who have achieved the highest scores in the McGlade Scholarship examinations, supported by an excellent academic record and active contribution to and involvement in College life. This year's McGlade Scholarship recipients are Year 11 students; Patrick Buckley and Jeremy Ellis. Both are to be commended on this achievement.



Dr Wattam with Year 11 McGlade Scholarship recipients Patrick Buckley & Jeremy Ellis.



Justin Cordi (Year 12)
makes a point.

SPC Speak Out!

The 2018 Public Speaking season has recently come to a close and once again our students have enjoyed a successful outcome in the highly competitive CSDA competition. Topics of 'It's all just a little bit of history repeating', 'with me in charge', 'just make it work' and '#trending' were among the list of stimulus that the boys were given to help them finely craft and deliver a speech with the ability to engage an audience, and provoke sophisticated and meaningful musing.

This year, with twelve of the College's finest speakers being chosen to speak in the CSDA competition, eight achieved a place in the Zone Final, with four speakers then being fortunate enough to speak in the Grand Final at Marist College, North Shore. Of these four boys, three were placed in the top four speakers in their division. Oliver Meleca (Year 8) was placed third and Gianluca Pecora (Year 10) and Justin Cordi (Year 12) were both placed second in their respective divisions.

This is an absolutely outstanding result for all of these boys, as these achievements are extremely difficult to attain. These fantastic results once again uphold the College's shining reputation in Public Speaking and ensure a very successful 2018 season. I look forward to the upcoming Debating season, and hope that we can match the outstanding performance of our public speakers.

Thomas Kearney
Co-curricular Cultural Prefect



Talented speakers: Justin Cordi (Year 12), Gianluca Pecora (Year 10), Oliver Meleca (Year 8) & Thomas Kearney (Year 12).

College Vice Captain Christian Sleiman, has fun with the Year 5s during Belonging Day.



Rise to the Challenge

In the role I have been afforded this year, I am lucky enough to work with an amazing group of people who make up the student leadership team at SPC. Alongside me are Vice Captains Leon Frangi and Christian Sleiman, both of whom are brilliant examples of the fine young men St Patrick's produces. They are accompanied by 19 determined prefects who hope to make 'St Pat's' a better place through their respective roles.

I would also like to congratulate newly elected Junior School Captain Michael Sakr whose election came as no surprise to me, as he is a kind, approachable, confident young man who I know will do an incredible job leading the youngest members of our College. Michael will be ably supported by Vice Captains Christian Katrib and Steven Saliba, who are both fine leaders sure to leave a profound impact on St Patrick's.

All members of the leadership team understand the essence of leadership, and what it takes to be a good leader. It's not about the title or the badge; it's about working towards something far bigger than yourself and improving the lives of others. The senior leaders will perform various roles throughout the schooling year such as helping out at events such as Belonging Day, generating initiatives to improve the College and being a guide for students around them. On 26 February, we hosted a 'Young Leaders Afternoon' which was a great success, with students from across the state walking away with a greater appreciation of how to lead with presence.

The chosen theme for this year comes from Ezra 10:4 "Arise, for it is your duty. We are with you; so have courage and act!" This is a call to action for all members of the College community, asking us to rise to the challenges we face and attack them as a united front. By being behind one another, and applying the values of Blessed Edmund Rice in our daily lives, we can make a change for the better.

I hope you all have a fantastic 2018.

Matthew Bryson
College Captain

College Captain Matthew Bryson (centre), with Vice Captains Christian Sleiman & Leon Frangi.



Kiribati resident, Pelenise Alofa speaks to the boys about climate change.

Care for the Marginalised



Members of the SJAG team meet in the Justice & Advocacy Room.



The season of Lent brought with it a myriad of fundraising initiatives, with the entire College community once again rallying behind our Lenten partners, the Edmund Rice Centre in Homebush. The Centre and the College have a shared focus on the Rights of the Earth (our collective home) and The Rights of the Peoples of Oceania, especially those who are struggling for climate justice such as the Islands of Kiribati.

The Edmund Rice Centre supports the Earth Charter, a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, peaceful and sustainable global society in the 21st century. It seeks to inspire in all peoples a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well-being of the human family and the larger living world.

At the College Assembly on 9 March, the community was visited by ERC Director Mr Phil Glendenning, former College Captain Dominic Ofner ('08) and a resident of Kiribati, Pelenise Alofa. All spoke about climate change and how it affects islands such as Kiribati, they then challenged the students of St Patrick's to take action and make a difference now.

This term the Social Justice Action Group, were excited with the opening of the new Justice & Advocacy Room. The room located in the Coghlan building provides a space for students and teachers to learn more about social justice initiatives happening in and around the College as well as discuss issues facing the world today. Communicating with each in this way can only serve to strengthen our resolve and seek ways in which to care for the marginalised in our society.

Harrison Armour
Social Justice Prefect



Charles Haddad (Year 11), Liam Vane-Tempest (Year 12) & Charlie Ransom (Year 11) tending to the St Francis of Assisi garden.

CARE FOR THE EARTH

In the portfolio of Sustainability, many initiatives have been introduced to both raise awareness and offer practical solutions to environmental issues within the St Patrick's College community. Such initiatives include house specific water bottles, Clean-Up Australia Day as well as the St Francis of Assisi Gardens.

After some difficult months with hot weather, the St Francis of Assisi Garden is finally growing well with silver beet, rhubarb and rosemary thriving. A big thank you to those who have involved themselves in the garden project, especially Mr Jubb and Mr Herro of the TAS department.

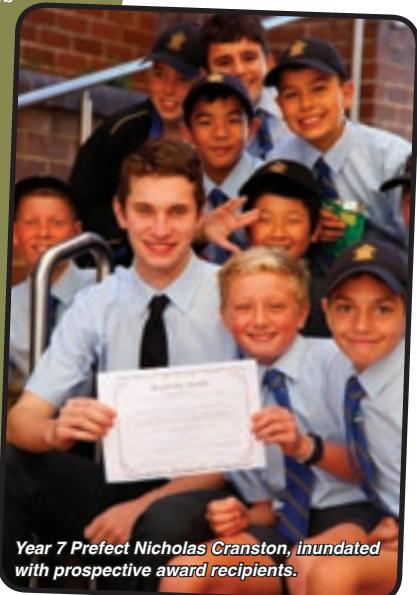
Clean-Up Australia Day was a huge success with the whole school involved in cleaning up the College grounds. A team from SJAG also took the Clean-Up operation into the surrounding suburbs. Both days served as a reminder of the impact humans have on our planet.

The house tailored water bottles introduced at the end of last year, extended environmental and economic sustainability within the school and complemented the installation of new water fountains around the College grounds.

As a community, we have also placed a great deal of emphasis on increased sustainable practices by following the Lenten

Carbon Fast in Term One. Sustainability as a portfolio has several initiatives planned for the remainder of the year with more opportunities to further the College's position on a clean earth now and in the future.

