



# Lucerna

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

After three terms at the College, I am so impressed with the way we focus on the development of each boy: academically, socially, spiritually and physically. We are nearing completion of our new Strategic Plan for 2022-2025 and the wide-ranging consultation has been a wonderful way of getting to know members of our community and hear of their hopes and dreams. I thank you most sincerely for participating in surveys, focus groups and just sharing your thoughts with me when we meet out on the sporting fields! The theme for our next Strategic Plan is A Beacon for Boys' Education; it reflects how we are perceived by our community and a position in the Inner West that we are keen to strengthen and celebrate. We want our boys to shine their lights brightly (as our motto urges them to do).

The symbol of a beacon will feature widely in our new Strategic Plan and will be a powerful symbol to describe our vision and mission. Why a beacon? Signs visible from afar offer a reference point that keeps a community on course, just like a ship. The purpose of our College is to offer a clear direction for our students and create a framework for all activities. Within this framework, the objectives are refined until they are clearly communicated to each student, that is, what they must achieve. With the necessary skills to adapt, we will work to ensure our boys develop the nimbleness to arrive at their own destination. The longer the employees work with it, the more experienced they become in dealing with it. The metaphor for a beacon is an ideal one for us as a community. It is who we are. It is what we wish to remain for boys in the Inner West of Sydney. A beacon for faith and education.

As this publication goes to print, we are delighted to have engaged Hansen Yuncken to commence building our new Scientia Building. Milestones, and renders of the new facility, can be found on our website. As building commences in Term 4, we will use time lapse and drones to mark important milestones and publish them on our website. We have also commenced the Master Plan process for our entire site and will engage in consultation with focus groups in early 2022.

In the previous edition of Lucerna this year, I wrote about the strong connection Old Boys have to their College. Whilst the pandemic meant the postponement of the Old Boys' Association Luncheon (again!), I was fortunate to meet a small gathering of prominent Old Boys just before the lockdown. It was hosted by Matt Fehon ('87) and veteran Old Boys like John Brown and Doug Sutherland. It was delightful to meet a gathering of men of all ages and walks of life who share one important thing: their love of St Patrick's College, Strathfield. I congratulate Matt Fehon on his Queen's Birthday honours; they are well deserved. I walked away from the luncheon having secured generous donations for the Vestra Bursary Fund. We will put the money to good use in finding and supporting students who cannot afford to attend our College but would benefit from being here.

2021 will long be remembered for the enormous impact that COVID-19 has had on schooling. The College was in lockdown from the beginning of Term 3 and we remained in this mode for the entire term. To complicate matters, we were in an LGA of concern which limited the movement of our community in its daily life routines. School provides structure and routine to the lives of students. Following the routine of getting up at a certain time, going to classes at specific

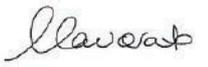
times and coming home at a certain time provides a sense of normalcy in their lives. The predictability of knowing that third period maths class follows second period history class allows students' brains to focus on academic content. Expectations for behaviour and academic performance are known and familiar. In Term 3, our students lost this structure and routines.

For most students school isn't just about academics, it is also about social interactions. Groups of friends eat lunch together every day. Through their interactions with teachers and other school personnel, young people learn to interact with non-family authority figures. In the hallways and classrooms of their school, young people are exposed to a variety of different cultures, perspectives and ways of living that may be different than their own. Co-curricular activities have also been affected by school closures. It's been tough! I am so proud of the way our College community pivoted and adapted to each request, especially our boys. Pulse surveys, home room check ins and online fun kept us all connected.

I ask the community to keep Year 12 in their prayers. My call to make 'lemonade out of lemons' did not go unheeded. They are working harder than they ever have in the midst of uncertainty. They remind me of the metaphor of the creation of a diamond. Diamonds are created when high temperatures and high amounts of pressure cause carbon atoms to bond together. Besides a high degree of intensity, moments when we rise to the occasion will, more often than not, include a high amount of pressure. This is the story of Year 12 (2021). Under pressure they are producing outstanding results. Year 12 worked as a team. The English poet, John Donne, once wrote that 'No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.' In my opinion, he was right, and I see it in the brotherhood that Year 12 has forged this year. They will forever be united in their shared experience.

I look forward to sharing more about our new Strategic Plan when we commence the 2022 school year. We will be making history by having the largest cohort of Year 5 since the College's founding in 1928. They were called to us by the light each one of our graduates shines in the community. We will continue to claim our proudest boast: **A Beacon for Boys' Education.**

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.



**Dr Vittoria Lavorato**  
Principal



*The symbol of a beacon will feature widely in our Strategic Plan and will be a powerful symbol to describe our vision and mission.*



*The Architect's impression of our new Scientia Building.*



*Dr Lavorato with our Senior and Junior College Captains and Old Boy and Project Director Matthew O'Grady (far right), set to start work on our exciting new building development.*



## COVER PHOTOGRAPHS



Cover design courtesy of Year 12 Visual Arts student Lawrence Young, whose collection of drawings entitled 'A Labyrinth To Self' formed his HSC Body of Work. Fellow Year 12 student, Kian O'Neill sat as subject for a series of portraits within the collection.

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# 2021 ARCHBISHOP'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



It is with great pride that we congratulate Year 12 student Patrick Tandiono, recipient of the Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence in 2021. Patrick recently received his award online in a streamed ceremony with all other recipients around Sydney. Despite the scaled back presentation, the significance of this award is not to be overlooked.

Patrick is heavily involved with the faith aspects of our community, as well as other areas from academics to co-curricular. He displays his leadership as the College's Faith Formation/Spirituality Prefect, and more specifically through his participation as a Eucharistic Minister, and his presence and assistance at school masses and liturgies. He is also a member of the Social Justice Action Group and was selected to attend the Immersion to Papua New Guinea last year.

Patrick has served his Parish, St Martha's Strathfield, as an altar server for nine years and he helps with other roles, including money collection. He is a young man who exhibits integrity in every aspect of his life. Patrick is positive, enthusiastic, engaging and always willing to say yes when he is needed. He speaks with conviction, and always demonstrates love, compassion and truth.

**Gillian Daley**  
Director of Identity

*2022 College Captains: Blake Timillero (Vice Captain), Michael Bejjani (Captain) & Adrian Biscotto (Vice Captain).*



*Michael Bejjani makes his address.*



*The 2022 Student Leadership Team: Joseph Tannous, Joshua Chander, Emilio Geronimo, John-Paul Pucci, Matthew Vucic, Paul Akle, Mitchell Brell, George Chealb, Blake Timillero, Lachlan Barton, Michael Bejjani, Jake Milligan, Adrian Biscotto, Oliver Clarke, Jonathon Bournelis, Alexander Turner Jensen, Daniel Libro, Jai De Lisser-Howarth, Francis Ters, Patrick Alphonse, James Hraiki, Anthony Chahin & Jack Dib.*

## LEADING THE COLLEGE IN 2022

As it seems to be the case for all things this year, the beginning of our leadership journey has been like no other, starting with the annual Leadership Day held online in August. Our keynote speaker was one of Australia's most renowned leaders, the former Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove. We were also very lucky to hear from other people connected to the College who have been leaders in different ways: media personality and Old Boy Ben Malouf ('98), former College Captain Matthew Harrington ('17) and our Principal Dr Lavorato. In the days that followed, the Year 11 cohort then cast their votes for the 2022 Student Leadership Team with Dr Lavorato announcing the newly elected leaders during an online liturgy at the end of Term 3.

