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WELCOME
Centenary Class of 2028



Dr Lavorato welcomes the Grasso family to SPC. Roberto Grasso is a former student of Dr Lavorato from Waverley College.



Old Boys Joe Abraham ('77) & Brett McDonald ('90) with their sons Jason & Patrick on their first day at SPC.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the new Principal of St Patrick's College, I could not have received a warmer welcome by all members of this special community. The boys are honest, polite and forthright and I have enjoyed getting to know them and have been humbled by their willingness to share their lives with me. It was particularly special when our new Year 5 students commenced with us as these boys not only joined our community at the same time as me, but they will lead our College in its Centenary year. On their young shoulders rests a significant responsibility and honour and I look forward to getting to know them, and planning with them, for what the College will look like in its 100th year.

Prior to my appointment here, I held the role of Director of the Southern Region in the Archdiocese of Sydney, a portfolio that included 52 schools in the Southern and South Western areas of Sydney. Previous roles have included principalship of Domremy College, Five Dock and Bethany College, Hurstville. The last few years of the 18 years at Waverley College was as Deputy Headmaster (Curriculum). I feel honoured and blessed to be charged with the responsibility and opportunity to lead St Patrick's College.

Already it is evident that the College's success is built on a foundation of developing boys' 'heads, hearts and hands'; a holistic approach to meeting the educational needs of boys. We seek to develop in boys a strong sense of personal identity while empowering them to achieve personal excellence through authentic learning experiences. We aim to build their knowledge and skills in a safe and inclusive environment so they can be confident, capable and caring citizens.

During Term 1, work commenced on a new Strategic Plan for 2022-2025. The Plan will reflect the hopes, dreams, aspirations and views of staff, parents and students. Your efforts to complete the surveys are appreciated and I look forward to sharing the journey of strategic planning with you. Our new plan will further inform our College's mission, vision, values, goals, and objectives. The surveys enable stakeholders to voice and agree on the same priorities and focus on the same path to improvement. This insight helps our Executive team develop a more targeted plan and builds stronger community support.

As this publication goes to print, we are delighted to have gained approval to commence work on our new science/learning building on the site of the existing tennis courts. This magnificent structure will house state-of-the-art science laboratories, more general learning spaces, a new canteen and cafeteria, commercial and domestic kitchens, parking and new change and shower facilities for the boys. It will enable

us to expand the curriculum to include Food Technology and Commercial Cookery. At the same time, guided by the new Strategic Plan, we will develop a new Master Plan for the site, this time with a focus on the Merley Road end of our site (Gym, Pool and Duffy Centre).

In arriving at St Patrick's College, I have enjoyed reacquainting myself with an extensive co-curricular program which is an integral part of College life and is something that sets us, and similar schools, apart from most schools across the country. The College's primary co-curricular commitment lies in the sports and activities within the Independent Schools Association (ISA) competition. In addition, the College provides a number of sports and activities which run parallel to this competition including music, drama, debating, and Duke of Edinburgh.

A robust co-curricular program plays an important role in developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes young people need to adopt in an active lifestyle, where physical activity is a regular and valued part of their daily lives. Furthermore, students develop the ability to set goals and strategies, work as a team, win with dignity and look upon loss as an opportunity to improve. Co-curricular participation also provides students with additional leadership opportunities and improves their mental health and wellbeing.

I have been most impressed with the strong connection our Old Boys have to their College and overwhelmed by how many who have reached out to me via social media, during enrolment interviews and at various functions. A significant number send their sons to be educated here with second and even third generation students enrolled at the College. We are most fortunate to have Old Boys contribute to the College in various ways; some offer their coaching expertise or share their time and knowledge during events like the Careers Information Evening or by their presence on various College committees. Strong Old Boy involvement is a very special thing and one I will continue to support and nurture.

I am grateful that 2021 has commenced with minimal impact by the pandemic, and I look forward to being able to host our special events on-site with our wonderful parent community accompanying us.

Live Jesus in our hearts, Forever.

Dr Vittoria Lavorato
Principal



Coghlan Prefect Damian Bisoglio (Year 12) receives the House Athletics Championship Shield from Dr Lavorato.

COVER PHOTOGRAPHS



Year 5 students:
Peter Touma, Ethan Attalla, Seamus O'Connell, Ethan Thomas, Alexander Monardo, Rafael Feher, Xavier Brogan & James Regina begin their SPC journey.

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PRAISE FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

During our annual High Achievers' Assembly, students from the Class of 2020 were celebrated for their achievements in obtaining an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90 and above. Each student was presented with their Academic Excellence Award for Distinguished Achievement in the State. In all, a total of 30 students or 20% of the cohort achieved an ATAR above 90.

We congratulated Anthony Sukkar, College Dux for 2020 having achieved an ATAR of 98.60 and Lemuel Fernandez as Proxime Accessit with an ATAR of 98.15. In addition, two students were placed on the State's All-Round Achievers' List and two students were placed on the Top Achievers' List for highest rankings in the State. A comprehensive publication of the HSC Class of 2020 High Achievers is available on the College website.

All assembled also congratulated the Year 11 recipients of the 2021 Br McGlade Scholarships: James Hraiki, Alexander Turner Jensen and Francis Ters.

We applaud each and every one of these young men for their hard work and determination in their academic pursuits.

Michael Cutrupi
Director of Curriculum



2020 College Dux Anthony Sukkar makes his address.



Proxime Accessit Lemuel Fernandez receives his certificate from Dr Lavorato.



Year 11 recipients of the 2021 Br McGlade Scholarships: Francis Ters, Alexander Turner Jensen & James Hraiki.



Coming together to celebrate the start of a new school year.



Year 5 student Levi Berbari receives his Hickey House prayer card from Year 12 student Levi Conti.



During her commissioning, Dr Lavorato receives the EREA Message Stick from Dr Wattam, Executive Director of EREA.



All members of the congregation extend their hand in blessing Dr Lavorato.

OPENING COLLEGE MASS AND COMMISSIONING OF NEW PRINCIPAL

On Friday 5 February, we came together to celebrate the start of the school year through Eucharist, with parents invited to watch on livestream due to COVID-19 restrictions. After the Year 12 cohort warmly welcomed our new Year 5 students, our College Chaplain, Fr Jack Evans, led us in the Mass and outlined the meaning of this year's theme chosen by our Year 12 Prefects; "Just as water reflects the face, so one heart reflects another." (Proverbs 27:19). It was the foundation for all readings, hymns and prayers and helped connect us more deeply to the EREA Touchstone of Inclusive Community.