Liam Vane-Tempest
Sustainability Prefect



Year 7 Prefect Nicholas Cranston, inundated with prospective award recipients.



Year 5 students on their first day at SPC: Alessandro Piccin, Joseph Beshara, Joseph Lombardo, James Kelly & Oliver Quinn.

Be the best you can be

My name is Michael Sakr and I am in 6 Black. I have a passion for sports, playing the drums, family, friends and my school. Recently, I was privileged to take on the role of Junior School Captain which I was very excited and a little nervous about.

Being a student leader gives me the opportunity to make a difference at St Patrick's College. This is important to me as it will allow me to demonstrate my Christian values and live by our school motto, Luceat Lux Vestra. An example of this is to demonstrate the importance of being respectful to each other regardless of how we are feeling on the day. Another example is being able to inspire my peers to try their best in everything they do no matter how hard it may seem at the time, and to support each other when we need it.

During Lent, I have had the opportunity to demonstrate my leadership by encouraging students in the Junior School to generously give back to the community and support the works of The Edmund Rice Centre. I shared with them how I went about raising funds and the students have participated extremely well, with great amounts of donations being made.

This year, Mr Munday joined our College as our new Director of Junior School. It's never easy starting in a new place, meeting new people, students and teachers. I hope that we have demonstrated our strong community spirit and made Mr Munday feel very welcome. He brings to our school fresh ideas and a new way of doing things, which we embrace. If you haven't met Mr Munday yet, I encourage you to introduce yourself to him.

As we know Luceat Lux Vestra means 'Let Your Light Shine'. This year, I hope to encourage everyone in the St Patrick's community to Let Their Light Shine and be the best person they can be. Scripture says "The people in darkness have seen a great light", let's all be the light of the world and point the way to Jesus.

Michael Sakr
Junior School Captain



Dr Wattam & Mr Munday with Junior School Captains: Christian Katrib (Vice Captain), Michael Sakr (Captain) & Steven Saliba (Vice Captain).

Black Tie Awards

The major theme of the 2018 Prefect Body has been 'presence within and around the school' and as such, efforts have been made to increase student involvement within various aspects of College life.

It has been previously discussed that there should be more ways for students to officially recognise the positive actions of other students. Some Year Coordinators had begun a system like this, for example Mr Newman's 'Good Bloke Awards,' where students could nominate other students to be recognised at Year Meetings and seemed a good basis to build upon. An award could be inaugurated where the recognition of a student's actions could come directly from another St Pat's boy. The Prefect Body began preparations and details of how such an award would operate, and possible names for the award.

The award has now been finalised, and we as the Prefect Body have officially launched the Inaugural Black Tie Awards. Year 12 students who witness students from other year groups carrying out positive actions can nominate these students for an award. These will then be presented at Pastoral Care Periods or Assemblies to the nominated students, and will also contribute to the House point totals. It is a great way to increase student involvement and positivity, and we are appreciative of the efforts of the staff members who assisted in its creation.

Julian Taffa
Berg House Prefect



Julian Ferlauto, Christopher Attard & Andrew Coorey share their insights on masculinity.



Mitchell Nicholl, Joseph Haydamous, Mark Herro, Jacob Boghos & Christian Bejjani during the Year 11 Retreat Day.

The Spirituality of Men

On Friday 16 March, the Year 11 cohort travelled to the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre in Mulgoa for our Retreat Day. This day served as part of our senior spirituality and faith formation programme, building towards the Senior Retreat at the end of the year. The purpose of the day was to explore our place as males in the world and expose students to the spirituality of masculinity.

The day placed an emphasis on what it means to be a man, and through reflection and discussion, we found being a good man isn't specific to being a male, but it is a multifaceted concept more about being a human rather than being a man.

Masculinity and being a good man is a hard concept to tie down, and it isn't any one thing, rather, it is the interaction of personal qualities which manifest in everyday actions for the betterment of others and the world. This connected to the exploration of how the positive role models in our lives, whether they may be our fathers, teachers, or other family members, affect what type of man we

grow up to be. It allowed us to recognise that we will also be role models for someone else so we have to look to the qualities we should emulate and share to foster men of strength and peace, particularly into the future.

The day led us to focus upon the ways in which we treat and speak about women, how we can improve this, and the importance of both romantic and platonic relationships we have with women. We were called to think about the way we would not want a man to treat our sisters or mothers, avoiding language and actions which present women as inferior or as objects. We are equal partners in life.

We ended with a shared meal and a concluding liturgy, tying together all we learnt and discussed, focusing on what we want to bring forward into the world and what type of men we want to grow up to be.

**Christian Bejjani & Julian Thomas
Year 11 Students**

Images created by PDM students during their residency.

Year 10 PDM student Elie Shehadie focusses on capturing the beauty of Cockatoo Island.

Students at work in the new purpose built Digital Media Lab.

FORGOTTEN PLACES: DIGITAL FUTURES

On Sunday 11 and Monday 12 March, Year 10 Photography and Digital Media (PDM) elective students participated in an overnight residency on Cockatoo Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site located on Sydney Harbour.

The aim of the experience was for students to engage in a sustained and workshop-led approach to their own photographic making. Students used the historic and industrial landscape as stimulus for their study into documentary photography focussing specifically on Forgotten Places. They were given the brief, "to find the beauty in the large, abandoned and decaying structures on the island". Each student's record of the experience will be published in their own photographic journal.

Back in the classroom, Year 10 PDM students are the first to use the College's brand new Digital Media Lab. The Lab has been purpose built, with a focus on developing students' knowledge and understanding in post-production, design and editing work. The facility provides a space where students can improve their digital literacy and learn marketable skills using digital technologies as well as exploring their creativity.

The lab houses a class set of HP Z2 Mini Workstations, providing cutting edge graphic displays and fast processing capabilities. Machines of this quality

work with, and provide a second layer to the College's BYOD programme and grant students access to software such as the Adobe Creative Suite.

The design of the room is styled to allow for Teacher-directed tutorials and space for student collaboration and teamwork. With the assistance of Vivi, (a wireless presentation tool) teachers are able to digitally project directly to the large format screen within the room, offering explicit modelling of skills and the opportunity for immediate interaction and problem solving. The design and visual arts world our digital natives will inhabit is built on their understanding of, and the interaction between; graphic design, video editing, image manipulation and web development.

The actions of our PDM students; documenting a lived experience, applying theoretical knowledge in real world settings and digitally transforming and enhancing their work in the production of a tangible product, are examples of many exciting digital opportunities students can undertake with ease, thanks to the Digital Lab resource.

**Nicholas Phillipson
Visual Arts Studies Coordinator**

Students perform at the parent concert.