Upon finding out the news that I would be College Captain for 2022, I took some time to reflect on what true leadership means. Ideas of compassion, resilience, and humility come to mind. According to Donald McGannon, 'Leadership is an action, not a position.' Of course, this action isn't one that is performed by one person, rather it is performed by the team; and in my case, the wonderful students that make up the leadership team for 2022.

I think we can all agree that if there is anything we have learnt from this pandemic, it is that no matter how physically separated we are, we all remain so connected, sometimes in ways we don't even realise. Although our online situation prohibited the in-person announcement, the immediate support that we all received seemed to be endless, and only furthered the sense of community that is embedded within the College.

I am so honoured to be able to work alongside Vice Captains elect Blake Timillero and Adrian Biscotto. Amidst the excitement of this news, there was the natural nervousness that is associated with wanting to be an effective leader, however both Blake and Adrian have already helped me put some of that aside.

The entire 2022 Student Leadership Team look forward to building upon, and living amongst, the community here at the College. Luceat Lux Vestra.

**Michael Bejjani**  
2022 College Captain

# LINKING WITH COUNTRY

On June 20, the 2021 immersion group embarked on their journey to Alice Springs. Although the lead-up to the event was met with nerves and anxiety due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we were fortunate to leave NSW and continue with the program as scheduled. Over the course of ten days, we experienced a cultural awakening in the heart of Australia.

Out of respect for the Elders' wishes, we did not attend St Joseph's Flexi School as a precautionary action for any COVID-19 risks. Instead, we participated in online calls with the fellas, where they shared Dreamtime stories relating to some of the most significant sacred sites for Indigenous Australians. We traded details about how different our lives were, but also found beauty in the many things we had in common, such as interests in sport and video games. Our bond deepened in ways we didn't expect to happen over a screen. Our relationship culminated with the fellas cooking us roo tail, which was one of the highlights of the trip.

We visited many culturally significant landmarks, which were some of the most beautiful places that we have ever seen. This included the Emily and Jessie Gaps, Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Corroboree Rock, the Ochre pits and many more. They contained luscious landscapes, breathtaking scenery and towering gorges. Each one had their own rich and unique history that spans thousands of years, which added to the grand, yet intimate atmosphere. We learned about this from the fellas as well as the array of cave paintings that we saw, which deepened our understanding of the beauty of Aboriginal culture.

It would be remiss of me to discuss the beauty of nature found on our journey without mentioning our three-day trip to Kata Tjuta, Uluru and Kings Canyon. After a long bus ride filled with anticipation, excitement and an endless loop of 'Down Under', our high expectations were not disappointed. Kata Tjuta took us all aback with its immense natural beauty which is permanently engrained in my mind. Uluru was a sight to behold, not only due to its enormous size and sharp red colours, but also because of its sacred presence. We heard the story of how Uluru came to be, with the deadly battle between two ancestral beings: Kuniya, the sand python, and Liru, the poisonous snake. It was fascinating to hear that each crack, groove and gap had a story behind it. We truly felt its spiritual connection, with its aura entrancing us all. On both nights, we slept outside and took in the beauty of the night sky, watching the abundance of stars glimmer as they zoomed across the horizon. In the mornings, we witnessed dazzling sunrises, watching the sky being painted with orange, pink and blue colours.

The trip evolved our understanding of the importance of land for First Nations peoples, and the need for all of us to become stewards of this land, adopting more sustainable practices in our lives. The journey was one of growth; growth in our bonds with each other, the fellas, our spirituality, and a greater appreciation of Aboriginal culture. We would like to thank Ms Daley for giving us this opportunity, as well as Mr Fox and Mr Cooper for making the immersion so memorable and powerful. It was a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that I will cherish forever.

**Patrick Alphonse**  
Year 11 Student



*The group at Kata Tjuta: Adriano Garigliano, Owen Toogood, Blake Timillero, Jake Milligan, Frances Ters, Anthony Chahin, Michael Bejjani, Mr Cooper, Patrick Alphonse and seated: Dimitri Poulos, Nicholas Coffey & Mr Fox.*



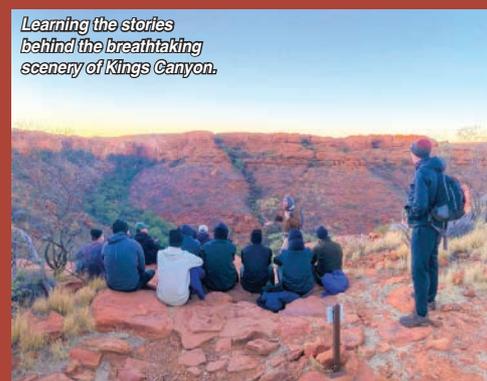
*The group immerse themselves in country.*



*Sunset over the Alice. The group take in the view from the top of Anzac Hill.*



*Enjoying the delicacy of roo tail which the fellas had cooked for the group.*



*Learning the stories behind the breathtaking scenery of Kings Canyon.*

# ASK THE EARTH AND IT WILL TEACH YOU



The EREA Climate Crisis Statement, *Ask the Earth and it will teach you* (Book of Job) speaks to us all and asks one fundamental question – What can YOU do to live a more sustainable life and look after and protect our precious common home?

The Statement calls for action to be taken in all areas concerning sustainability in order to restore and preserve God’s creation. The call comes from all young people to protect their future after consultation with over 1,600 young people from EREA schools and various other members of our school communities.

As St Patrick’s College students, it is our responsibility to deepen our knowledge of our one common home so we can advocate for ecological care and climate justice for future generations. This statement aims to shift attitudes and actions to address the climate crisis and to restore harmony to God’s creation. The impact of the climate crisis, if left unchecked, will cause rising sea levels, higher temperatures, more drought and more intense rainfall events, so we need to act NOW. It is important to note that it is better for all

of us to do something, even imperfectly, rather than just a few of us act perfectly. We urge Old Boys to join us in this pursuit!

On Wednesday 15 September, the Social Justice Action Group (SJAG), Faith in Action Team (FIAT) and Junior School Justice (JSJ) came together to discuss these issues and what it means for us. We also discussed some of the methods we could use in our day-to-day lives which would provide a positive impact on our environment. I say ‘our environment’ because it is our responsibility to protect what was so generously given to all of us by God. The EREA Climate Crisis Statement is available at: [www.erea.edu.au/erea-climate-crisis-statement/](http://www.erea.edu.au/erea-climate-crisis-statement/).

**Paul Akle**  
2022 Social Justice Prefect

# RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN



As an EREA school, St Patrick’s College is guided by the Touchstones in its dedication to being a community that endeavours to authentically live out the values of faith, hope and love. Inclusive Community and Justice and Solidarity are the foundation on which our Reconciliation journey begins as they guide us forward to deeper and stronger relationships with First Nations peoples for the benefit of all Australians, including our SPC community.

Reconciliation Australia’s Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Education program supports all schools and early learning services in Australia to develop environments that foster a high level of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions.

The five dimensions of Reconciliation are Race Relations, Equity and Equality, Unity, Historical Acceptance, and Institutional Integrity. Engaging with Narragunnawali provides an opportunity for educational communities to weave these five dimensions together in positive and practical ways, and to harness the powerful role that education – learning, un-learning and re-learning – must play within our nation’s reconciliation journey.

A Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) sets out the actions and deliverables our College will work towards to achieve our unique vision for reconciliation, recognising the land on which we stand.