The College Band, together with our student and staff singers, provided a beautiful backdrop to the celebration, as unfortunately communal singing was not permitted. Towards the end of the Mass, Dr Lavorato was commissioned as our new College Principal and Dr Wattam, Executive Director of EREA, welcomed her to the broader EREA family. The College presented Dr Lavorato with many symbols including a Junior School cap, a Year 12 Black Tie and a candle, and then blessed her through the singing of the St Patrick's Breastplate, followed by our arms outstretched in prayer to welcome her. Dr Lavorato expressed how moved she was by the experience and how the responsibility of her Principalship will not be taken for granted. Her mandate to remember the past while embracing the future was made evident, and the warmth of the community for her was noticeable as she graciously accepted all that was offered.

All of this was based upon our acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land as we listened to local Darug language, and were inspired to go forth reflecting all that is good in the world to all whom we meet.

Following Mass, the whole community celebrated the academic achievements of the Class of 2020; the whole day bringing together our two great missions – faith and education.

Gillian Daley
Director of Identity



Vocalists: Luke Vaccher (Year 12), Julian Gati (Year 12), Elijah Mannah (Year 8) & Michael Bridge (Year 8).

CLASS OF 2028 BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY

At the start of the school year, Dr Lavorato warmly welcomed our new Year 5 students and families to the College and in doing so, observed something that made quite an impression on many of the families – that these boys are the young men who will form the Class of 2028: the Centenary Class of St Patrick’s College. Although this year is only the first step in an eight-year formation journey in the spirit of Edmund Rice education, the Class of 2028 has already shown an enthusiastic commitment to the EREA Touchstones.

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

The theme of Year 5’s Belonging Day is ‘Jesus, Edmund and Me’. The students threw themselves into learning about Edmund’s love for Jesus and love for the poor in 18th century Ireland, and how they are now part of that story in 21st century Strathfield. Formation experiences in each grade will nurture this nascent spirituality as it grows year by year.

Continuing a proud tradition, the Junior School, including an enthusiastic contingent of Year 5 students have continued to voluntarily pack the chapel for Friday Mass.

Another continuing tradition is the Lenten Art Competition which was very popular among Year 5 students. Some outstanding artworks and explanations showed the depth of their maturity and love of Jesus.

LIBERATING EDUCATION

An exciting element of life at St Patrick’s for a new student is moving from class to class for their specialist lessons – Music, Art, Languages and Physical Education. The Year 5 Instrumental Program is also a great opportunity for a young boy to develop a new and valuable skill or build on his proficiency.

Several Year 5 students who show great academic promise have been invited to be part of the Gleeson Group in which they are stretched and challenged together. Opportunities for enrichment and extension will be part of life throughout the next eight years.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Year 10 Peer Support Leaders helped the Year 5 boys to form bonds with their colour-house mates throughout last term’s Peer Support program. Membership of a House will be a defining characteristic of a boy’s time at the College and can endure through generations, as many Old Boys have experienced.

Handball and Football are mainstays of Junior School break times, and boys have happily and naturally adapted games to ensure John Paul Rahme can join in in his ‘Maserati’ (electric wheelchair). JP has brought a lot of positivity and enthusiasm into the College community, which was more than evident at the House Swimming Carnival when the whole Junior School cheered him towards a personal best 50 metre swim, and then again at the Fun Run where he rode alongside his classmates to the finish line.

JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY

Over the last decade, Junior School students have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for our justice partners. This year’s Year 5 cohort made a huge contribution towards the total of almost \$50,000 as sponsorship for their Lenten Fun Run.

The Junior School Social Justice Group began with great success last year and was so popular that it has now been included in the College’s Co-curricular Program. Many Year 5 students applied to participate and will hopefully continue to nurture their commitment to faith and social justice by participating in FIAT (Faith In Action Team) and SJAG (Social Justice Action Group) in the Senior School.

Ben Munday
Director of Junior School



Dr Lavorato welcomes the Class of 2028.



Archibald Behan & Flynn Bugden show off their bird totem poles during their Visual Arts lesson.



Year 6 students Cooper McQuillan (far left) & Gabriel Stanton (far right) welcome Year 5 students: Romeo Vecchio, Adrian Toloo, John-Paul Rahme & Cooper Hunter.



Year 10 Peer Support Leaders: Matthew Slaney, Dominic Taffa & Justin Speranza with Levi Soueid, Yianni Thanos, Marcus Di Cristo & Brendan Taouk.



Winners are grinners! Ryan Grogan, Archibald Behan, Olawe Kelly-Hanku & Luca Bucciarelli.



Xavier O'Beid & Isaac Lorenzo during the Junior School Fun Run.

Dr Lavorato with the 2021 Junior School Leaders & House Captains: Alexander Kelly, Aiden Tarabay, Marcus Nasr, Dominic Moses, Benjamin Prosenko, Daniel Sleiman, Hamish Malone, Nicholas Morizzi, Luca Serratore, Oscar Ritchie, Samuel Naccarella, Charlie Savoca, Andrew Ibrahim, Jayc Krsticevic & Elio Alessi.



JUNIORS LEAD THE WAY

In selecting this year's Junior School leaders, at the end of last year our 2020 Year 5 students were guided through a discernment process to decide whether to put themselves forward for such a position. Each Year 5 class then voted to select two candidates to present a speech to the whole cohort after which 2021 Junior School Captain Luca Serratore and Vice Captains Samuel Naccarella and Daniel Sleiman were elected to their positions via a secret ballot.

These boys, together with our House Captains and Year 12 Prefects Thomas Allsopp and Lawrence Young, have already had a busy start to the year demonstrating their great leadership attributes and introducing some fun and engaging initiatives for their peers.

Ben Munday
Director of Junior School

Ms McKay tackles some tricky questions!



VOICE FOR CHANGE

In early March, the Social Justice Action Group welcomed the Member for Strathfield and leader of the New South Wales Labor Party, Jodi McKay, to the College. Ms McKay was given a tour of the College grounds by members of the College Executive as they discussed the importance of youth advocacy and egalitarianism. This was followed by a presentation from our SJAG students on the current initiatives being undertaken by our students and staff.

