





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was wonderful to commence the new year at St Patrick's with the shadow of lockdowns behind us. Despite this however, we found ourselves not only managing positive COVID-19 cases, but also household contacts in isolation. In the first term of 2022, this meant running a 'hybrid' model of remote learning as our teachers sought to provide students who were not unwell, but were having to isolate at home, opportunities to keep up with their studies. Thankfully, from the start of Term 2, restrictions were lifted for household contacts.

We have commenced the year with our new strategic plan, *A Beacon for Boys' Education*, as our own guiding light. The metaphor of the beacon works well for us as a symbol of our aspirations. We want each boy's light to shine brightly to others (as our motto urges us). We want to attract students to us because of the special community we are. Once here, we want boys to be safe and secure with many opportunities they can choose from to reach their potential.

One of our stated aims is to expand our 'Opportunities' in the co-curricular side of College life. As such, we have added Chess and Golf to the myriad of offerings currently on offer. We have intentionally used our Parents' and Friends' barbecues on Winter Sports Supporters' Days to welcome and invite parents into the life of the College. Parents who have donated their time this year have described how these opportunities have made them feel involved and allowed them to better forge networks with other parents. We hope to continue to promote a positive and inclusive culture in this way.

We are also focusing on 'Sustainable Development' as we work on the College footprint. We have experienced significant rain delays on the Scientia Building project however, the delay has allowed us more time to work on the masterplan and change our recreation spaces to have more active play during boys' break times. There has been some work done to expand the Gymnasium and we are awaiting the approval of the Development Application that will allow us to remove the back brick wall and replace it with large glass doors. This will allow for better ventilation, entry and exit, improved lighting and expanded seating. Furthermore, we will shortly be adding a new piece to our digital infrastructure, our new St Patrick's College app so that we have better communication channels in our community.

In the 'Wellbeing' area of our strategic plan, we have committed ourselves to developing our infrastructure to meet the physical needs of our boys. We have changed Sick Bay to Student Services to more accurately reflect what the staff in there are asked to do: provide a service to the students. The addition of registered nurse, Mrs Britta Crozier has meant that students receive expert care and are triaged professionally when they are unwell or have an accident. We also

have an additional counsellor on board this year. These three full-time professionals are supporting our students in times of need and improving their mental health literacy each day.

Our Co-curricular Program is an integral part of College life and is something that sets St Patrick's College and similar schools apart from most schools across the country. The launch of our new Co-curricular Vision Statement clearly outlines our aims and intentions within this program. We have engaged a Director of Football Development (Brian McCarthy) and Director of Rugby Development (Andrew Brownhill) who have been working with coaches so that we have stronger skill development and thus give our young men more confidence on the field. To date, our Football and Rugby teams have had a wonderful start to the season where we have been challenged, and won, some very tough matches.

I continue to be impressed with the strong connection Old Boys have to the College. The Old Boys' Association Luncheon was a highlight of my year where I met some of our wonderful ex-students and in a couple of cases, men who span four generations in the one family! Later in June, we will be welcoming some of the Class of 1952 back to the College for an Assembly to celebrate the 70th year since graduating from St Patrick's! Their simple request to have lunch in Coghlan 1, the 'fruit salad room', was an easy one to meet and I am looking forward to finding out why the room has such a reputation!

I am grateful that 2022 has commenced with minimal impact by the pandemic and we are enjoying being 'back to normal' and hosting our special St Patrick's College events onsite with our wonderful parent community accompanying us.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

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Dr Vittoria Lavorato
Principal











Cover photo: Year 12 students Hayden Ling, Oliver Hyde & Robert Miracola with Matthew Sara (Year 5), Marcus Romeo (Year 5) & Xavier Brogan (Year 6).



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NEW BEGINNINGS

Our Opening Mass for 2022 celebrated the theme for the year chosen by the senior student leaders - "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love and in faith." (1 Tim 4:12). It reminded the gathered community that we use our blessings to praise God through the example we set, despite our age and wisdom. We focused on the Touchstone of Gospel Spirituality and being Christ for others.

The celebrations began with the viewing of the recently made house videos and the introduction of the new Year 5 students, accompanied by the young men of Year 12. Then later in the Mass we welcomed our new Deputy Principal, Mr Adrian Byrne, as we presented him with various symbols of his new ministry including light and a message stick. Father Jack Evans again inspired all present through his words and the volunteers from the student body led with genuine commitment and a sense of occasion.