A Reconciliation Action Plan is not the responsibility of only one person, nor is it solely the responsibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff. It is everyone’s business. Fortunately, our SPC community has many members dedicated to bringing our RAP to fruition and helping continue the journey towards Reconciliation in education. While many actions have been taken over the years, the process was formalised earlier this year with staff, students, parents and friends involved. If anyone would like to be involved with the RAP committee or would like to know more, please don’t hesitate to contact me at [felicity.warsop@spc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:felicity.warsop@spc.nsw.edu.au).

**Felicity Warsop**  
First Nations Facilitator

# 28 DAYS FOR CLIMATE CAMPAIGN



*Luke Vaccher (Year 12), Matthew Machado (Year 12), Noah Young (Year 6), Harry Richardson (Year 12) & Giacomo Feher (Year 12) tend to one of our sustainability gardens.*

The ERA for Change, ‘28 Days for Climate Campaign’ has become a fundamental aspect which ignites students and teachers here at the College towards sustainable living for a cleaner and more renewable future. ERA (Edmund Rice Advocacy) for Change is a national, student led justice and advocacy group, which has seen one of our students, Eden Gittany of Year 11, appointed to the National Executive.

The basis of the campaign can be seen in its fifth Pledge, to ‘Encourage Federal, State and Local Governments to take further action

to reduce waste, provide effective recycling and provide education for the community on sustainable practices’. At a school level, SPC has adopted this principle via its justice groups which all stand in unity to promote sustainability through initiatives such as ‘nude food days’, recycling bins and reduction in the use of plastic, all to reduce our carbon footprint.

The College is also dedicated to the eighth Principle from the social media campaign which is to ‘commit to cleaner waterways’ through our participation in the ‘Cooks River Rescue’ school stormwater project. The SPC sustainability group worked closely with members of the Georges River Environmental Education Centre to find methods such as drainage nets and planting luscious rain gardens which would limit pollution into the Cooks River; a project which has been a success across the SPC community.

Students from all year groups came together in solidarity at the EREA Laudato si’ Conference on Sustainability held in September. Collectively, we harnessed the ideas set out by the Climate Campaign by contributing to the discussion, as well as learning valuable lessons to limit our collective and individual carbon footprint

for a cleaner future. Vincent Younes, the 2021 Sustainability Prefect met with local Federal MP, Dr Fiona Martin, to advocate for more action at a national level on this issue.

As a community, SPC has truly embraced the campaign and its connection to other documents and initiatives, ‘living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork’ (Pope Francis; Laudato si’; 2015).

**Joshua Chander**  
2022 Sustainability Prefect



*Lawrence Young (Year 12), Blake Timillero (Year 11), Vincent Younes (Year 12) & Francis Ters (Year 11) with some of the haul taken from the recycle bins.*



*The animals revolt!*

# SPC STEAL THE SHOW!

This was an exciting year for the Performing Arts Production as we moved into our new theatrical home, The Bryan Brown Theatre at Bankstown, and were finally able to perform again after the 2020 COVID-19 restrictions had eased.

The stage adaption of George Orwell's 'Animal Farm' is an allegory and a fable with social commentary that is as valuable today as it was 75 years ago when it was first penned. As all good theatre does, it holds up a mirror to society and invites us to look at who we are. Orwell reminds us that absolute power corrupts and asks us, who are the animals?

As a production, it allowed us the flexibility to include music and singing to showcase all our students' talents. It was a pleasure to also perform with the young ladies from Strathfield Girls High School and Santa Sabina College. As an all-boys school, we are proud to work so closely with our neighbouring sister schools.

Credit is due to our whole cast and crew; it normally takes over eight months to put a production like this together and we managed to do it in just four! It was definitely a challenge but one that our very talented students rose to and should be proud of.

**Rebecca Duff**  
**Performing Arts Faculty Leader/**  
**MIC Performing Arts Production**



*Boxer (Lachlan McDonell) demonstrates his resolve to Squealer (Michael Sebastian).*



*The hens demand an explanation from Snowball (Hayden Cotter).*



*Napoleon (Luke Abraham) rouses the animals!*



*'The Animals Shall Not Drink Alcohol!'*

# BATTLE FOR ROCK SUPREMECY

2021 saw our inaugural 'Battle of the Bands' competition launched. In all, we had 13 entries with students ranging from Years 5-12 which unearthed some amazing talent across our College.

As part of this new Performing Arts initiative, we brought in an 'In-house Muso' using our very generous P&F grant. For two weeks prior to the Battle finals, Sydney singer and song writer Mr Tim Conlon ran workshops mentoring the bands and our music students and even entertained the lunch time crowd with an impromptu concert with our boys.

The Battle of the Bands final was held as part of the Founder's Day concert with Mr Conlon and Aria Hall of Fame legend, Mr Pete Drummond from iconic Australian band Dragon, as our judges. The competition was strong with two Year 12 bands, Slippery Toes and Lemon Soda, battling it out with Year 9 band Orion. In the end, it was Year 9 rock gods Orion who took the title with their cover of Metallica's 'For Whom the Bell Tolls'.

Our winners were rewarded with the amazing opportunity to record a cover of their song with Mr Drummond, who also owns a recording studio and was kind enough to bring in his equipment to record and film the boys. The final product is a professional quality recording and film clip to match.

The Performing Arts department looks forward to this being a yearly event!

**Rebecca Duff**  
**Performing Arts Faculty Leader**



*Year 12 rockers: Lachlan McDonell, Harry Coyne, Damian Bisoglio, Torie Simisevic & Jonah Rogers with Musician Pete Drummond.*



*Damian Bisoglio & Harry Coyne jam with Tim Conlon.*



*Isaac Robinson (Year 9) of Orion rocks out!*



*The winners are announced, Orion takes the top prize.*



Year 6 students: Thomas Colreavy, Ethan Flunt, Maxwell Zanic & Orin Lo are all smiles.



Father Ronald Maree (†10) concelebrates the Mass.



Year 5 student Benjamin Prichard receives his 'Recognition of Inclusivity Award' from Dr Lavorato.



Our Mens Choir led the congregation in song.



Talented guitarist, Jake Costa (Year 12) entertains.



Heffernan's Heroes perform Seven Nation Army.



Emcees Oli Mahony & Paddy Mulvey with Oscar winner, Mr Phillipson (Hayden Cötter).



Mr Chase (Darcy Patterson) waxes lyrical!



Runners battle it out in the Waterford Mile.



The Drumline set the tone.



Supporters gather around Breen Oval for the running of the 26th Waterford Mile.



Waterford Mile winner Jonathan Meaker (Year 11) receives his trophy from Dr Lavorato.



Waterford Mile participants with their certificates.

# CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDER

One of the most joyous occasions this year has been Founder's Day which took place on Friday 11 June. Following the easing of restrictions which had, up until this point, prevented us from gathering under one roof, it was truly wonderful to celebrate such a special day together in prayer and song. It was a day when we remembered who we are, where we have come from and what we are all about; a day dedicated to Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers who established the College.

The day began with a beautiful Mass, which was concelebrated by Father Jack and SPC Old Boy, Father Ronald Maree (†10). Dr Lavorato's homily centred around our touchstone of 'Inclusivity' and reiterated the fact that we are one. In the lead-up to Founder's Day, Dr Lavorato had given every student the opportunity to nominate another boy in the College who demonstrated inclusivity daily. There were many great nominations, however, on the day she presented four recipients with the inaugural 'Recognition of Inclusivity Award': they were Benjamin Prichard (Year 5), Matthew Slaney (Year 10), Michael Bejjani (Year 11) and Jared Samaan (Year 12). Our Men's Choir led the congregation in song and at the close of Mass our voices joined together to sing the Edmund Rice Anthem with pride and gusto.