The boys were given the opportunity to ask Ms McKay a range of questions regarding prevalent issues in our society such as gender inequity, the climate change crisis, as well as concerns surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on our community.

It was a great opportunity for our Social Justice Action Group to voice their concerns directly to a member of parliament in order to strive towards change. We would like to thank Ms Jodi McKay for taking time out of her busy schedule to meet with us and we look forward to future encounters and follow up discussions.

Zachary Sullivan and Patrick Alphonse
Social Justice Action Group

Alexander Dabit, Paul Boumelham & Aidan Scullion collaborate on a problem-solving task.



Enquiring minds investigate differing historic visual perspectives.



ENQUIRING MINDS

At the start of the year, we introduced the 'Gleeson Group' which is a group of Year 5 students named after a prominent, high-achieving family of the St Patrick's College community. The learning experiences aim to engage, challenge and develop the critical thinking skills of our students. This group meets once a week with Diverse Learning teachers.

The program is designed according to student need and as a result is flexible in both content and participants. This semester, the students are participating in philosophical thinking, trials for the da Vinci Decathlon

Challenge and an inquiry-based unit on the Year 5 History program.

Students usually work collaboratively and learn to problem solve as part of a team. The learning activities are student-centred and encourage students to take responsibility for their own investigation. Ultimately, we hope to instill a life-long love of learning in these students.

Alison Mazoudier
Junior School Support Teacher



Target the teacher! Mr Chase, Mr Newbury & Dr Lavorato are pummeled with wet sponges.



Shooting hoops for a good cause!



Nicholas Lopizzo (Year 7) tempts Junior students in a lolly guessing competition.



Year 12 students Luka O'Connell, Matthew Machado & Jake Lampasona selling pizza slices.



Year 10 students Nicholas Eidukevicius & Luca Christostomou sample the wares.

TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

With the Easter season finally upon us, we are able to look back and reflect on the Lenten season that the SPC community has had this year.

We began Lent with the Ash Wednesday Liturgy in which the entire College came together to prepare for what Lent is about; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We committed ourselves to prayerful acts as well as fasting, including our College-wide promise to fast from plastic. The Lenten Appeal for 2021 was also launched.

Throughout the duration of Lent, SPC focussed on its Lenten fundraising to support our partners, St Joseph's Flexi Centre Alice Springs, Edmund Rice Life Training Centre,

PNG and Callan Services PNG. St Joseph's is for young people on the margins and particularly look after our Aboriginal brothers and sisters who often have little access to education and who are not always treated with respect.

The Edmund Rice Life Training Centre cares for young men in PNG who need to be able to learn skills to financially support their families and villages. Callan Services is about offering programs and support to people with disabilities in PNG where there is little to no government support for them. Our partners are a very important aspect of our College and the relationships we have is an indication of how we fulfill our mission as Christians to love and serve those around us.

Students at the College share the responsibility to do their part during this fundraising period; each contributing to their homeroom fundraisers which included food stalls, sport competitions or even video game tournaments. Collectively the SPC community has raised over \$75,000 for our partners.

The Lenten season is truly a fantastic way to see how much of an impact one community can make on the lives of others and it was wonderful to see all of the amazing work being done around the school for such an important cause.

Harry Richardson
Social Justice Prefect



Our band of happy helpers in the Clean-Up Australia campaign.



Year 12 Students Lawrence Young & Matthew Machado hit the streets.



No stone is left unturned!

CARING FOR OUR PLANET

During Term 1, we participated in the Clean-Up Australia Day and Earth Hour Campaigns. These were both great opportunities for the boys to be able to help out in the community and raise awareness throughout the College.

Clean-Up Australia Day was on Sunday 7 March. We had a wonderful turnout of about 150 boys from across the years who helped to clean up the surrounding streets and parks, after cleaning up the school grounds on Friday.

Earth Hour was officially on Saturday 27 March however, the whole College participated the day before by going an hour without any electrical devices and lighting during the school day. These were both just small ways in which we have contributed to the health of our planet and aim to continue doing so.

Vincent Younes
Sustainability Prefect

Father Jack delivers his Homily.



8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.



HOLY WEEK LITURGY

On Wednesday 31 March, the St Patrick's College fraternity gathered around Breen Oval in order to celebrate the sacrifice and miracle of Easter as a College community. It was a perfect Autumn day with clear blue skies above and just a hint of wind in the air. The liturgy began with readings from Father Jack, Patrick Tandiono (Year 12), Vincent Younes (Year 12), Samuel Naccarella (Year 6) and Lucas Biscotto (Year 8). Each reading detailed the importance of Lent, Holy Week and the Resurrection of Jesus in the lives of the greater Christian community today.

Following on from the readings was the drama component of the Liturgy. Students from all year groups came together to re-enact the 14 Stations of the Cross, with Jake Milligan of Year 11 playing the role of Jesus Christ. The 14 stations were set up in a semi-circle on Breen Oval, with each station consisting of a still picture of the scene. As Jesus moved throughout the stations, one person from each scene recited a few lines, outlining how they felt in this moment. Each station concluded with a short prayer.

Succeeding the performance was the Homily by Father Jack and the dispersal of ashes, performed by College Vice Captain, Hayden Cotter. The blessing of the Paschal candle, held by our other College Vice Captain Harry Coyne, followed, symbolising the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Continuing on from this was the blessing of the water. Led by boys from Year 12, students were blessed with holy water as a beautiful rendition of 'Gracefully Broken' was sung by Luke Vaccher (Year 12) and Ms Knapman. Finally, after blessings from Father Jack, Dr Lavorato addressed the gathered assembly. She spoke on the importance of faith and family during the Easter period, as well as giving an interesting and insightful take on the symbolism of the chocolate Easter egg.

The Holy Week Liturgy is one of the most anticipated events on the College Calendar, and the fact that this was the first whole school event on Breen Oval for quite a while, made it even more special.

Jai De Lisser-Howarth
Year 11 Student

11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross.



Luke Vaccher (Year 12) & Ms Knapman sing 'Gracefully Broken'.



Hayden Cotter (Year 12) disperses the ashes.



Lawrence Young (Year 12) blesses the congregation with Holy Water.



STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS

On Wednesday 24 March, 50 Year 11 boys and their fathers gathered to spend the evening together in the College Hall. The night provided an opportunity for the boys to spend some valuable time with their fathers and learn more about right relationships. It was an extremely enjoyable evening for us to spend this time with our fathers and it allowed us to discuss masculinity as well as ask some questions we might not ordinarily ask.