PURPOSE PRIDE & PERFORMANCE

The inaugural SPC Music Camp marked an important milestone for both the music programme and the SPC Wind Ensemble. On the weekend of 16-18 March, forty-nine boys made their way to the Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops to begin the camp.

The boys were tasked with seven hours of playing on Saturday, which allowed for our guest clinician and conductor, Mr Vincent Fortado to work closely with the ensemble and develop the test repertoire for the National Band Championships. On Sunday the boys continued to rehearse, with a focus on the ensemble's marching components. The day finished with a parent concert which enabled the ensemble to demonstrate all that had been worked on over the weekend.

Overall, the Music Camp strengthened both the musicality and cohesion of the ensemble, with many students gaining new knowledge which will continue to aid them musically. Special thanks must go to the three clinicians that worked closely with the ensemble over the weekend; Mr Fortado, Mr Keegan and Mr Thatcher. Thanks must also go to Dr Wattam, Ms Angilletta, Mr Van der Meer and Mr Rose for their continued dedication to the band programme.

Zachary Saric
Year 12 Music Captain



The SPC Drumline hone their skills during the Camp.

P&F President Jamey Poyaaoan (font right) with members of the P&F Executive:
Yolanda Saiz, Traci St Lawrence, Kylie Buckley, Dimitra Koulouris, Belinda Barakat, Natarsha Stuart, Jacqui Barton, Shelley Searl & Vicki Dening.



Parents & Friends

*"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success"
– Henry Ford*

While there are a lot of things I love about St Patrick's College, one thing that stands out for me is the amazing school community that surrounds and supports our boys and the College. It is this special community involving parents, students, teachers and staff which works together to make great things happen in and around the College and the start of 2018 was no exception. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time already this year, we greatly appreciate it, and as Henry Ford said, "Working together is success".

We would like to welcome the new families to our community and we hope that your sons (and you) have settled into College life. As a part of the P&F's role at St Patrick's, we organise a number of events throughout the school year, the first of which was the annual Junior School Dinner on Friday 9 March. The boys had a great evening and we hope that the event gave parents the opportunity to meet other families and to form new friendships.

On Tuesday 13 March, the P&F hosted its inaugural parent forum on Managing Stress and Anxiety. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Melissa Harkin, one of the College's dedicated counsellors. Melissa provided parents with some valuable advice on how we can help our sons by identifying, managing and preventing issues related to stress and anxiety.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to invite you to the next parent forum which will be held on Tuesday 8 May. Our guest speaker is Phil Glendening from the Edmund Rice Centre and the topic is 'What is a Liberating Education?' The presentation will include: what a liberating education is and how it underpins College life, the practicalities of what this entails and some clear life examples. This promises to be another informative and enjoyable evening in which to share with each other.

Mother's Day Masses and morning tea celebrations are the next big events on the P&F calendar. These will be held on Friday 11 May and we invite all mothers and grandmothers in the St Patrick's community to attend this special occasion.

The annual Blue, Black & Gold Dinner will be held at Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf on Friday 25 May. Last year's event was a tremendous success, so we encourage you to get your tickets early before they sell-out. Details regarding this event, including ticket information, will soon follow.

As always, the P&F committee looks forward to making new friends within the College community and hopes to make 2018 another memorable year!

Jamey Poyaaoan
P&F President



James Kazzi, Charbel Francis & Michael Sakr fine-tune their vehicle.

YEAR 6 SPACED OUT!

Year 6 students have been enthusiastically working on their Solar System unit for Science this term. They have certainly brought a great deal of background knowledge to the unit and many are curious and fascinated about what is out there in space.

Students have had opportunities to investigate the composition and structure of the solar system to determine earth's place in space and its relationship to other celestial bodies. They have then integrated the processes of working scientifically and technologically in their design and investigation projects.

One of these projects was designing and making a space vehicle for NASA. The students were appointed as well-respected aeronautical engineers. They were asked to design a vehicle to help a team of astronauts visit a planet of their choice and travel on its surface. These wonderful space vehicle creations are currently on display in the Westcourt Library.

Daniel Fields
Junior School
Curriculum Coordinator



NASA Engineer Stefan Maugeri works on his project.

Austin Hall (Year 5) with his parents at the Junior School Welcome Dinner.



Lloyd Witt passes the baton to Daniel Sarkis (both Year 8).*Black is back! Year 12 Crichton celebrate their win.**Sebastian Cevenini (Year 9) dives in for Coghlan.*

CRICHTON DEFIES THE ODDS!

St Patrick's is a College founded on the pursuit of excellence for individuals being manifest through an inclusive and engaging community. As such, the wide array of College house competitions provides the boys with an opportunity to not only filter their house rivalry but feel a sense of connection between the younger boys and older leaders of the College.

The six houses are reflective of Christian Brothers who were distinctive in their capacity to solidify the College's calling for strength in its community. Recently, the Berg, Coghlan, Crichton, Hanrahan, Hickey and Rice Captains helped the Junior School in understanding their unique house identity.

With a fervent school spirit, it is only normal for these houses to harbour varying connotations which are now ingrained amongst the juniors. As such, Crichton is renowned for repeatedly outdoing themselves for the most last places in carnivals, and Hickey with the most wins. However, the true all-inclusive and sympathetic spirit of the College really came to the fore in 2018 with Crichton breaking their 11 year drought and winning the Senior House Athletics Carnival (an inquiry is underway).

House competitions are integral to College life and hence aren't just contained to annual Swimming and Athletic Carnivals. In 2012, the house prefects inaugurated the 'College Cup' which, in addition to carnival supremacy also

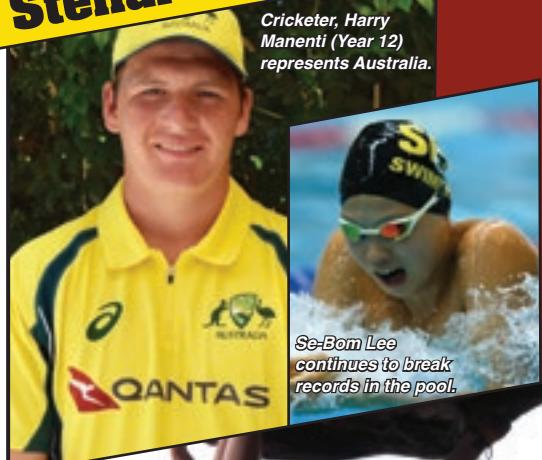
rewarded students for academic excellence, co-curricular achievements and embodiment of College spirit. Unsurprisingly, Hickey House has raised the Cup three times since 2012 and surprisingly, Coghlan twice. At the time of writing this article, current house tallies stand at: 1,562 Hickey; 1,291 Crichton; 1,235 Coghlan; 1,143 Hanrahan; 1,139 Rice and 903 Berg.