Following Mass, our Year 12 students brought the laughs to our traditional Founder's Day Concert. Their teacher impersonations were very entertaining and brilliantly executed in the videos and on stage. We were also treated to performances from our Battle of the Bands finalists, all rocking the College Gymnasium making the decision of a winner very difficult for our judges. The staff, aka 'Heffernan's Heroes', also entertained with their version of 'Seven Nation Army'!

After lunch, in keeping with Founder's Day tradition, the whole school surrounded Breen Oval for the running of the 26th Waterford Mile. Our Drumline did a wonderful job keeping everything up-beat before our athletes took to the track. It was a superb effort by our runners who gave it everything, some having competed in the CIS Cross County Championships the day before. Congratulations to third-time winner Jonathan Meaker with Thomas Brennan (Year 10) and Harry Richardson (Year 12) also putting in great runs placing second and third respectively. It was a great end to what was a fabulous day!

**Nikki Fochesato**  
Community Liaison Officer



Angus Doolin (Year 5)  
as Tin Tin.



Nicolas Mansour (Year 5)  
finds himself a quiet spot  
to enjoy his book.



Dominic Moses (Year 6) as  
Xanthos from 'A Tale of Magic.'



William Milton (Year 5)  
gets into character!

## FEEL THE NEED.... THE NEED TO READ

This year's Book Week celebrations were different from any I have experienced in all my years of teaching. At first, I wondered whether we would have to cancel the event altogether, but the Junior School students rallied, proving that nothing could limit their imaginations.

The Book Week Parade was held online, with students submitting photos of themselves in character and some even able to convince other members of the family to participate. There was an abundance of Harry Potters, Roald Dahl characters, a very energetic Captain Underpants and many more. The boys' enthusiasm and excitement was infectious and shone through the screen.

During Book Week, students also took photos of themselves 'caught reading'. The idea was to be creative, and I was not disappointed. Students in trees, on the roof of their house, in the garden, by the pool, in cupboards and under beds. There was nowhere that you could not read.

Another initiative to keep everyone motivated was an activity called 'Inspire Others'. The aim was to complete tasks to enthuse other students. Some boys created 'reading caves' that were decorated with fabulous lights, luxurious cushions and inspired me, let alone others to want to start reading. Students reviewed books to recommend to others, bookmarks were created to be published for use in the Westcourt library and find-a-words were made. Above all, activities allowed the boys to stay connected!

**Helen Gibson**  
Junior School Librarian



Our jubilant debaters  
hold the trophy aloft.

## SAINT OF ORIGIN

The annual Saint of Origin series between Santa Sabina College and St Patrick's College is a highlight on the debating calendar. In the weeks leading up to the debate, different games are held between our two schools so that anticipation and a larger audience is built leading into the debate.

This year's games included netball hosted at SSC followed by volleyball hosted at SPC. Although SPC suffered a heavy defeat against the talented SSC netball team, this only served to bring life and energy to volleyball in game two. A packed gym and home court advantage helped our boys to narrowly clinch the final game of the day. This perfectly set-up the pinnacle of the series, that of the final debate.

The night amassed a large audience of invested non-debaters from both schools which turned up in support of those debating. At the end of the night SPC collected the highly coveted Tri-Series Shield for the Saint of Origin series.

Regardless of the trophy win, the real winner was debating as well as the relationship between SSC and SPC. This series demonstrated both schools not only display a competitive rivalry but also a close tie where our values for an inclusive community were expressed.

**Darcy Patterson**  
2021 College Captain



Tensions were high in the  
College gymnasium during the  
SSC v SPC volleyball match.

Thomas Coorey, Luke Sultana, Daniel De Pasquale  
& Jeremy Simonetto busy solving life's problems.



## LOOKING TO A BRIGHT FUTURE

Following their success in the practice rounds, a team of our very skilled problem solvers were invited to compete in the National Finals of the Future Problem Solving Competition. This international competition, created to challenge high ability students, is an academic program that teaches problem solving strategies, collaboration, and critical thinking. The interdisciplinary approach of the program provides students with a unique opportunity to learn and apply essential life skills for the 21st century.

Early in the year, our team consisting of Year 9 students: Thomas Coorey, Daniel De Pasquale, Jeremy Simonetto and Luke Sultana, quickly devised strategies that would see them work together efficiently to carry out research and complete all the six steps that are part of the problem solving process. This team jelled instantly as was evident in their invitation to the National Finals.

In preparation for this round, the boys continued to work hard researching the latest evidence for the topic 'Personalised Medicine' discussing likely future scenarios. Like many groups before them, the appeal of the competition is the relevance to issues that comprise the world they are a part of.

These students did exceptionally well and are to be congratulated on their great work. They have already set their sights on reaching the international round in 2022.

**Janine Timillero**  
Diverse Learning Coordinator



Valentino Romão's (Year 8) comic illustration.

# HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

During remote learning, our Visual Arts students have taken extremely well to the task of exploring their creativity and making skills with materials found in their pencil case, objects they have around the house or digital software easily accessible online. Here are some examples of what they have been up to:

Year 7 have been exploring the postmodern practice of appropriation and recently completed the 'VanGo Yourself' challenge. Students were given time to choose a famous artwork and source/make props to then recreate their own version of the artwork with themselves as the subject.

Year 8 have been exploring the drawing technique of linear perspective; a spatial concept that allows artists to create the illusion of depth and distance within a picture plane. Students will apply their knowledge of perspective in the design and composition of a comic illustration which, in turn will be further enhanced through Photoshop.

Year 9 have begun an in-depth analysis of the Pop Art movement, reviewing the work and practices of Andy Warhol. Students recreated Warhol's factory screen printing process digitally making highly stylised celebrity pop portraits. Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media (PDM) have been learning about key elements and conventions of the horror film genre and the significant influence offered by the early twentieth century art movement of German Expressionism.

Year 10 have begun an investigation into the role of protest, propaganda, and postmodern art practices. They have been challenged to use their art practice as an 'antidote' to the ills currently faced by society. In the lead up to the creation of their own short film, Year 10 PDM have begun an investigation into the art of filmmaking. They have explored cinematography techniques, camera shots, angles, movement, framing and composition. This knowledge will contribute to their upcoming short film, 'A Day in a Life at Home'.

Year 11 have investigated how the body is represented in art history and explored it as stimulus, participating in life drawing classes using a digital avatar. The Year 11 Visual Design class has been exploring the elements and principles associated with Interior Design. Students have put these into practice through the creation of themed/styled rooms, an activity that furthers student understanding of how lived-in spaces can manipulate emotion and create atmosphere.