On the night, Ms Daley led the group in discussing some contemporary masculine issues as well as ideas surrounding manhood, fatherhood and relationships with women. We then bonded through the sharing of a meal with our fathers, as well as some of the others in the group. During the night, we wrote letters to our fathers to let them know what we were thankful for and they did the same for us.

Overall, the night allowed us to stop and reflect on our relationship with our father or father-figure, and where we want that to go in the future. It was an enjoyable night which many boys gained a lot from.

Michael Bejjani & Alexander Turner Jensen
Year 11 Students

The evening provided a chance for some one on one conversation.



Fathers and sons count their blessings.





Christopher Costa & Isaac Tannous set up camp.



Cristian Etorre conquers the rock!



Teamwork is what it's all about!



The 'Oxley' group take a break.

YEAR 8 RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Last term, our Year 8 cohort embarked on their Camp Somerset adventure along the picturesque Colo River. Throughout the week, our boys participated in a range of challenging physical activities including hiking expeditions, canoeing journeys, rock climbing, obstacles courses, abseiling and more. As well as these activities, our boys were involved in the preparation and cooking of their own meals.

While on camp our boys' capabilities were certainly tested, and some true leadership was able to shine through as they developed their team spirit and lived out our Year 8 theme 'Serve one another humbly in love'. Our boys were exceptional, and my hope is that overall they enjoyed their camp experience even if they were taken out of their comfort zone. Well done to all of Year 8!

Melissa Shannon
Year 8 Coordinator



P&F Committee Members: Ruba Ghabar, Elena Ierrado, Janet Tannous, Belinda Barakat, Jamey Poyaoan, Jacqui Barton, Alison Arnold-Auland & Catherine Doherty

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" – Martin Luther King Jr.

We welcome all new parents to the College and hope that you already feel a sense of belonging to this wonderful SPC community. This year's P&F Committee members are Jacqui Barton, Catherine Doherty, Elena Ierrado, Janet Tannous, Belinda Barakat, Ruba Ghabar and Alison Arnold-Auland. Together we aim to promote social interaction and encourage all to get involved in College life.

The new year brings a number of exciting events and already, for the first time in 12 months, we have hosted our first Parent Forum and P&F General Meeting on site. This was a huge success and much appreciated by those who took the time to attend. As this publication goes to print, we will have hosted our annual Blue, Black & Gold Dinner which, after a year's hiatus, promises to be another wonderful celebration of our community. We also have another Parent Forum planned for Wednesday 26 May, the focus of this will be on 'consent'.

We look forward to supporting the College and our community throughout the year. Any questions or queries please email parentsandfriends@spc.nsw.edu.au.

Jamey Poyaoan
President

COMMEMORATING OUR ANZACS

Recently, we commemorated all who have served and died in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations at our ANZAC Assembly. In particular, we paid tribute to our very own digger, Br Crichton whose trumpet and medals were on display.

During the ceremony, Mr Viney spoke eloquently about this year's theme, 'Women in War' outlining women's support and involvement during different campaigns. He concluded his address saying, "The history of this great nation is filled with passion, courage and resilience demonstrated by both men and women in time of conflicts. We celebrate these contributions each year at our ANZAC Day Assembly. Australian women have made an enormous contribution to this country in times of

conflict. It has taken decades to acknowledge their contribution and for them to be recognised for the talents they possess, the passion they display and the courage they demonstrate."

Following Mr Viney's address, Mr Fox read the names of our fallen Old Boys while Year 12 student, Daniel Barzan played a haunting rendition of the 'Last Post' before we observed a minute's silence and the laying of the wreath. Upon conclusion, we sang the Australian National Anthem with pride and vigour. It was a great opportunity to offer our thanks and prayers to all who endeavour to bring justice, freedom, and peace for all. Lest We Forget.

Nikki Fochesato
Archivist



Mr Viney delivers his address.



Mr Teixeira leads us in the National Anthem.



Daniel Barzan, Harry Coyne, Darcy Patterson, Hayden Cotter, Mr Viney, Dr Lavorato & Mr Brennan with Br Crichton's memorabilia.

The mighty 14A Cricket team who were declared NDJCA Premiers.



Daniel Terrone of the 13D Basketball team takes the ball up-court.



14B player Jean Paul Kayem airborne!



Zachary Ferris of the 14 Gold Baseball team in action.



16A Baseball player Michael Bejjani about to strike.



Our Senior Medley Relay team: Christopher Gatto, Lewis Taylor, Hayden Cotter & Antonio Lazzaro.



Lewis Taylor (Swimming Vice Captain) & Christopher Gatto (Swimming Captain) with the Combined Christian Brothers Aggregate Trophy.

SUMMER SPORT SPLASH

Congratulations to the First XI Cricket side on its fantastic victory over St Stanislaus' in the ISA Grand Final. The 14A Cricket team must also be congratulated as it was declared NDJCA Premiers for the 2020-21 Cricket season after rain sadly washed out the prospect of the Grand Finals being played.

St Patrick's was well represented in nine ISA Basketball Grand Finals this season. Congratulations must be extended to the 13C, 13D and 14B teams on winning their finals and claiming ISA Premierships. Commiserations to the 13B, 14C, 15D, 15C, 17C and 17B teams on their narrow losses, finishing the season as runners-up.

Not to be outdone, both the U16 and 14 Gold Baseball teams won their respective RHBL competitions in thrilling Grand Final fixtures.

The overall performance of all our Baseball teams saw St Patrick's retain the RHBL School's Championship Shield.

Finally, our College's Swimming Squad is to be commended for its valiant effort over the course of the 2021 swimming season. There have been many impressive swims and an incredibly high number of PBs achieved. There is no doubt that the highlight was when our swimmers took to the pool at Ryde Aquatic Centre to compete at the Annual Combined Christian Brothers Swimming Carnival.

Spirits were high once the program came to its conclusion and St Patrick's claimed the Junior Shield, second place in the Intermediate category, won the Senior Shield and was crowned this year's Combined Christian Brothers Swimming Champions. To put the magnitude

of this victory into perspective, the College Swimming Squad last won the Aggregate Trophy in 2015, and prior to that success had not raised the trophy since 1995.

The College's Swimming Squad concluded its season with the ISA Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park where it placed third in the Aggregate Shield behind very strong squads from St Augustine's and Oakhill.