With rivalry of houses heightened by staff allegiance, it is fair to say that competition will continue to ignite the pride within students, and sway those teachers in positions of power for many years to come.

Matthew Kazzi
Hickey House Prefect

Year 6 State Rep Athletes, Markus Parinotto & Alex Conti.

Stellar Achievements

Crickeeter, Harry Manenti (Year 12) represents Australia.*Se-Bom Lee continues to break records in the pool.**Action man, Dylan Parks (Year 7).*

St Patrick's College students continue to excel in a variety of sports, both internal and external, over the summer season. Congratulations are extended to the following students for their outstanding achievements.

Junior School Individual Athletic Achievements:

- Markus Parinotto (Year 6) represented the State at the Pacific School Games in Diving.
- Alex Conti (Year 6) represented the State at the Pacific School Games in Touch Football.
- Nicholas Macher (Year 5) represented the College at the CIS in Swimming.
- Anthony del Popolo (Year 5) represented the College at the CIS in Diving.
- Mitchell Woods (Year 6), Nate Tucker (Year 6), Justin Ryan (Year 6), Thomas Charles (Year 5) and Oliver Quinn (Year 5) gained CIS selection in AFL.

Senior School Individual Athletic Achievements:

- Arthur Barakat (Year 12) was awarded the Margaret and John Gow Junior Encouragement Award at his local golf club.
- Se-Bom Lee (Year 12) broke the Opens 200m Freestyle record in a time of 1.58.75min in the CCB Carnival and achieved 1st place in the Opens 200m Individual Medley at the CIS Carnival.
- Finn O'Connor (Year 12) broke the Opens 50m Breaststroke record in a time of 32.00sec in the CCB Carnival, created a new record at ISA in U17 Individual Breaststroke (31.03) and a new record at CIS Carnival in 200m Breaststroke (2.23.15).
- Tomas Kapocius (Year 11) competed at the Australian National Open Water Swimming Championships and is invited to attend the Swimming Australia 2018 Open Water Swimming Development Camp.
- Harry Manenti (Year 12) played for NSW in the U17 National Cricket Championships and due to his outstanding performances, was then selected in the Cricket Australia XI that reached the Final of the U19 National Cricket Championships.
- Dylan Parks (Year 7) won silver at the 2018 Tasmania State Rock Climbing Titles.
- Matthew Rennie (Year 12) gained selection in the NSW U19 Beach Volleyball squad.
- Ryan Littlechild (Year 10) placed second overall representing NSW Sailing at the Victorian State Sailing Championships.
- Leo Lee (Year 11) represented Australia in the Junior Men Division of the 2018 Judo Oceania Championships and received a gold medal in both the cadet and team events.

SUMMER SPORT WRAP-UP



Albert Brooks (Year 12) delivers a devastating ball.



Jake Milligan (Year 8) stares down the pitcher.



A pool of talent: the 2018 Swimming Squad.



The 15A Cricket team secures the NDJCA Premiership.



Peter Papangelis (Year 8) looks for options.

It has been an explosive start to 2018 in SPC Sport and as the summer season draws to a close; it's time to reflect and acknowledge the fine achievements of teams and individuals in their respective sports.

Baseball

With their most successful season to date; the 1st IX Baseball team certainly displayed great improvement in teamwork and strategy allowing them to progress to the RHBL Semi-Finals. However, their tremendous season ended in heartbreak as they lost their match in a 'nail-biter' against Riverview.

Basketball

It was a disappointing season for the First V Basketball side in which they experienced a couple of narrow losses resulting in them not progressing to the final four. On the flipside, St Patrick's was well represented in five ISA Basketball Grand Finals. Congratulations are extended to the 13A and 17B teams on winning their finals and claiming ISA Premierships. Commiserations are extended to the 13B, 14C and 17Black teams which saw them finish the season as ISA Runners-Up.

Cricket

The 1st XI Cricket squad travelled to Brisbane in January to compete in the biannual Christian Brothers Cricket Week (CBCW). Undefeated throughout the tournament, the First XI cricketers progressed to the Final to face a talented St Joseph's Gregory Terrace side. Unfortunately it wasn't to be, and the squad

returned home as Runners-up in the Shield Division. The CBCW proved to have set a solid foundation for the remainder of the season seeing both 1st XI and 2nd XI Cricket sides finish the ISA season as Premiers. In lower grade cricket, we also congratulate the 13A and 15A teams on their NDJCA Premierships.

Golf

The SPC Golf team was resurrected in Term 4, 2017 and continued into Term 1, 2018. Coming into the final round of the Independent Schools Golf competition, St Patrick's were sitting in third place; a mere five points behind Riverview and one point behind St Joseph's College. Whilst SPC was not able to gain the title, the team did finish runners-up, and they did not walk away empty handed after being awarded The St Ignatius - St Patrick's trophy.

Swimming

The SPC Swim Squad improved during the course of the season when they competed in a series of invitation meets. At the annual Combined Christian Brothers Swimming Carnival the squad claimed the Intermediate Shield and placed 2nd overall. In competing at the ISA Carnival, the boys swam with gusto, recording an incredible 17 personal best times on the day. Whilst the boys gave it their all, the competition was far too strong this year and as a result St Patrick's placed 4th in the Aggregate Shield.

Anthony Calavassy
Head of Secondary Sport



ISA Representative Honours

To gain selection into one of the Independent Sporting Association (ISA) Representative teams is an accomplishment and often the culmination of much training and dedication by the individual. As such, we proudly recognise the following students who have gained ISA Representative Honours:

Basketball – Ryan Wickham (Year 12)

Cricket – Daniel Mullen (Year 11) and Harry Brooks (Year 10)

Tennis – James Stathak (Year 12), Sean Cliff (Year 12) and Joseph Cliff (Year 10)

Grade 5 boys at work in one of the classrooms in the Hickey building c.1939. Many Old Boys remember the shrine erected by Br Crichton in the far right-hand corner of the room.

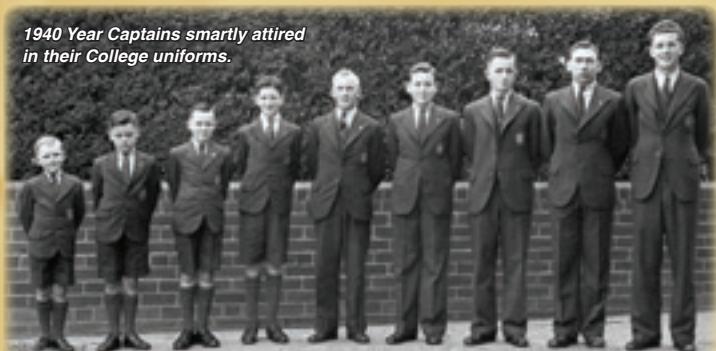


The Oval Working Party in 1935. Br Breen (back left) is holding his dog and Br Kent is at the front wearing gum boots, second right. Two of the O'Carrigan brothers; Daniel and Vincent and their father were members of this original working party.