**Nicholas Phillipson**  
Visual Arts Faculty Leader



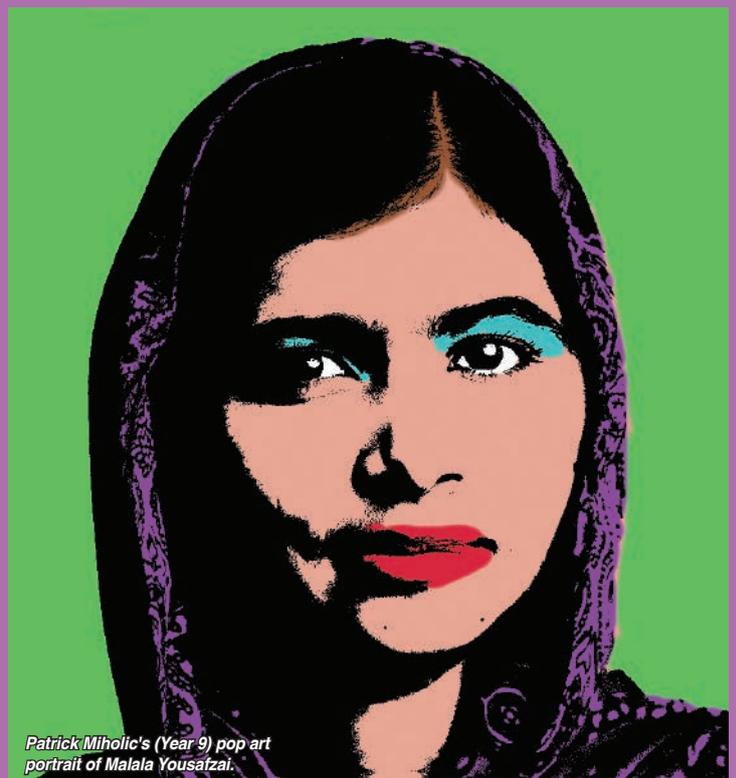
Massimo Bilotta's (Year 10) response to the COVID-19 lockdown.



Adam Segui (Year 11) figure study expressing movement.



Nino Di Girolamo's (Year 7) interpretation of 'Pomona'.



Patrick Miholic's (Year 9) pop art portrait of Malala Yousafzai.



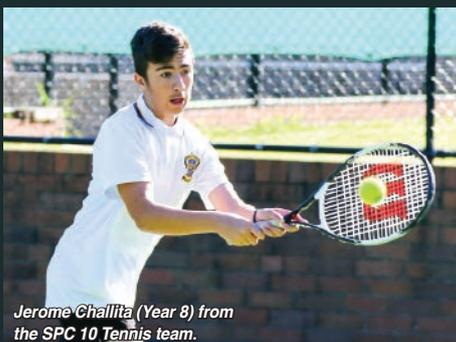
*Bassam Aoun (Year 11) & Dean Alexakis (Year 10) battle it out for possession.*



*Boys from the Junior School and Year 7 bring the spirit on Supporter's Day.*



*Bailey Leighton (Year 9) placed 1st at the ISA and 5th at the CIS Cross Country Championships.*



*Jerome Chailita (Year 8) from the SPC 10 Tennis team.*



*First XI players Dimitri Poulos (Year 11) & Matteo Guerra (Year 11) take to the field in their Aboriginal jerseys.*



*Finn Gray (Year 12) & Louis Manenti (Year 11) celebrate with members of the Second XV Rugby team.*

# WINTER SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

The College thoroughly enjoyed participating in school sport during Terms 1 and 2. However, it appeared as though we would experience déjà vu as the Winter Sport Season, for the second year in a row, was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, with Greater Sydney going into a three-month lockdown, no sport took place in Term 3. However, despite this premature end to the season, there were many notable highlights around the grounds in Term 2.

On Saturday 15 May, we welcomed our Junior School and Year 7 students to the College for the first Supporter's Day since 2019. The sheer volume and energy created by these three year groups was phenomenal and affirmed our students' passion for their College.

Our Winter Reconciliation Round of Sport was another special day with the First XV Rugby, First XI Football and First IV Tennis players all wearing our College's Aboriginal strip. We acknowledge and thank St Stanislaus' College who supported our Reconciliation Round by wearing their own unique Aboriginal Jersey designed by some of their indigenous students in Rugby.

In ISA Football and Tennis, all teams played opponents at least once in the competition and therefore, the ISA decided it would be worthy of awarding ISA Minor Premierships to those teams on top of the table at the end of Term 2. Congratulations to the First XI, Third XI, 16 A, 15 A, 14 A, 13 A, 13 C and 13 D Football teams, along with the SPC 10 Tennis team who were dubbed Minor Premiers for 2021.

Although no minor premierships were awarded in Rugby, we congratulate the undefeated 13 C who were soaring high with a massive point differential and to the Second XV Rugby for their resilience. The Seconds finished with an incredible season record letting in just 12 points per game including an unbelievable last minute try to defeat a strong Cranbrook outfit.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved representative honours in Term 2:

## Cross Country

ISA Representative Selection:

U 12 Jacob Kelava 3rd place and Christian Caristo 11th place  
U 13 Joe Doran 8th place  
U 15 Bailey Leighton 1st place  
U 16 Jonathan Meaker 1st place and Thomas Brennan 10th place  
U 17 Harry Richardson 7th place and Matthew Ibrahim 11th place

NSW CIS Representative Selection:

Jonathan Meaker won the U16 NSW CIS Cross Country Championships  
Bailey Leighton placed 5th in the U15s NSW CIS Cross Country Championships

## Football

ISA Representative Selection:

U 16 Joseph Hatem, Bassam Aoun, Christian Chater and Alessandro Romeo.  
OPENS Kian O'Neill, Matthew Di Lorenzo and Matteo Guerra.

NSW CIS Representative Selection:

U 16 Christian Chater and Joseph Hatem

## Rugby

ISA Representative Selection:

U 16 Alex Conti, Mitchell Woods, Cooper Edwards, Jonah Thompson and Lachlan Barton  
OPENS Thomas Allsopp, Zachary Bruce, Levi Conti and Regan Watts

NSW School Boys Representative Selection:

NSW Second XV Thomas Allsopp

## Tennis

ISA Representative Selection:

Lucas Martin

## ISA Touch Football

U 15 Jacob Chidiac, Alex Conti, Mitchell Woods and Jamie Carroll

OPENS Damon Chidiac, Levi Conti, Benjamin Criss and Anthony Carbo

## NSW CIS AFL

U 15 Mitchell Woods

Ordinarily, at the time of writing, we would be well into the Summer Sport Season however, with current restrictions still in place, we have had to push this back. Rest assured, we are working behind the scenes to try and create opportunities for our boys to once again take to the court, field and pool, and are hopeful that it won't be long before they are able to do so.

**Anthony Calavassy**  
Head of Secondary Sport



Fencing Foil champion Brian McCowage ('49) in action.



Swimming champion Julian Carroll ('59) with trophies from his school days.



Adrian Di Piazza ('80) captained the Australian Bobsled team in 1988.



Tennis champion Benjamin Weekes ('02) has competed at five consecutive Paralympic Games.



Donning the green and gold, Se-Bom Lee ('18) during his Olympic bid.



Se-Bom (right) and fellow Olympian Patty Mills, soak up the atmosphere in Tokyo.



Antony Zambolt ('89) & Matthew Reardon ('02) share the spotlight.

## OLD BOYS SHINE ON STAGE

During his second tour with Opera Australia, Principal Artist Matthew Reardon ('02) crossed paths with fellow Old Boy, Antony Zambolt ('89) while performing on the Gold Coast in June. Matthew was playing the lead role of Don José in the company's production of *Carmen* while Antony, an experienced music teacher, is also Choir Master of the Gold Coast Children's Choir, a company of young singers who performed with Opera Australia. It was one of those serendipitous moments when two relative strangers from Sydney's Inner West discovered they not only shared the same alma mater, but also the same house, Hickey House!

## FROM SPC TO OLYMPIC GLORY

Congratulations to Old Boy champion swimmer Se-Bom Lee ('18) who chased the black line all the way to Tokyo, competing at the Olympic Games in July. Se-Bom finished 2nd in the Men's 400m Individual Medley heat, an outstanding achievement and one that is thoroughly deserved given his dedication and perseverance to swimming. When asked about his experience, Se-Bom had this to say, 'It was a surreal moment to share the same stage as famous athletes from around the world. To have the opportunity to represent Australia at this pinnacle event is an honour.'