After a couple of years of limitations, we were able to welcome back our parents and we could finally sing together again, albeit from behind a mask. It was special to bring community together to celebrate the heart of St Patrick's College, our foundation in faith. Then as per the last few years, we coupled it with our celebration of academia in the High Achievers' Assembly for the Class of 2021.

This day set the tone for the year ahead, celebrating new beginnings and possibilities, grounded in longstanding tradition and community.

Gillian Daley Director of Identity

2022 COLLEGELEADERSHIP TEAM

At the start of the year, we welcomed three new members to our Leadership Team: Mr Adrian Byrne as Deputy Principal, Mr Glenn Stephenson as Director of Junior School and Mrs Karyn Corcoran as Director of HR, Risk and Governance.

Mr Byrne came to us from Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview where he was Director of Boarding and a member of the College Executive. Not only an accomplished leader, Mr Byrne is an outstanding educator with a Master of Education, Bachelor of Education and Certificate in Religious Education. He is currently teaching Year 12 Business Studies and has already proven himself to be an asset to the College.

Mr Stephenson also joins us as an experienced educational leader who, for the past 11 years, has held various teaching and leadership positions, the most recent being Head of Learning and Teaching (ELC - Year 6) and Head of Academic Care (ELC - Year 6) at Masada College, St Ives. He is passionate about all areas of primary education and is devoted to promoting a positive and engaging learning environment.

For the past four years, Mrs Corcoran was employed as our Human Resources Leader before her role was expanded to include the area of risk and governance. The significance of this role has necessitated the need for it to be added to the College Leadership Team's portfolios. I have no doubt that Mrs Corcoran's appointment will strengthen our commitment to the workforce and matters of risk and governance which are such an important and emerging part of school leadership.

Dr Vittoria Lavorato Principal



Back: Ms Gillian Daley (Director of Identity), Mr Michael Cutrupi (Director of Curriculum), Mr Richie Chacon (Director of Business Services), Mr Steven Fochesato (Director of Co-curriculum), Mrs Denise Lombardo (Director of Learning & Innovation), Seated: Mr Robert Simpson (Director of Wellbeing), Mr Adrian Byrne (Deputy Principal), Dr Vittoria Lavorato (Principal), Mr Glenn Stephenson (Director of Junior School),



Mrs Karyn Corcoran (Director of HR, Risk & Governance).





SUCCESS AGAINST THE ODDS

For the Class of 2021, living under the cloud of COVID-19 meant that their last two years of schooling had been somewhat tumultuous. Not only were their trial HSC examinations pushed back and moved online, having to spend the whole of Term 3 in lockdown severely impacted their study. They then had to return to the College to sit their final HSC examinations late in Term 4 when ordinarily they would have graduated. During this time, students had to adhere to strict COVID-19 protocols like the wearing of facemasks and self-testing before each examination

Despite all this, the 2021 cohort really lifted themselves and produced some great results which we celebrated during our annual High Achievers' Assembly. Each of the 29 students who achieved an ATAR of 90 and above were presented with their Academic Excellence Award for Distinguished Achievement in the State.

We congratulated Patrick Tandiono, College Dux for 2021 having achieved an ATAR of 99.15 and Lawrence Young as Proxime Accessit with an ATAR of 99.10. In addition, four students were placed on the State's All-Round Achievers' List. Joining Patrick Tandiono as All-Rounders are Jordan Foti, Christopher Gatto and Dion Michalopoulos. Steven Dann of Year 11 made the State's Top Achievers' List placing seventeenth in the State in Mathematics Advanced. A comprehensive publication of the HSC Class of 2021 High Achievers is available on the College website.

During the Assembly, we also congratulated Luke Goldsmith and William Symons of Year 11 as the recipients of the 2022 Br McGlade Scholarships.

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











A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

It's been an exciting and rewarding start to the year for the Parents' and Friends' Association, and an absolute honour to be part of this team. To date, we have prepared for the Junior School Dinner, Supporters' Day barbecues, wrapping of roses for Mother's Day and of course, the annual Blue, Black and Gold Dinner, just to name a few.