Boys in Second Year creating masterpieces in Br Crichton's Technical Room c. 1937.

1940 Year Captains smartly attired in their College uniforms.



A SNIPPET OF HISTORY

As the College community celebrates 90 years of history and traditions, we are called to reflect upon and appreciate those who have come before us and their experiences of life at St Patrick's 'back in their day'. Over the years, different members of the community have shared their recollections about their time here either at the podium, through the pages of Lumen, or within a letter or written account safely stored within the College's archives. Whilst it must be remembered that such accounts are subjective in nature, they nonetheless offer a different and at times more vivid perspective of the College's past. By sharing some of these stories we hope it will enable today's community to learn more about, and connect with, their St Patrick's College heritage.

The following are excerpts from a lively recollection of life as a student at St Patrick's College from 1939-1941. It was written in the 1990s by former student Daniel O'Carrigan who, upon leaving SPC, became an accomplished English and History teacher and Principal of Canterbury Boys High School. Daniel's brothers Eugene, Vincent and John also attended the College in the 1930s-1940s, and later his two sons; Patrick ('74) and Timothy ('82). I wish to thank the O'Carrigan family for allowing me to share the following account with the SPC community. I hope you will find this snippet of College history as interesting and evocative as I did.

Nikki Fochesato
College Archivist/Liaison Officer

I rode my bike three miles to Cabramatta Station, parked it in the yard behind McBurney's store and endeavoured to catch the 7.40am train. The 8.10am cut things a little too fine as we had to walk to the school from Flemington Station. We walked because we could not afford to catch a school bus from Homebush or Strathfield.

In those days students travelled long distances to reach St Pat's. One lad in my class came from Camden each day, by a Puffing Billy to Campbelltown, then by steam train to Strathfield, as electrification of the line extended only to Liverpool. Other students travelled from Ryde, Parramatta, Hornsby and all points in between. How we envied those who arrived by school bus from Five Dock, Enfield or Canterbury. The riding, the train journey and the walk from the station in all weathers carrying a heavy school case took up a lot of time and sapped the energy of thirteen year olds.

On one occasion, at the beginning of the football season, I had stayed back after school to try out for the 4st 7lb representative school team. It was late when I reached Flemington and I tried to jump onto the platform of the last carriage as the train was pulling out. I grabbed the bar and got aboard but the weight of my school case plus football gear dragged me back out. I fell to the platform, let go of my gear, and clung to the bar with both hands. I thought that if I let go completely I might roll down under the train. I slid along the platform and then slipped down between the train and the platform edge.

I felt a burning pain in my thigh where the platform was cutting into me but I didn't know what to do except hang on for dear life. Then the train stopped. I was hauled up by passengers and then by the train guard who had looked back and had seen what was

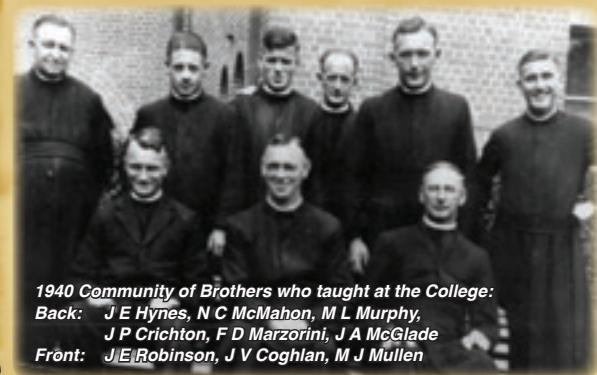
happening. A station attendant took me to the station master's office and wanted to call an ambulance when he saw the raw gash in my thigh. I was terrified about what would be the reaction at home so I protested that I would only need a bandage. He was reluctant to let me go but put on an awkward bandage (which fell off ten minutes later), collected my gear and put me on a Liverpool train.

At home I was treated and bandaged again and put to bed. Mum sat up late washing the blood off my pants, sewing a patch over the torn section and ironing them for use the next day. There was no question that I would miss school. There was a rumour round the school that someone had fallen off a train and the Brothers were making enquiries. Evidently the station attendant had notified the school. However, I said nothing. Mum's repair job didn't attract attention and I tried to walk without a limp. I wasn't at all proud of what had happened.

We took our own lunches from home usually packed by our mother if she wasn't milking the cow or feeding the hens. Egg and lettuce, sliced apple, sultanas, chicken, corned beef, sausage or banana were some of the fillings between rather thick slices of home-made bread. Dad used to bake the bread and sometimes, if the oven was too hot, the dough rose so quickly that there was a gaping hole left in the middle. This caused havoc with the fillings. My mother often baked scones for 'tea'. They were delicious served fresh and hot, but she sometimes used them for lunches the next day. By then they were so dry and hard that I needed a mouthful of water after each bite. On those occasions I made sure I sat near the bubbler in the playground to avoid choking to death in front of everyone.

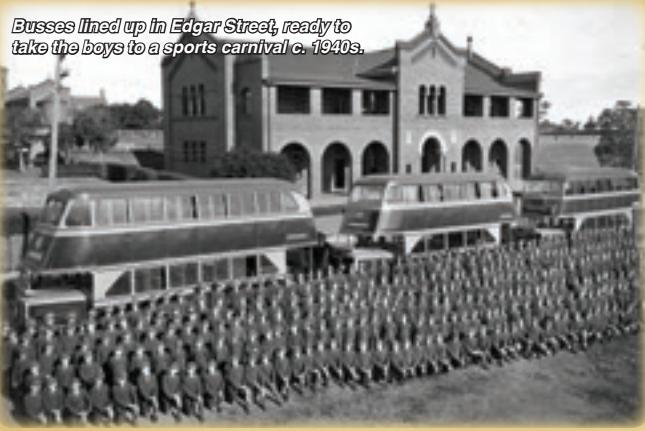


Captains of the colour representative Football teams c. 1936.



*1940 Community of Brothers who taught at the College:
Back: J E Hynes, N C McMahon, M L Murphy,
J P Crichton, F D Marzorini, J A McGlade
Front: J E Robinson, J V Coghlan, M J Mullen*

1937 First and Second Year Classes studying upstairs on the Hickey building verandah. With enrolments continuing to rise, classroom space was at a premium.



Busses lined up in Edgar Street, ready to take the boys to a sports carnival c. 1940s.

Homework was a constant and could take from one and a half to three hours to complete. With our long daily travelling time there was little chance of getting much done before dinner. Afterwards we took a lamp (there was no electricity at the time, we used kerosene lamps with a wick and glass chimney) and set to work in a quieter part of the house – unheated in winter. Even in my Intermediate Year (Third Year of High School) I often did my homework by the light of a dim hurricane lamp when the brighter lamps were not available.