Se-Bom joins the ranks of other former Old Boy Olympians which include Fencing Foil champion Brian McCowage ('49) who competed at the Melbourne, Rome and Tokyo

Olympics in 1956, 1960 and 1964 respectively, swimming champion Julian Carroll ('59) who competed at the Rome Olympics in 1960, Adrian Di Piazza ('80) who was captain and driver of the Australian Olympic Bobsled team which competed at the 1988 Winter Games in Canada, and wheelchair tennis champion Benjamin Weekes ('02) who has competed in five consecutive Paralympic Games from 2004-2020!

We would love to hear about any other Old Boys who have represented Australia at either the Summer or Winter Olympic or Paralympic Games. Please email [nikki.fochesato@spc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nikki.fochesato@spc.nsw.edu.au).

**Nikki Fochesato**  
Archivist/Community Liaison Officer



## OLD BOY RECOGNISED

We congratulate Old Boy, Matthew Fehon ('87) who was recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours for his outstanding service to the community. Matthew, a forensic accountant and partner at McGrathNicol, has held a number of volunteer roles which include founder and president of the College's Vestra Bursary Fund, president of the College's Old Boys' Association, Chairman of the NSW committee of the Edmund Rice Foundation, Indigenous mentor at Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview and organiser of the Beyond Bitumen car rally in support of mental health. He is also an active member of his local parish and has held a number of rugby related roles at Hunters Hill, Lane Cove and St Patrick's Rugby Club. What a well-deserved recipient!

## CHATTING TO A GREEN AND GOLD LEGEND



Louise Sauvage (right) with Madison de Rozario during the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Students in Year 5 Gold were given the privilege of engaging with sporting legend Louise Sauvage while she was in quarantine following her coaching involvement at the Paralympic Games in September. Louise's illustrious career in the sport of wheelchair racing place her in the upper echelons of Australia's finest athletes. Among her many achievements, Louise has won nine gold and four silver medals at four Paralympic Games and in doing so, has raised

the profile of wheelchair racing not just in Australia but around the world.

Louise spoke to the boys about how goal setting helps motivate her, how she overcame many challenges she has encountered and how equipment like wheelchairs has improved over the years. She spoke about how she wanted to give back to the sport which had given her so much by coaching and mentoring other rising stars like Madison de Rozario, who returned from Tokyo with two gold and one bronze medal.

After studying both the Olympic and Paralympic Games during remote learning, it was a wonderful opportunity for our boys to hear from an elite athlete such as Louise and ask questions. Thank you to 5 Gold student Patrick McDonald who happens to be Louise's neighbour and had the idea of reaching out to her.

**Tim Simpson**  
5 Gold Teacher

# CLASS OF 1981 FORTY YEARS ON!



Sean McCrystal



Jim Badans



Gary Mulcahy



Andrew Viney



Paul Pavay



Kevin James



Paul Porteous



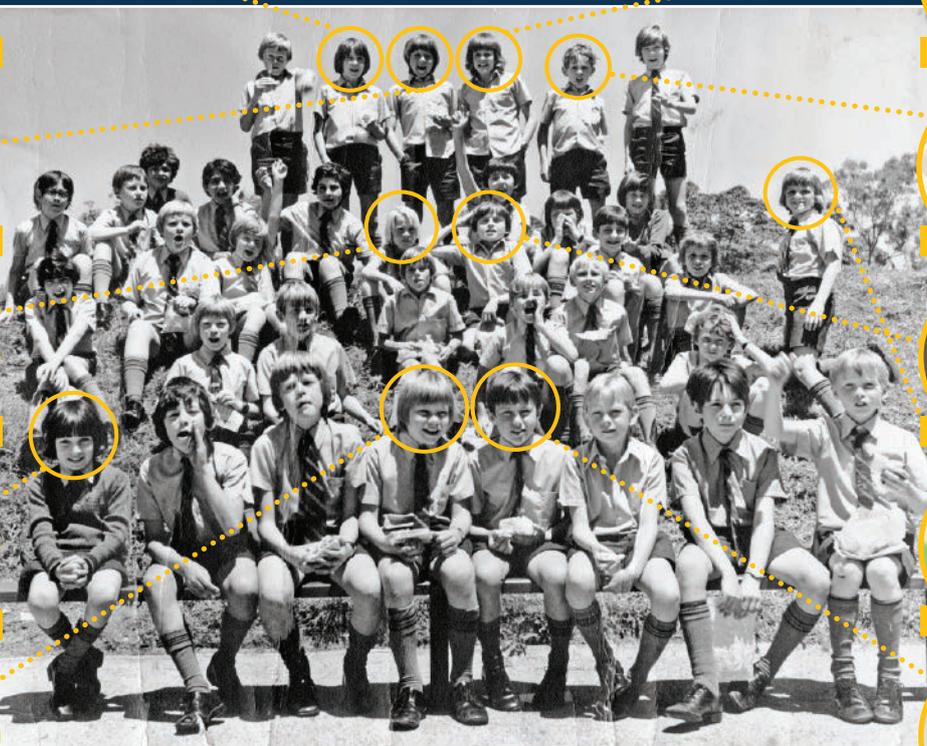
Scott Warr



Stuart Scott



James Duck



Like so many reunions planned for 2020 and 2021, the Class of 1981 forty-year reunion fell victim to COVID-19 restrictions and had to be postponed until later next year. Despite this, a member from the cohort, Paul Porteous discovered a cache of snapshots taken during his school years which he kindly passed on to the College's archives. This one, taken of Year 5 Black, features lots of fresh-faced cheeky looking boys who have since gone on to lead happy and successful lives. We thank the following Old Boys for giving us an insight of what they have been up to since leaving SPC 40 years ago.

## JAMES BADANS

James grew up in Belfield and after living in many different areas of Sydney and London, settled in the Northern Beaches where he is a happily married business coach. James admits that he had no idea what he wanted to do after leaving school and took what he describes as 'a long and curvy path' to his current occupation.

James attended SPC along with his two brothers, Glen and David. Aside from his involvement in both the swimming and rugby squads, James fondly remembers the mateship he experienced here. He is still in contact with many of his school friends like Harry Newell who he often goes on fishing trips with. When James's father passed away last year, a number of his former classmates reached out to him which he really appreciated. A piece of advice he would like to give our current students is: 'We all have different paths to go down, don't be afraid to travel them. And hold on to your friends. It's an amazing thing to know someone for a long time.'

## PAUL PORTEOUS

Paul is married to a musician and has two teenage children. He resides in Canberra where he is an Adjunct Professor and Director of the Centre for Social Leadership. After leaving SPC, Paul planned on becoming a barrister and went on to study economics and law at Sydney University before joining the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Paul's work as a diplomat and international lawyer has seen him represent numerous international organisations including the United Nations and the International Court of Justice. He was also Senior Adviser to the President of Madagascar for four years! Not bad for a supposedly quiet and shy schoolboy who, until a school trip to New Zealand in Year 10, hadn't travelled overseas. His advice to students is to 'grasp opportunities as they arise, don't wait for permission!'

## JAMES DUCK

James is currently Project Manager in the telecommunications industry and has two children. While at SPC, James thought he may pursue a career in the field of either maths or science. He went on to study engineering and business studies before working in telecommunications, starting as an engineer then moving into commercial roles. Like so many from the Class of 1981, James is still in contact with a number of his old school friends.

## PAUL PAVEY

For the past 19 years, Paul and his wife have lived in Singapore and is now semi-retired.

Prior to this, Paul was CEO of a financial services company in Singapore and has spent his working life in the finance industry covering funds management, banking and other related services.