Well done to all our Junior and Senior sporting teams for wearing the BLUE, BLACK, GOLD with pride.

Anthony Calavassy
College Sportsmaster



Senior Theatresports team members: Jake Milligan, Michael Sebastian, Oliver Clarke, Luke Abraham, Lachlan McDonell & Christian Habib.



Theatresports is competitive improvising in which students from Years 5-12 perform impromptu small scenes. These are judged by a team of professionals and points are awarded accordingly.

Each scene has its own rules and outlines which teams must stick to, often with very comical outcomes. In Death in a Minute someone must 'die' by accident within a minute and in Human Props, two team members create a narrative while the other players create all the props and items needed.

Although Theatresports has been at the College for the last few years, it became a co-curricular activity for the first time in 2020. Although exciting, the timing was unfortunate due to COVID-19 restrictions. After a year of teams competing over Zoom, we are very excited to be back this year performing to a live audience.

We are off to a great start with our Intermediate team gaining a place in the semi-finals and our Senior team competing on 20 May at Newington. All are welcome to come along and support our boys and enjoy a great evening of entertainment.

Rebecca Duff
Acting Performing Arts Coordinator



First XI ISA Champions.
Back: Luke McSweeney, Cooper Edwards, Alexander del Popolo, Jack Dwyer, Adrian Biscotti, Mitchell Brell, Mr Simpson (Coach)
Front: Tom Buchanan, Archer Gray, Louis Manenti, Finn Gray, Jack Doran & Adam Brooks.



Archer Gray (Year 10)
bowls over the opposition!



Cooper Edwards (Year 10)
in fine form.



A century for Cricket
Captain Finn Gray (Year 12).

VICTORY ON BREEN!

After the disappointment of missing last season's Final, the 2020-21 First XI achieved redemption with victory over rivals St Stanislaus' College in the ISA 1st Division Final, played on Breen Oval.

In a season punctuated by COVID-19 restrictions which resulted in changes to the traditional 'home and away' format, our First XI ended the regular rounds undefeated and on top of the table. The Grand Final was essentially the first game of the season where decent numbers of spectators were permitted to attend, and those who witnessed it will long remember the quality performances of players from both teams.

Bowling first after losing the toss, our players were facing a challenge as 'Stannies' posted a highly competitive 9/202, thanks to a wonderful century from their Captain. However, buoyed by their previous outing where the 'Black Caps' successfully chased 230, our batsmen set about reeling in the total, scoring 8/203 to pass the total with 6 overs to spare.

For Captain and all-rounder Finn Gray, it was a day that most players dream of as youngsters. He led the team with a wonderful 'captain's knock', scoring a brilliant 106 not out (119 balls), including a six to win the game. Special mention must be made of wicket-keeper Alexander del Popolo who smashed a game-changing 48 off 25 balls!

In the midst of the many emotional scenes and rousing College War Cry after the victory, the sight of Finn shaking the hand of a Junior School cricketer, thanking him for coming down to support during the afternoon, was a moment that defines the sense of community within the Cricket fraternity at the College.

Robert Simpson
First XI Coach



Proud Coach Mr Shore with his 'Mighty Ducks': Stephen Tsabalas, Timothy McCormick, Raphael Cipollone, Jenson Davis, Aidan Lee, Tyson Khoury, Mika Beshara, Charles Bechara & Joseph Showah.

'THE MIGHTY DUCKS'

The following account about a Basketball game between SPC and Scots took place on a Saturday morning in Term 1. It highlights again the importance of our Co-curricular life at the College and shows how it helps our boys navigate adolescence and mature into well balanced young men: our society's future leaders, husbands and fathers.

Our Prep H Basketball team consists predominantly of Year 5 students, and on this particular day we were playing a Scots team where their shortest player was about the height of our tallest player! Despite this, our boys played with skill and determination and were able to keep the scores reasonably level taking a one-point lead at half-time.

In the second half of the game, our boys were having to dig deep in order to compete against their taller opponents, and it was clear that this was taking it out of them. Still, they managed to hang in and even took a five-point lead before Scots used their height and skill to not only catch up but advance by another five points. The scoreboard was now sitting at 20-15 and it looked as though victory was imminent for Scots.

At this point, it would have been so easy for our boys to give in to their frustrations and give up, but I urged them on with the mantra 'even if we can't win, let's go down swinging!' With less than a minute before the final whistle, Scots restarted from the baseline and our boys were all over their opponents causing a turnover which we converted to two points. Scots restarted once again, but our boys put even more pressure on Scots and forced another turnover which we once again converted. With only 15 seconds on the clock, we were now only trailing by one point.

Excitement was mounting on the sidelines with parents cheering our boys on, and if I was on the court, I do not think I would have been able to maintain my composure. Not so for our boys; their tenaciousness paying off as they worked together to force an error from Scots causing an interception. With only two seconds to go, the ball was passed to teammate Joey (who had scored the last two baskets) to take the clutch shot and win the game!

At the final whistle, it felt like a scene from the movie *The Mighty Ducks*. Even though our boys celebrated by hugging and high fiving each other, they stopped to shake the hands of their opposition and congratulate them on a great game.

Hot on the heels of our First XI victory in the ISA Cricket Grand Final, this game was at the other end of the spectrum. Instead of our Year 12 boys representing the College for the last time, these junior students also demonstrated persistence, resilience, teamwork, and great sportsmanship. These values are something that in my short time here I have learned are the makings of a 'Pat's' boy.

James Shore
Prep H Basketball Coach



The beautiful rose garden which existed before the Chapel was built.



The Chapel's unusual shape emerges during its construction.