I enjoyed my years at St Pat's and the bewildering challenges of secondary school, but my favourite teacher and subject would have to be Br Crichton and Woodwork. In the long woodwork room, occupying the top floor of the wing that extended to the rear of the Junior School, order and creativity reigned supreme. We shed our coats and donned unbleached calico aprons with a pocket at the front.

If Br Crichton was the high priest of Woodwork, we were his willing and obedient acolytes. His authority and knowledge were never questioned and conflicts of interest never arose. There were all the regular sounds and smells that soothed us like incense: animal glue bubbling in its cast iron pot over a gas ring; orange shellac (French polish) being applied to finished work; pungent shavings of planed wood curling to the floor; tap of mallet on chisel, background murmur of voices and Brother moving from bench to bench to oversee and assist if required.

The jobs increased in difficulty as we mastered the necessary skills and by the Intermediate year they were quite ambitious for fifteen year olds. We usually began by making a pen and ink holder, with a long groove to hold the pen and a stepped recess to hold the inkwell or bottle. This was long after inkwells were no longer in general use, admired but unused, they occupied pride of place in many a St Pat's home. We progressed to salt boxes, and then laminated cutting boards,

trays with inlaid ply bottoms, medicine cabinets and traymobiles. Whatever we took home with pride seemed to be constructed of absolutely indestructible silky oak and there was no way to get rid of them, even if you wanted to. Some pieces are still in use 40 or 50 years later.
Vale Br Crichton!

The boys in the junior school wore a grey woollen suit with the SPC badge woven on the top pocket, light blue shirt and College tie, long grey socks with school colours at the top and black leather shoes. The headgear was the familiar blue cap with a metal school badge in front.

The seniors moved to long trousers, felt hat with College hatband and I think, a white shirt. Anthony Hordern's stocked the suits and accessories, as well as the sporting gear. Their tailor, Mr Moses, came to the College each year to measure the boys for new suits that were then delivered to Strathfield. In Br Coghlan's office a fully suited mannequin stood in one corner. All parents of new boys were interviewed by the Principal and were under no illusions as to how their sons should be attired.

We were encouraged to wear the uniform not only at school, and at after-hours school functions such as Speech Night and Parent/Teacher Nights, but also at important formal gatherings such as attending Mass, weddings, funerals etc. This was generally no hardship as the College suits were usually the best gear we had.

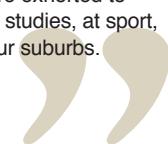
In the 1940s the annual school photo sessions were something of a marathon. In addition to class and form photos, there were the whole school groups. This involved every student lining up in rows in Edgar St, which was closed to traffic. First years were right in front, then form by form to the seniors in the rear. We faced towards the Senior School with the Junior School in the background. The photographer shot from an upstairs window or perhaps from the roof. The height gave the massed photo an aerial perspective that was quite impressive.

The Christian Brothers have always placed an emphasis on sport and it was an important part of the curriculum in the 1940s. The College Oval built in the 1930s, was a great asset and much used, as were the open spaces alongside and behind the Junior School. But on sports afternoons (it was not a Saturday morning activity then) we spilled over to St Luke's Oval, Concord and I think, Henley Park, Five Dock and possibly other venues within bussing distance. A line of double-decker buses would assemble and lines of boys carrying cricket kits or football gear would troop aboard and when the busses had gone, school would settle back into an unusual quietness, broken only by the sounds of tennis players at the nets or football players on the oval if there was a visiting team.

The gifted were catered for by being chosen in the representative teams that competed against other high schools. The rest of us played in the colour teams, Red, Blue, Green and Gold. All boys were coached and encouraged at their level of ability and sports afternoons were a welcome break in the academic week. We swam at Enfield baths in the season and held the Annual Carnival there. The Combined High Schools swimming Carnival was held at North Sydney Olympic Pool. Our Athletic Carnivals were held on our own oval and the Combined (Athletics Carnival) at St Luke's Oval.

At times the whole form gathered in the upstairs hall in the senior block (hall made by sliding partitions between three classrooms) and some 150 boys would sit and listen to Br Coghlan explaining the College motto: LUCEAT LUX VESTRA. So that we would be in no doubt, he would hold up a large wooden replica of the badge and focus our gaze on it. We were exhorted to bring honour to our school in our studies, at sport, on the buses and trains and in our suburbs.

Daniel O'Carrigan ('41)





St Patrick's Old Boys' Luncheon

On St Patrick's Day, Friday 16 March, a number of Old Boys gathered together and enjoyed lunch at the Shangri La Hotel, The Rocks. Many year groups were represented by a contingent of Old Boys ranging from the Class of 1948 to last year's 2017 cohort.

All were entertained by guest speaker John Brogden ('86) who recounted stories of his days from St Joan of Arc, Haberfield to his days at the College. He spoke highly of the Christian Brothers and teachers who he credits with teaching him the skills he would require later in his life. He spoke fondly of his year group and the fact that the majority of them have stayed in touch over the past 30 years and spoke openly of

his work as Chairman of Lifeline and his own battles with depression.

After the lunch, a majority of the attendees retired to the Mercantile Hotel, The Rocks and were joined by other Old Boys who were unable to make the lunch. Photos from the day can be found on the Old Boys' Website: <http://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/#photoboard>.

Planning has already begun for next year's lunch so please make sure you keep Friday 15 March free and start your table arrangements now.

Greg Dening ('81)
SPOB Executive Officer

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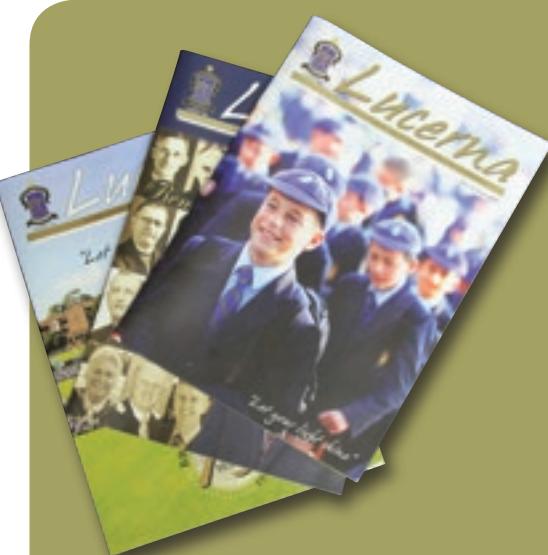
Unfortunately there continues to be a large number of Lucernas which are returned to the College following each mail-out. This is mainly due to Old Boys moving from the address we have listed on the College's database and despite removing these from the system, mail continues to be returned to us as a new wave of Old Boys change addresses.

It has been decided therefore, that as of the start of 2019, Lucerna will only be sent to the Old Boys who have registered on the Old Boys website. When registering on this website, you will not only be asked to update your contact details but you will also be given the choice as to how you wish to receive Lucerna in the future.