Paul has two brothers, Damian and Suresh, who also attended SPC. He cites the lifelong mateship which exists at SPC and the ability to have a laugh at one another as being a special part of his school day memories. Upon leaving SPC, Paul was unsure of what he wanted to do so he worked in a bank for a year before deciding to pursue Accountancy at UTS. This decision has ultimately taken him all over the world and his advice to our students is 'the HSC isn't the be all and end all. Your life and career will work out over time.'

## KEVIN JAMES

Kevin lives in Melbourne with his wife of 34 years and has three adult sons. He is currently employed as VIC/TAS State Sales Manager – Air Conditioning for Panasonic Australia. After completing an engineering traineeship at BHP in Newcastle, Kevin started working in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning industry and has been involved in sales and marketing at a local, state and national level for 35 years. Engineering has always been his first choice as a career.

Kevin's two brothers, David and Peter also attended SPC. A memory which stands out for him was the 'Dinky Darby' on Year 12 'Muck-Up' Day, 'I've never had so much fun!' In terms of his former school friends, he is still close to Stephen Gates and Paul Monaro however, he remains in

contact with many from his year group and hosts regular video calls with them. He advises students to 'Enjoy life as it comes. It will change, there will be ups and downs but whatever happens, keep your mates by your side.'

### STUART SCOTT

Stuart mostly resides on the Central Coast and has three adult sons with his wife who sadly passed away in 2011. He has since found love again and is due to be married in 2022. Currently Stuart is General Manager of a company which, amongst other things, provides fire and safety management to aged care facilities, hospitals, and schools.

Stuart's father and uncle attended SPC in the 1950s and 1960s as well as his two brothers and nephews, so he hails from a three generation SPC family. Stuart remembers getting up to a lot of mischief at school and regards the friendships made in the school yard as being 'lifelong.' He enjoyed playing the guitar and still occasionally gets together with some of his former classmates for a jam.

In terms of advice, he recalls something which his former Year Coordinator Mr Merv McCormack once said to him, 'always reach for the stars, even if you fall short, you'll still be on top of the world!' Stuart's own advice is 'there are no unsuitable goals, only unsuitable timelines, so never change your goal if you don't achieve it in the planned time, just reset the timeline.'

### SEAN MCCRYSTAL

Sean is married with three sons and is currently working as the Senior Dentist and Clinical Director in a local dental practice in Bankstown. His aspirations for dentistry began at an early age although the subjects he picked at school did not reflect this. He was, by his own admission, not overly enthused about science! Luckily his Year Coordinator Mr Merv McCormack, managed to persuade him to give physics and chemistry a go which re-directed him to his career path.

Sean came here with his younger brother Paul. His fondest memories of his school years involve playing sport; Rugby, Cricket and Golf and the lifelong friendships which came from these experiences, 'I feel that playing with like-minded characters creates a bond that one cherishes.' He says that his closest friends are from his year group and that their bond is undeniable.

Upon the birth of his first son, Sean did not hesitate to enrol him at St Patrick's. Two more sons followed, and all have been educated here. He credits the College as having played a great role in developing their characters and competitiveness. Adding to this, Sean and his family have lived at the same address for many years which just happens to be three houses away from Breen Oval and Old Boys' Corner!

### GARY MULCAHY

Gary and his partner have two children and live at Birchgrove. Upon leaving SPC, he studied psychology for a couple of years before changing course and focussing on economics. He then pursued a graduate program with the old State Bank of NSW. In 1991, Gary joined Lend Lease who owned MLC, and has been connected to them since. After spending time in Auckland and London, he returned home about 12 years ago and has been running the MLC Asset Management business.

Gary's older brother Robert and his son Luke also attended SPC. Gary reflects on the mateship which exists in his year group and thinks theirs was a particularly strong and diverse group who continue to enjoy each other's company, 'some of the most enjoyable evenings I've had since school have been the reunions.' Some of Gary's closer friends include Marty Hay who now lives in

Melbourne and Tony Fehon who he catches up with on the golf course from time to time. His advice to current students is to 'enjoy school...it's some of the best times of your life, and value the friendships you make...you'll be surprised how long friendships can endure.'

### SCOTT WARR

Scott and his wife live in Terrigal, NSW and have two adult children. After what can only be described as a diverse and illustrious career, Scott is currently CEO of Legacy Australia Incorporated. While at school, Scott's career aspirations centred around joining the army and following in his WWII veteran grandfather's footsteps.

In Year 12, Scott was awarded a scholarship into the Royal Military College in Duntroon and upon graduation, completed 22 Years of service in the army before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2003. His career has encompassed a variety of regimental, staff and overseas deployments and postings which have taken him around the country and across the globe.

Scott attended SPC with his older brother Peter. One of his greatest memories was running out at the Sydney Cricket Ground as a member of the First XV to play Waverley College as a curtain-raiser to the Australia v France Rugby Test in 1981. Other fond memories include chatting with Brother Crichton about his wartime experiences and being part of a play co-produced with his peers from Santa Sabina. 'I met my Year 12 girlfriend during this time. It was so different to Rugby, but I loved it.' Scott's advice is simple, 'follow your dreams and work hard to realise them.'

### ANDREW VINEY

Andrew has two adult children and after living in Ashbury for many years, now resides in Mooney Mooney on the Hawkesbury River. A member of the local RFS brigade, Andrew has made some wonderful friends and would not live anywhere else. He is currently the TAS Faculty Leader at SPC.

Andrew admits that he didn't really have any career aspirations while at school and after graduating, he spent a year working with the Christian Brothers and teaching in one of their schools in Papua New Guinea. When he returned home, Andrew took up a position as Junior Clerk at Burwood Council and spent the next 15 years working in the local government system before obtaining a degree in IT Management. This brought him back to his alma mater where he worked as IT Manager before acquiring a teaching degree and returning to the classroom and taking up the position of Faculty Leader.

Andrew has three brothers who all attended SPC: James, David and Justin. Their late father Michael was an Old Boy as were his two brothers, Desmond and the late David Viney. Andrew's son Michael and nephews Max Viney and Zachary McCann also came here. Memories include the lunchtime Rugby League games on the top story of the Coghlan Building; 'Every time I go into these rooms, I just chuckle fully expecting Morrie Fahd or Mark Woodbury to launch at me!'

The advice he would give to the boys today is something which his dad used to say to him, 'believe in yourself, you are good enough to achieve anything you want' and 'be gentle on yourself during life as things can get tough.'

### Nikki Fochesato Archivist



Yo-yo masters  
Geza Reichart &  
Andrew Mytkowski.



Neal Peres Da  
Costa & Joseph  
Hallit share a laugh.



Anthony McGuirk, Mark  
Di Michiel & friends  
relax at lunchtime.



Sean McCrystal  
& David Chahoud  
diligently working.



A College Assembly  
on Breen Oval.



# LOOKING TO A BRIGHT FUTURE

Due to the unpredictable nature of 2021 and the restrictions of COVID-19, St Patrick's Rugby Club was forced to abandon a season which saw many of our teams destined for finals footy. Despite the disappointment, numbers throughout the season were incredibly strong, with the Club fielding five senior teams and of course, the mighty Colts.

With eight rounds of the season completed, our first grade side was sitting pretty at the top of the ladder with an unmatched seven wins, including a memorable 26-25 victory over rivals Hunters Hill. Second Grade, coached masterfully by Tim Skinner ('13), also boasted a seven-win season and was ready to make a finals surge. Given the mighty numbers at training, the Club was also able to secure a fifth grade team in the Halligan Cup for much

of the year, giving SPC's most experienced athletes a run on Saturday mornings. The Club was also incredibly proud to see the continued growth of its junior club, fielding teams from Under 6s to Under 10s. The future of St Patrick's Rugby is certainly bright!