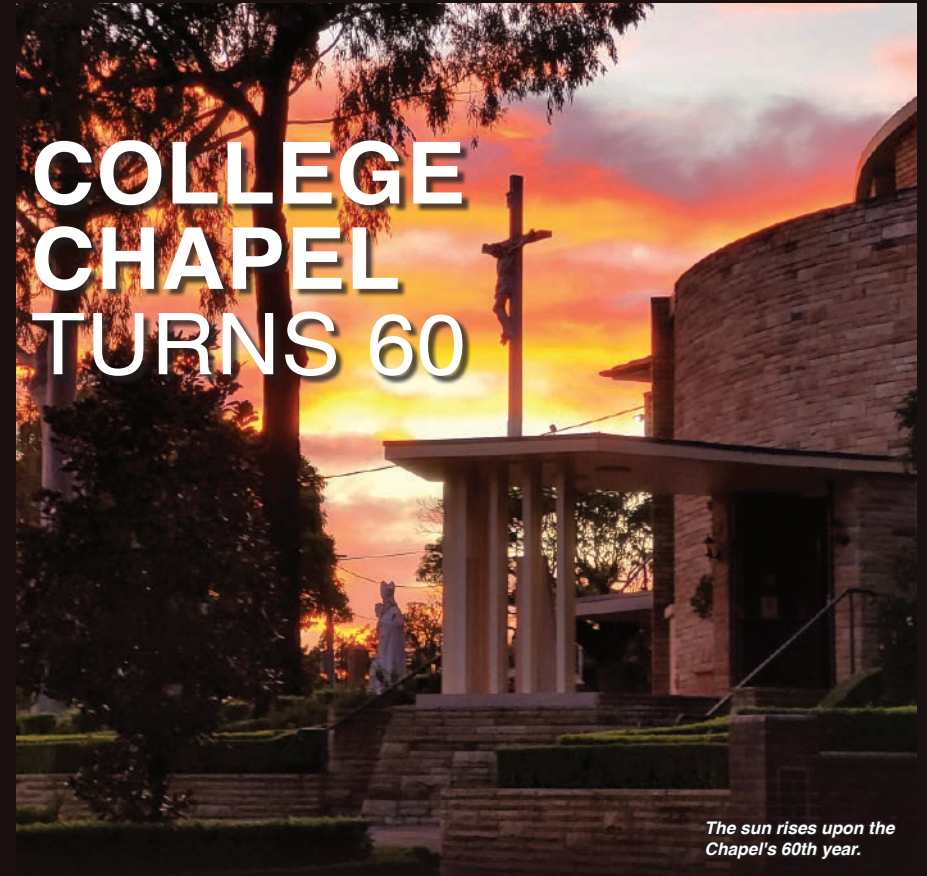
Almost done! Boys inspect the Chapel's progress.



His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy is accompanied by Br Hodda at the Opening and Blessing of the College Chapel in 1961.



A crowd of over 4,500 people gather to celebrate the Chapel's opening.



The sun rises upon the Chapel's 60th year.

On Sunday 16 April 1961, in front of a crowd of about 4,500, His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy blessed and opened the newly constructed College Chapel. It was a time of great rejoicing as this 'beautiful elliptical edifice' became part of our landscape and the spiritual heart of the College. Today, it not only stands as a monument of our faith, but also as a memorial dedicated to the 25 sons of the College who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War II.

The necessity of having our very own Chapel was something that then Headmaster Br Hodda and his predecessor Br McGlade had felt strongly about. It would not only put an end to over 30 years of traipsing down to St Martha's for the boys' weekly benediction, but would also provide a convenient place for our community of Brothers to lead their religious life. This need was Br Hodda's catalyst for launching an ambitious building program, one which was also to include a new three-storey residence for the Brothers and a 33 metre, six lane swimming pool.

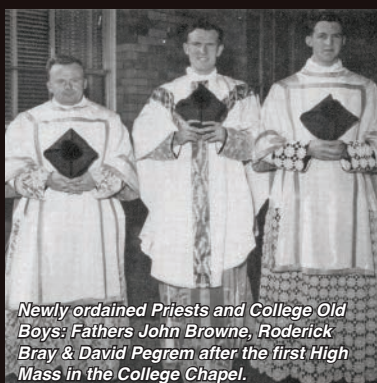
As with all building projects, there were obstacles to be overcome in order to achieve success. The new Monastery and Chapel were to be built on the corner of Francis and Edgar Streets, nestled between the original school building and the 'Ark', a 50-year-old house in which the Brothers had previously resided.

These plans brought 'building lines' into question and much negotiation with Strathfield Council ensued. The unique design of the Chapel also raised some people's eyebrows, its oval shape the work of architect Kevin Curtain.

Upon its completion, the Chapel was declared a 'gem of architecture' in the Builders' Journal of that year. A beautiful mosaic of our patroness, Our Lady of Perpetual Help graced the top of the entrance steps and inside the ornate sandstone-faced Sanctuary complete with a spherical Tabernacle and marble altar, provided a striking focal point. It had a seating capacity of 500, six confessionals and was equipped with a Norwich-Miller English style electronic organ. Together with the Brothers' Monastery, the cost to complete the buildings amounted to 85,000 pounds which included funds donated from the Parents and Friends' Association.

For 60 glorious years, the Chapel has been the scene of countless Old Boy marriages, sombre farewells, graduations and liturgical celebrations. It is hard to imagine College life without the convenience of such a sacred place to gather together or to simply pop in for a quiet prayer. We are truly blessed.

Nikki Fochesato
College Archivist



Newly ordained Priests and College Old Boys: Fathers John Browne, Roderick Bray & David Pegrem after the first High Mass in the College Chapel.



The Chapel is filled with staff and students during Brother Crichton's Requiem Mass in 1985.

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A fine crop of Old Boys!



Michael Hollis ('90) & Luke Barry-Donnellan ('08) offer advice about a career in Teaching to Ethan Salakas, Aidan Bleasel, Tom Buchanan & Spencer Ling.



Looking at the prospect of a career in Engineering, Angelo Jayaselan & Domenic Scirenci talk to Chris Lombardo ('11).



James Newbury ('11) talks to those interested in pursuing a career in Physiotherapy.



Sweet success! Bryce Mowat ('15) & Shaun Cousins ('95) share their tips with Christian Habib, Norton Brown & Austin Fazzaloro.



Greg Johnson ('99) offers advice to Peter Willis & Nicholas Uren.



Patrick Foulkes ('08) & Patrick Galloway ('98) with budding Journalists: James Bale, Harry MacMillan, Samuel Sattout, Jason Saba, Kian O'Neill, Adriano Serratore, Matteo Guerra & Adrian Carreras.

HSC, NOW WHAT?

Recently, the College hosted the Old Boys Careers Information Evening for students in Year 11 and Year 12. This event is of enormous benefit to our students who, in some cases, have no idea what they would like to do once they complete their HSC. It is an opportunity for them to be inspired as they listen to Old Boys outline their post-school education and how they went about achieving their career goals.