This year, our Blue, Black and Gold Dinner tickets sold out in a record three days, which is an amazing reaction and support by parents. A great night was had by all, with special thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Old Boy Rob Shehadie ('94) who graciously set the scene with Dr Lavorato's extravagant entrance!

Along with the functions organised by the P&F Executive, we have extended the team of Class Representatives who have been wonderful in organising the social gatherings for their individual year groups.

We have also had the pleasure of donating funds to the school via the Parents' and Friends' Grant Scheme. This year, the recipients of these funds were in the departments of Languages, Performing Arts, HSIE, Music, and the Junior School, with all expressing appreciation for the added provision set to benefit our boys.

Each year, we strive to give more and our events are only possible with the support from the wider community, particularly the parents. I must thank each and everyone who has assisted us in any way this year. We are blessed to be part of such a collaborative and supportive community, from students who are always willing to lend a helping hand, to parents who are always willing to step up and offer their time.

On behalf of my fellow P&F Executive Committee members; Jacqueline Barton, Janet Tannous, Belinda Barakat, Jason Auland, Alison Auland and Caroline Chahin, we thank you for your continued support.

Elena lerardo P&F President

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FATHERS AND SONS CONNECT



Fathers and sons came together during the Father and Son Evening.

The Year 11 Father and Son Evening was an event which allowed boys in the cohort to connect with their dads on a deeper level through one-on-one conversations, as well as group interactions with other students and fathers.

The evening consisted of a variety of activities bringing on conversations, reflecting on the past, and building on a stronger relationship with our fathers. In one activity, we were allocated an unseen topic picked out of a hat which allowed students and their dads to speak with an open heart and mind about the topic, sharing their thoughts and experiences. Advice was given from father to son and on some occasions from son to father. The night

continued with small group conversations and the introduction of fathers and sons to each other, as well as the opportunity to share a meal and some stories.

Overall, the night demonstrated what it is to be the father or father figure to a son, to be the role model and to inspire. The night allowed my peers and I to understand how to follow in the footsteps of our fathers. It was a great evening to connect with each other and to share some of ourselves on a deeper level which we don't get to do often. A fun time was had by all.

Marco Garigliano Year 11 Student













A MOTHER'S LOVE

After a two-year delay, we finally managed to gather as a whole school cohort at Rosehill Gardens to celebrate Mother's Day for 2022. This event is perhaps one of the most significant on our school calendar and for the first time in more than a couple of decades, we were able to celebrate it together with one Mass.

It was a time to gather as a community to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, acknowledge and pray to our Heavenly Mother Mary and to show our mothers the gratitude and love we have for them. The Mass, from Father Jack's homily to Dr Lavorato's address and the joyful hymns sung throughout, filled us with lots of emotions making it so much more special.

This year's theme for our Mass was focused on Jesus' commandment of love. We can see this commandment lived out each day by our mothers. They play numerous roles in our daily lives; from being our number one advocate to being our driver, chef, cleaner, referee, counsellor and sometimes even our dictator. Everything they do, they do with love. There is no one in the world who can love in quite the same way as our mothers.

Nothing is greater than a mother's love for her children. Like our Mother Mary in heaven, a mother's love is unconditional, unique and incomparable, and remains the same for a lifetime; it will never change. Our mother's love is something we should cherish forever. The level of security a child feels from their mother's love is beyond measure, and no child ever needs to ask for love as it comes naturally.

A big thank you to Ms Daley and Mrs Viney for all the work they put into events like these and to the mothers, students, and staff who helped with the Mass. It was truly a mammoth celebration with many logistical components in which everyone played their role.

I hope that all our mothers and mother-like figures celebrated their day with lots of love. For all the mothers who have gone before us, especially in our College community, may they continue to rest in eternal life with St Patrick and all the saints.

Anthony Chahin Faith Formation / Spirituality Prefect

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ETHICS OLYMPIAD

A team of our Year 11 students recently competed in the Senior School Ethics Olympiad. These students were required to become familiar with a series of ethical cases, decide on their stance as a team, as well as consider and understand opposing views.

Our 'ethletes' demonstrated critical thinking skills as they presented their ideas and then carefully listened to the ideas of other students from schools across NSW before responding. Although our boys did not receive a place, they were given an honourable mention for their excellent participation and are to be congratulated on their great thinking skills and teamwork.