It is hoped that this will not only assist us in preserving the integrity of Old Boy data, but will also cut down on the amount of wastage and postage costs associated with sending Lucerna to obsolete addresses.

We understand that there are a number of Old Boys who may not have access to a computer or who do not feel confident logging on to the Old Boys website and registering their details. In this case we would be happy to assist you and ask that you call (02) 8705 9281 or email: oldboys@oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au with your details.

We greatly appreciate your help in this matter.



Donated Items

The College wishes to thank the following benefactors for their generous donations:

John Locke ('95)

1994/1995 Cricket Tour Jacket

Alan Quinlan ('87)

1984/1985/1986 Rugby Year Books & 1978 Jubilee Lumen

Paul Grew ('52)

1951 character reference signed by Headmaster, Br Garvey

If there are any other Old Boys who wish to donate an item to the College's archives, please contact Nikki Fochesato on 9763 1000 or email nikki.fochesato@spc.nsw.edu.au.

Old Boys Shine

The following Old Boys are to be acknowledged and congratulated on their recent achievements in their respective fields.

◀ Prof John Mattick ('67)

John has recently accepted a prestigious position as the inaugural Chief Executive Officer at Genomics England, the world's largest clinical genomics initiative. In accepting this role, John will relinquish his position as Executive Director of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research which, after six years, he has helped transform into one of the world's leading genomics research institutes.



Dr John Moran ('70) ▶

John was appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours for significant service to medicine in northern NSW, to medical administration and education and to the community.



◀ John Pierce ('78)

John was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the 2018 Australia Day Honours for distinguished service to public administration through senior roles in developing regulatory and policy initiatives and micro-economic and energy market reforms.



Adrian Arndt ('08) ▶

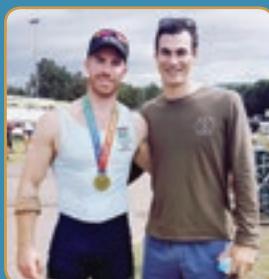
Adrian continues to pursue a highly successful career as a Football Referee in the NSW National Premier League and last year was appointed to the FFA Cup, Rounds of 32 and 16 culminating in an appointment to the NPL PS4 Grand Final.

In November 2017, Adrian travelled to England where he refereed four games in the English Premier League U23 competition.



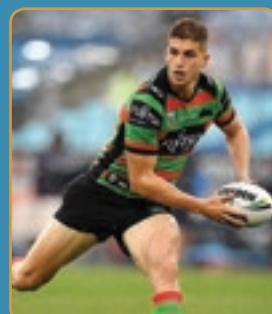
◀ Ben Gibson ('10)

After sustaining an horrific knee injury playing Rugby for West Harbour in 2016, Ben was left with a condition known as Foot Drop meaning he no longer has dorsiflexion in his right foot. Ben has been rowing with the Sydney Rowing Club since February 2017, and has recently become a two-time National Champion at the Australian National Rowing Championships. Subsequently, he has been invited to the National Team trials in mid-April to attempt to gain selection to compete at the World Championships in September. Ben is also currently training to compete at the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo.



Adam Douhie ('16) ▶

Adam is a talented Fly Half and played in the College's First XV for two consecutive years and was also selected in the ISA, NSW Schoolboys and Australian Schoolboys teams in 2016. He also played Rugby League for the Balmain Tigers (Harrold Matthews and SG Ball). He has since represented Lebanon in their World Cup team and is currently playing First Grade for the Rabbitohs.



◀ Christopher Ius ('17)

Christopher competed in the Australian All Schools Track & Field Championships held in Adelaide last December and won silver in the U18 100m Sprint (10.92sec) and was part of the NSW relay team that won gold in the 4x100m relay. Recently he also competed in the NSW Junior Athletics Championships, winning silver in the U20 100m Sprint.



Back to Breen Day

In recent years, a large number of Old Boys have returned to the College to support the boys during their last home round of winter sport. The occasion provides an opportunity for a catch-up with those they may not have seen since they left the College and a chance to reminisce on their school years. This year, Back to Breen Day as it has become known, will take place on Saturday 11 August.

We warmly invite all Old Boys to the College on this day, starting with a Liturgy in the College Chapel at 12.30pm. This will be dedicated to all those Old Boys who have passed away over the years and will be an opportunity to pay our respects and remember them.

During the afternoon, Old Boys will be taken on tours through the College and be treated

to some super-charged action on the ovals. Light refreshments will be served and as the College is celebrating its 90th year, there will be some historical memorabilia on display.

The 1988, 1998 and 2008 year groups will be in attendance as they celebrate their milestone reunions before being bussed to their private function with former classmates. If there are any other groups of Old Boys who wish to catch-up following Back to Breen Day, please contact Greg Dening who will endeavor to help organise transportation to a local venue.

We hope as many of you as possible join us in the Back to Breen festivities.

Greg Dening ('81)
SPOB Executive Officer



Old Boys' Cricket

St Patrick's Cricket Club was formed in 2009 by the Old Boys. The Club plays in the NSW Church Cricket competition, based mainly in Western Sydney and has 2-4 teams playing each year from A-C grade level.

The Paddies play matches with a fighting spirit and as a Club, value sportsmanship and inclusion on and off the field. The Club had a great 2017/2018 season, with our B-Grade going down narrowly in the Grand Final.

Old Boys and friends are all welcome to join the Club and are encouraged to make contact for the 2018/2019 season: oldboysspcc@gmail.com.

Luke Walsh ('10)
SPCC Secretary



Old Boys' Football Club kick-off their season

This season has the potential to be one of the biggest in the Club's eighteen year history as we will be adding another All-Age team into its ranks, making it the Club's fifth team.

I would like to congratulate our First Grade squad who are currently playing in the 4th round of the FFA Cup after beating Glenmore Park and Bega Devils, the latter was a solid 8-1 victory after travelling six hours to the game.

This year we welcome back to the Club our previous First Grade Coach, Michael Ronchetti and new Reserve Grade Coach, Jason Carrozza who I'm sure will do a terrific job in guiding the lads to success in 2018. Rob Squillaciotti ('02) and Frank Parisi ('88) once again have the All-Age 1 and Over 35s raring to go and ready to bring home some more silverware!

For the first time since the Club's participation in the Churches competition, all teams will be playing at the ground at approximately the same time. President Mark Liberatore ('06) and I feel that this is an extremely important factor in creating a great culture similar to that from our school days.

As a club we are always looking to expand and grow, if anyone is keen to get involved we are on the lookout for a mature-aged President (with a bit of spare time). Similarly if anyone is keen to play, sponsor or coach, please do not hesitate to contact Nick de Lutiis 0410 322 522 or Mark Liberatore 0414 553 199. We welcome all and look forward to the great season ahead.