On this evening, each student attended three presentations in the field of their choice. Our Old Boy speakers provided students with an insight into their career progression, including information relating to work performed, educational requirements, career prospects and pathways, as well as their own practical experience and journey. The message that came through from the presenters is that the world of work is ever-changing, and learning is lifelong.

Through our touchstone of Liberating Education, we strive to

prepare our students for today's dynamic world of work. By way of our quality teaching, we open the hearts and minds of our students, so they are hope-filled and confident to pursue a career of their choice. The experience of each Old Boy that attended the evening is a testament of the success that living this touchstone has brought to them.

After the event, students were surveyed and had a chance to provide their feedback. It was clear from this that the evening was beneficial, and many students gained a lot of insight which will be helpful with future decision making. Some students reported that the event assisted them in deciding the career they would like to pursue.

As one student articulated: "The Old Boys were very experienced in their respective fields and were able to communicate their experiences thoroughly and in a way that answered the various questions I had coming into the presentations".

I hope that the students were able to take away from this event the awareness that no pathway is an easy journey. It takes hard work, determination, resilience, and self-belief to reach a goal, but the journey is worth it if they are doing what they enjoy.

For future events we will ensure that we have an even broader variety of careers to better cater to our diverse learners, and I welcome any interested Old Boy who would like to share their expertise to reach out to me at: joanne.cupac@spc.nsw.edu.au.

In all, there were 31 Old Boys who graciously gave up time from their busy lives in order to share their experiences with our students. This is testimony to their enduring sense of community and willingness to 'give back' to another generation of soon-to-be Old Boys. Why else would they agree to come back to the College on a wet Tuesday evening?

Joanne Cupac
Careers Advisor

We thank the following Old Boys for sharing their insights in many different careers:

Accounting
James Collins ('09)

Building
Frank Malkoun ('03)
Joe Tannous ('86)

Business - Marketing
Luke Calavassy ('03)
Kurt McGuinness ('00)

Business Management
Blake Rogan ('10)

Construction Project Management
Antonio Galasso ('10)
Nick Schasser ('18)

Education/Teaching
Luke Barry-Donnellan ('08)
Michael Hollis ('90)

Engineering (Civil)
Chris Lombardo ('11)

Engineering (Electrical and Structural)
Joshua Bezjak ('14)
Marc Pirozzi ('89)

Finance and Banking
Shaun Cousins ('95)
Bryce Mowat ('15)

Information Technology (IT)
Joseph Raheb ('92)

Law
Greg Johnson ('99)

Media, Communication and Journalism (Sport and Politics)
Patrick Foulkes ('08)
Patrick Galloway ('98)

Getting Into Medicine after SPC
Chris Farag ('19)

Medicine
Julian Leto ('12)

Paramedicine and Nursing
Sean Kearns ('91)

Performing Arts
Rowan Dix ('04)

Physiotherapy
James Newbury ('11)

Police Force
Antony Asquini ('02)

Real Estate
Nicholas Christou ('12)

Sciences
Dr Paul Wilson ('89)

Trade – Carpentry and Plumbing
John Puliafico ('05)
Luke Tannous ('13)

Trade – Electrical
Anthony Musolino ('14)
Frank Puliafico ('13)

JUNIORS GET JUDGED!

Last term, we had the pleasure of welcoming Old Boy and Supreme Court Judge of the NSW Court of Appeal, The Honourable Justice Fabian Gleeson ('74) to the College. Justice Gleeson graciously gave of his time to talk to our Year 6 students about how the judicial system operates and more specifically, his role as a judge in the Court of Appeal.

As well as learning about this branch of government, the boys gained an insight into the court structure and the rights and liabilities of different parties in a legal action. The boys were fascinated as Justice Gleeson showed them his different robes and wigs and explained the significance of their colours and why they are worn at different occasions like criminal appeals and the swearing in of other judges. It was a wonderful experience for our boys to learn about the judicial system from a real-life judge rather than a TV show!

Justice Gleeson also reminisced with the boys about his time at SPC and in particular, his Rugby days. He showed off his well-loved number 8 jersey and recounted his final game on Breen Oval in 1974. It was against an extremely strong and undefeated St Augustine's side and Ted Healy was the Coach. Br Walsh captured the rough and gruelling game in his poem 'Black Sunrise' which was in the Lumen that year. Despite being on the verge of losing, the team showed resilience as Peter Conroy ran away and scored the winning try. Justice Gleeson explained that this sort of resilience is a characteristic instilled in the students at SPC.

Nikki Fochesato
Archivist/Community Liaison Officer



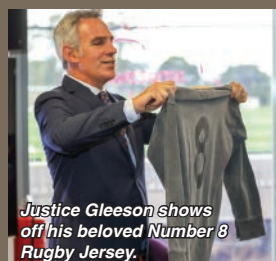
Justice Gleeson explains how the judicial system operates.



A lot of questions for Justice Gleeson!



Justice Gleeson explains the significance of the different robes worn by judges.



Justice Gleeson shows off his beloved Number 8 Rugby Jersey.



Justice Gleeson's daughter Mrs Sarah Tatola is a teacher in the Junior School.



1974 College First XV

Back Row: Michael Logan, Mark Stevens, Anthony Walsh, Ross de la Motte, Michael Williams
Second Row: David Burgess, Bernard Hines, Anthony White, Michael Pooley, Fabian Gleeson, Anthony Neville
Front Row: Alexander Lageman, Robert Muir, Mr Ted Healey (Coach), Andrew Smith (Captain), David Byrne, Mark Bateman & Peter Conroy.



Old Boys are invited to our Back to Breen Day on Saturday 7 August 2021.



OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

With the onset of COVID-19 last year, many of our planned reunions were either cancelled or postponed. Despite this, some Old Boys still managed to catch up later in the year as restrictions eased allowing smaller gatherings to take place.

Our Old Boys' Luncheon was another casualty of COVID-19, with the planned date having to be pushed back a year, only to be postponed again until government protocols could be met. We are now pleased to announce that we are full steam ahead for Friday 6 August 2021! We will gather at the Four Seasons Hotel for lunch before moving to the Mercantile Hotel to continue the celebrations and meet up with any other Old Boys who are able to join us. We appreciate the patience shown by those who secured tickets early on.

Back to Breen Day is going ahead on Saturday 7 August. At this stage, the College is uncertain as to whether the First XV Rugby game will be played on Breen Oval, given the new building construction on the tennis courts may have commenced. If this is the case, we will utilise the College's back ovals for both the First XI and First XV fixtures. Further details about these arrangements will be distributed closer to the date.