As always, we would like to thank our loyal sponsors who continue to support the Club, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. If anyone is keen to be involved with the Club from a coaching, playing or sponsorship perspective, feel free to contact the president, John Ibrahim on 0414 237 029. We are eagerly preparing for season 2022 and I look forward to seeing you all at Hudson Park!

**Declan Armstrong ('16)**  
SPRC Vice President



# SPFC A CLASS ACT



*Roberto Bonserio ('09), Adam Camilleri ('10) & Adrian Dalzotto ('08) during the Beyond Blue charity match.*

After another COVID-19 affected season, we were sadly unable to add to our ever-growing trophy cabinet. This was heartbreaking for many, as so much goes into preparing and running the football season. I would like to thank our amazing sponsors and all the people behind the scenes who volunteer their time to make this one of the best community football clubs in Sydney.

Despite the roadblock, this has been one of the most successful seasons in the Club's history. We helped raise \$10,000 for Beyond Blue in our inaugural charity match when we also celebrated our twentieth anniversary. We added the first women's and U 21s team to the Club and our All-Age Over 35s team competed strongly to be assured of an appearance in the finals. Our Super League Squad was awarded the Premiership in both the Reserve Grade and First Grade.

We have done so much, and we have so much to be proud of. I thank you all for your commitment to this amazing club and our growing numbers are a testament to the voice you give us. Although this season was cut short, we still have work to do, and it all starts in 2022.

**Nick de Lutiis ('12)**  
SPFC Vice President



# OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Despite many of our planned functions having to be postponed again during 2021, we are hopeful that next year we will at last be able to host the highly anticipated Old Boys' Luncheon on Friday 25 March 2022. While the function is sold out, it may be possible for us to increase numbers if restrictions ease further. If you would like to organise a table, please contact me on the email below and we will keep you informed. We thank everyone for their patience and look forward to catching up on the day.

The Edgar Street Bursary has allowed our first full bursary student to begin his learning journey at the College. Giving a less fortunate young man an opportunity to receive an education here is truly a worthy cause and we appreciate all those who have donated to the Fund. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, please head to the Old Boys' website at: <https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/>

**Greg Dening**  
Old Boys' Executive Officer  
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# YOUR COLLEGE NEEDS YOU!



Expressions of interest are sought for sports coaches, umpires or referees from suitably qualified and experienced sports coaches and officials for the upcoming year. A valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance must be obtained prior to employment at the College. Ordinarily, during a season, coaches will be required to attend two training sessions per week (3:30 PM – 5:00 PM) and a Saturday fixture. If interested, please contact Head of Sport, Anthony Calavassy by phone: 9763 100 or email: [anthony.calavassy@spc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anthony.calavassy@spc.nsw.edu.au).

**Anthony Calavassy**  
Head of Sport

# A CELEBRATION OF ORGAN & CHORAL MUSIC



*Bailey Yeates (Year 10) & Mr Mark Quarmby with our new Chapel organ.*

With the easing of restrictions in early June, we were finally able to celebrate the wonderful new addition to the College Chapel, the Johannus D470 organ. Our wonderful Chaplain Fr Jack Evans blessed the organ in the presence of our Principal Dr Lavorato and former Principal Dr Wattam, now Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education Australia, and other distinguished and invited guests.

The College Choir and Old Boy musicians Angelo Nicolas ('19) and Matthew Dal Cin ('12), joined forces with the new organ to give praise to God through word and music. The accompaniments and highly technical organ repertoire pieces were played by Mr Mark Quarmby, St Patrick's Organ Tutor and the College Organ Scholar, Bailey Yeates of Year 10. Among the composers presented were J.S. Bach, Ralph Vaughan Williams, John Rutter, Louis Vierne, Edward Elgar, Max Reger and others whose pieces could be classed as 'masterworks' in organ performance.

It was a tour de force of musical entertainment and a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon. It was a credit to the initiative and work of our Old Boys, students and so many members of staff at the College, not least of which our main organ benefactor, Mr Michael Robson.

**Giselle Grapé**  
Choir Director

## SAVE THE DATE BACK TO BREEN DAY Saturday 13 August 2022



# UPCOMING REUNIONS

Please note that at the time of publication, the following reunions are planned. However, as rules and guidelines continue to emerge during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is advisable to register on the Old Boys' website at: <https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/> where updates will be posted.

## CLASS OF 1960 – 62 YEAR REUNION

**Date:** Tuesday 8 March 2022  
**Venue:** Club Burwood RSL, Burwood  
**Contact:** Paul Ballesty  
 E: ballo@tpg.com.au

## CLASS OF 1961 – \*60 YEAR REUNION

**Date:** Friday 11 March 2022  
**Venue:** View Hotel, North Sydney  
**Contact:** Brian Roach  
 E: bcroach@optusnet.com.au

## CLASS OF 1981 – \*40 YEAR REUNION

**Date:** Saturday 13 August 2022  
**Venue:** Harlequin Inn, Pyrmont  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Contact:** Andrew Viney  
 E: andrew.viney@spc.nsw.edu.au  
 M: 0407 431 156

*\*Reunion previously scheduled for 2021 but had to be postponed.*



# VALE

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

- Mano Gazzoli ('45)
- Br Francis Cruice ('51)
- Denis Hyde ('57)
- Garry Byrne ('65)
- Stephen Baxter ('71)

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

# FAREWELL TO A FOOTY LEGEND



*Tim Pickup ('64) as the Captain of the U14 Rugby League team.*



*Tim Pickup ('64) during his Bulldog days.*

We keep in our prayers the family of Old Boy and sporting superstar Tim Pickup ('64) who passed away at the age of 72. Tim's illustrious sporting career began on Breen Oval where he was a member of the College's First XIII in 1964. He was also a great cricketer and won numerous trophies in both sports. Following school, Tim had great success firstly in Rugby Union, where he played four seasons with Manly, and represented New South Wales as a Waratah before changing codes to Rugby League.

From 1975, Tim played five seasons with the Bulldogs as half-back and captain and represented City, New South Wales and Australia. He was chosen as five-eighth for the first four Tests of the World Cup against New Zealand, Wales, France and England. Tim retired from rugby league in 1979 and became heavily involved in boxing. He was managing Jeff Harding when he won the WBC World Light-Heavyweight title in 1989. In 2000, Tim was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for services to Australian sport.



*Matthew Pluss, John Whelan, Peter Neilson, Geoff Brunner & Peter Gallagher catch-up.*

# CLASS OF 1986 REUNITE!

The Class of 1986 had a small get together on Saturday 30 October to celebrate 35 years since leaving St Patrick's. While it was a smaller group than usual, it was the first-year reunion to be held in over 18 months due to COVID-19 restrictions. Many thanks to Frank Stillone and his committee for pulling it all together.

# DONATED ITEMS

Many thanks to David Crane ('96) for his donation of his Year 12 blazer and black corduroy cap.

If there are any other members of the community 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](mailto:nikki.fochesato@spc.nsw.edu.au).



*Br John Stephenson ('38).*



# IN MEMORIAM

In June, family and friends of the late Br John Stephenson ('38) assembled in the College Chapel for a Mass to celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday. In order to honour such a remarkable man, a generous donation of \$8,000 was made to the Edgar Street Bursary by all who attended. What a beautiful gesture indeed!

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