Nick de Lutiis ('12)
SPFC Vice President

First Grade team photo before their 8-1 win over the Bega Devils.



Old Boys' Rugby across the paddock

The 2017 season will be known as a very tough one in the St Patrick's Rugby Club's history. As the competition had been reduced to just eight clubs some years ago, it increased the chances of relegation and unfortunately our Club has fallen victim to this. With our First Grade having lost five tight-scoring games, the Club finished the season in last position on the Club Championship ladder. The Club has now regrouped and is ready to take on the 2nd Division in the upcoming season, in which we will compete against some of our old rivals.

On a positive note, last year's season shake-up has encouraged more people to step-up and help out the Club with more players, coaches and managers pitching in this season. We welcome anyone who wishes to assist the Club in any way to contact Greg Dening on 0410 708 850.

We would like to congratulate Adrian Musico ('09) who, after a few seasons with us, has moved clubs to play with Parramatta Two Blues in the Shute Shield.

He was recently announced as their First Grade Captain for 2018 and we wish him all the best.

Our younger junior Rugby players (Under 6s to Under 9s) continue to play every Saturday morning at St Luke's Oval in Concord. It is hoped that this preparation will set them up to be Rugby ready when playing for other teams during their Rugby playing years. We also have some teams looking for older players in the junior competition so if your children are interested, please access the Junior Rugby Club website: <https://www.spjrc.org/about>.

On behalf of the Club, we welcome new members from the Class of 2017 who have recently joined the Colts and encourage anyone who wishes to watch a game of Rugby, to drop by Hudson Park on any of the following Saturdays: 5 May, 26 May (Back to Hudson Day), 16 June, 23 June or 21 July.

Greg Dening ('81)
SPRC President



Members from the Class of 2017 step-up to play Old Boys Rugby: Lachlan Sears, Seamus Whelan, Marco Micalizzi, Angus Brunton, Jackson Smith & William Mauder.



Benet James ('14) follows Albert Nawaqanitawase ('15) into combat.



School day memories are revisited.



Class of 1965 still going strong!

In all, twenty three Old Boys from the Class of 1965 attended our annual reunion on 10 November 2017. It was a very enjoyable evening of yarns and inevitable memories of school day rivalries and hi-jinx, until club closing time when we were the last to leave, it was most fortunate that one of the bar staff turned out to be a younger SPC Old Boy!

Bob Vellar ('65)



An impressive turnout for the Class of 1967.



Tom Casey, Peter Hancock, Br Brian Berg & Rod Speering keep the Class of 1967 in order!

Class of 1967 count their blessings

The pioneering HSC Class of 1967, celebrated their 50 year reunion at City Tatts on 18 November last year. Over seventy ex-students were tracked down of which over sixty were able to attend. All name tags were in large font! We were also privileged to have four of our teachers attend; Tom Casey (Headmaster), Br Berg (Deputy Headmaster, Sportsmaster, SPC icon), Rod Speering (Science) and Peter Hancock (English). Our other English teacher, Tony Baker sent his apologies from Western Australia.

A great afternoon was had by all with the exceptional camaraderie and candid assessment of school experiences seemingly picking up effortlessly from five decades ago. Our four guests all spoke eloquently and with obvious fondness about SPC. There was also an acknowledgment of six from our cohort who are known to have passed away.

The strong feeling was that we had been extremely fortunate to have attended St Pat's with such a great group of people and wonderful role models as teachers. As would be expected, all joined together for a rousing rendition of the College War Cry.

Graham Boyle ('67)



Our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of the following Old Boys:

Darcy Walsh ('41)

Clement Mitchelmore ('46)

Father Peter Neville ('54)

Joseph Smith ('54)

Kevin Thomas ('57)

Barry Fields ('63)

Peter McGraw ('68)

Stephen Muller ('74)

Klaus Petr ('79)

Andrew Coote ('87)

Adrian Ryan ('02)

Patrick Hahn ('10)



Mr Gerald Gleeson

AC, KCSG, B.Sc. Dip. Ed (Sci.), M. Ed.

12.06.1928 - 23.12.2017

Mr Gerald Gleeson attended St Patrick's College in 1939, completing his Leaving Certificate in 1943. Whilst here, he excelled both academically and in sport, particularly in Rugby and Cricket. Upon leaving St Patrick's, Mr Gleeson studied Science and Mathematics at Sydney

University, graduating as a teacher in 1947. Following a number of esteemed appointments in which he moved from the education sector to that of public service, Mr Gleeson accepted the position of Permanent Secretary of NSW Premier's Department in 1977, a role he faithfully undertook until 1988.

In 1990, the College presented Mr Gleeson with the Luceat Award, in recognition of his work in civic, community and Church life as well as his tireless service to the College. As a founder of the Australian Catholic University, The Gleeson Auditorium on the Strathfield Campus was named in his honour. In 1989, Mr Gleeson's distinguished career in public service was recognised when he was awarded the country's highest civic honour, Companion of the Order of Australia (AC). In 2002 he received a Papal Award – Knight Commander con placca of the Order of St Gregory the Great (KCSG).

Mr Gleeson and his wife Frances have five children; a daughter Catherine and four sons who also attended SPC; Gerald ('70), Fabian ('74), Justin ('78) and Damian ('82). Mr Gleeson will be remembered as a man of faith and integrity, and as students pass his photograph in the College's Hall of Fame, may they too be inspired to 'let their light shine'.

Forthcoming Reunions

Class of 2008 – 10 Year Reunion

All are encouraged to attend the College's Back to Breen Day beginning with a Liturgy in the College Chapel at 12.30pm. A bus has been organised to transport attendees from the College to the evening venue.

Date: Saturday 11 August 2018

Venue: The Harlequin Hotel,
152 Harris St, Pyrmont

Time: From 12.30pm at the College

Contact: Dominic Ofner
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Luke Barry-Donnellan
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Class of 1998 - 20 Year Reunion

All are encouraged to attend the College's Back to Breen Day beginning with a Liturgy in the College Chapel at 12.30pm. A bus has been organised to transport attendees from the College to the evening venue.

Date: Saturday 11 August 2018

Venue: The Harlequin Hotel,
152 Harris St, Pyrmont

Time: From 12.30pm at the College

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Class of 1988 – 30 Year Reunion

All are encouraged to attend the College's Back to Breen Day beginning with a Liturgy in the College Chapel at 12.30pm. A bus has been organised to transport attendees from the College to the evening venue.

Date: Saturday 11 August 2018

Venue: TBA

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Class of 1978 (Golden Jubilee Class) - 40 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 17 November 2018

Venue: GT's Hotel, 64 Devonshire St,
Surry Hills

Time: 6.00pm

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Class of 1968 – 50 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 10 November 2018

Venue: TBA

Time: Lunch

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