We are extremely excited to announce that our first Old Boys' Bursary student has begun at the College this year on a full bursary. There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes and an opportunity like this has only been made possible due to the generosity of our Old Boys. We would love to give other students the opportunity of a St Patrick's education so if you are able to help, please donate here: <https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/#vestrabursary> (all donations are Tax Deductible).

Please continue to help our Old Boys connect with each other by registering on the Old Boys' website: <https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/#oldboysassociation>.

Greg Denning
Old Boys' Executive Officer



BACK ON THE Paddock!

Despite the disruptions which 2020 threw at us, it was yet another successful season at glorious Hudson. Last year, we saw all grades and our Firsts Colts feature in finals footy. While First and Fourth Grade fell agonisingly short in their respective Grand Finals, our Colts were far too strong for Old Boys Barker, running away winners with a score of 29-5. This spectacular season also saw the Old Boys secure second place in the Club Championship – another fantastic achievement.

2021 shapes up to be another characteristically strong season for the Club. After a successful pre-season which included our Armidale touring squad securing the trophy at the Armidale Knockout, our Club is set to field another strong squad of players across all five grades and colts. Our Junior Club also continues to grow from strength to strength, enjoying strong numbers and ensuring the future of St Patrick's rugby is bright.

This year, the Old Boys' Rugby Club is also incredibly excited to announce the inclusion of a Women's Sevens team to play a host of knock-out tournaments across the season. This exciting new initiative will be proudly supported by the Black and Gold Committee and is a wonderful indication of the continued inclusivity of our great Club.

I would like to warmly welcome our newest members from the Class of 2020 and encourage anyone with even the slightest interest in this great sport to join or spectate Old Boys' Rugby Club in action. Thanks must go to our loyal sponsors for their enduring support of the Club. I look forward to seeing you all at Hudson Park for an afternoon of scintillating rugby on 5 June, 26 June, 3 July, and 31 July.

Declan Armstrong
SPRC Vice President



The St Patrick's Rugby Club's First Grade team.



As always, we welcome all recent SPC graduates into our Colts team.



SPFC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

After a difficult 2020, SPFC was keen to get into celebration mode to commemorate the Club's 20th Anniversary. In early February, a Beyond Blue Charity match was hosted between the Super League XI v Anniversary All Stars XI at the historic Lambert Park in Leichhardt, finishing 3-3. It was a great day on all fronts, and a total of \$10,000 was raised. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the event!

At the start of the 2021 season, SPFC announced the appointment of new Head Coach, Nass Martino. Nass has a long and impressive résumé in the NSW Premier League competitions with clubs such as Sydney Olympic and St George. His role is to help steer the Club in the right direction with the end objective of being promoted to the GHFA Premier League.

SPFC continues to grow our pathways program by establishing an under 21s team to be a junior development for our Super League squad for future years. They will be accompanied by a stronger All-Age team who will help guide them on a week-to-week basis. We also have our Over 35s and All Age 6 boys who are raring to go for the upcoming season with returning stars such as Matty Nigro ('96) and Richard Di Michiel ('03) leading the charge to a Premiership!

Our most exciting prospect for 2021 is the creation of a women's team for the first time in the Club's history. Many thanks must go to women's Head Coach Rob Bonserio ('09) who orchestrated the team's move to SPFC from their previous club. As a whole, we are looking forward to starting the season on a strong positive note, with the hope of more exciting news in our end of season article!

If anyone is keen to be involved with the Club from a coaching, playing or sponsorship perspective, please contact President Anthony Bonaccorso ('13) on 0407 265 390 or Nick de Lutiis ('12) on 0410 322 522.

Good luck to all the winter sports teams at St Patrick's College!

Nick de Lutiis ('12)
SPFC Vice President



Goalkeeper Nick de Lutiis ('12).



Christian Calderan ('14) still has it!



Will Donato ('06) on the attack!



Head Coach Nass Martino brings his experience to the Club.

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS



CLASS OF 2001 – 20 YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday 26 June 2021
Venue: Harlequin Inn, Pyrmont
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Luke Bramble
E: nug_et@yahoo.com.au
M: 0411 104 131
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/185897621437730>



CLASS OF 1981 – 40 YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday 7 August 2021
Venue: Harlequin Inn, Pyrmont
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Andrew Viney
E: andrew.viney@spc.nsw.edu.au
M: 0407 431 156



CLASS OF 1986 – 35 YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday 30 October 2021
Venue: The Dicks Hotel, 89 Beattie St, Balmain
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Contact: Frank Stillone
E: fstillone@silentpartner.com.au
M: 0416 009 731
RSVP: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=758111&>

VALE

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

Rory O'Kane ('15)	Michael Gaughan ('55)
Timothy Little ('98)	Paul Pinel ('53)
Brent Eshelman ('90)	Brian Gillespie ('53)
Terrence Murphy ('64)	Brian McDonald ('53)
John Hughes ('60)	Geoffrey Hedges ('51)
Br Peter Anderson ('58)	Terence Cahalan ('49)
Neville Wilkin ('55)	Bishop Bede Heather ('44)
Michael Atkins ('55)	

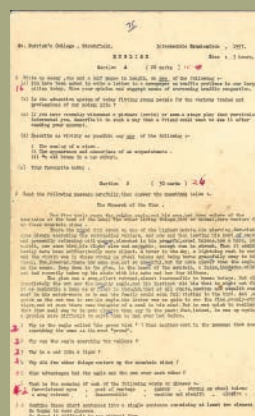
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.



DONATED ITEMS

The College wishes to thank Michael O'Hara ('60) for his donation to the College's archives. It includes various items from the 1950s such as: Examination papers, Swimming, Athletics and Speech Night programs, old editions of POST and photo slides.

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.



CLASS OF 1962 CONTINUES TRADITION



Back: Tony Rae, John Ballesty, Tom Johnson & John Greentree
Front: Chris Todd, Michael Walters, Joe Mangraviti, Peter Hennessy, Tom McKibbin & Peter Kennedy

On 6/6/66, the 3rd Year Gold Class were challenged by their teacher Br Trinks to meet up every 10 years i.e., 7/7/77, 8/8/88 and so on. This tradition has continued over the years, with last year being their 60-year Reunion. Long may they continue!

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