Janine Timillero
Diverse Learning Coordinator



LEADERS OF ACTION



As leaders, we are constantly looking for ways to grow and develop, as both individuals and as a team. One way we have been able to do this is through hosting the annual St Patrick's College Young Leaders' Afternoon Tea. The theme was 'Leaders of Action', whereupon we focussed on the

importance of taking action, and reflected on, and explored new ways we could ensure we are leaders of action.

The afternoon consisted of discussions, games, socialising, and many more activities that allowed us to not only get to know other young leaders from our community, but to also share ideas and initiatives from our respective schools. We were privileged to hear from guest speaker Dr Lavorato who drew on the story of the Good Samaritan to remind us to always aim to embody the actions of the Samaritan. By looking for ways we can help others we not only become better leaders, but more importantly, better humans.

Overall, the afternoon was a great success and was one that will guide us in our roles as leaders in these next few terms and beyond.

Michael Bejjani College Captain

AN INSIGHT INTOGENE THERAPY



Old Boy and former student of Mrs Warsop, Dr Anthony Cutrupi ('09) and his research colleague PhD candidate Ms Boyling,

are genetic researchers from the Anzac Research Institute who are making astounding breakthroughs into detection and prevention of peripheral motor neurone diseases. They generously gave up their time to present their work to, and inspire, both Year 12 Biology classes.

Dr Cutrupi and Ms Boyling's presentation was a truly wonderful and interesting experience. They gave us an insight into their cutting-edge research in relation to peripheral motor neurone disease and genetic reprogramming and its magnificent applications in curing both rare and fatal diseases.

Despite the complexity of such a rich topic, Dr Cutrupi and Ms Boyling's communication skills made the information they conveyed easy to understand. Additionally, the ground

breaking nature of the research was further inspiration for a career in genetic research and clinical science.

Anthony Ozlem Year 12 Student



SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE



In March, a handful of Year 9 and 10 students were selected to participate in the nationwide Science and Engineering Challenge.

The challenge, coordinated by the University of Newcastle, for the intent to foster ingenuity and logical thinking of the participants, pitted groups of SPC students against competing schools to solve an assortment of engineering dilemmas. These ranged from the construction of a semi-functional hand with plastic straws to the powering of a hypothetical city, indicative of the daily challenges faced by engineers.

The day culminated in the rigorous bridge-building challenge which required students to build a bridge with household materials that could withstand increasing weight. Despite the Year 10 team initially trailing behind, the group entrusted with building the bridge resisted buckling under pressure and seized the victory.

Luke Sultana Year 10 Student





WHAT MATTERS?

The following is an extract from a piece of writing entitled 'Me, You and Blue' which was written by Year 6 student, Raul Kandiah. Raul entered a writing competition called 'What Matters?' in which students from across the country choose to craft a written response based on a particular perspective or point of view.

'In the desolate 610km stretch between Broome and Port Hedland, in the fly infested, termite mound covered red outback, lies a bright, blue tree. As my family and I were singing along to the tunes of George Ezra's 'Shotgun', driving through the world's second biggest state in 40-degree weather, there it was... the tree that I almost ignored as I thought it was yet another mirage. At first, we presumed it was just a prank and considered nothing more of it. Only after this repeated blue phenomenon kept popping up in every town did I actually give it a second thought.

The trees had my attention, and I was intrigued, so I decided to do some research. I uncovered that they represented the Blue Tree Project, and I was amazed to discover that there are 796 painted trees worldwide, with 780 of them located right here in Australia. Kendall Whyte started the Blue Tree Project after her brother lost his battle against mental illness.

The objective of these trees is to raise awareness around mental health issues and to spread the message that 'It is ok to not be ok'. The blue trees prompted me to ask myself if I am ok? I was not even a hundred percent sure if I knew what that actually meant, but at least it made me think about it.'

Raul Kandiah Year 6 student













OPPORTUNITIES ABOUNDIN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Since beginning my role at St Patrick's College, many people have asked me how I am finding the experience. During the past few months, I have seen firsthand exactly why St Patrick's deservedly holds its outstanding reputation. With a committed emphasis towards improving all aspects of the overall development of each student, the strategic direction of the College, 'a beacon for boys' education', shines brightly in every area of school operations. The College has a strong history and traditions, sense of community and firm identity and I am extremely honoured to be leading the foundational stage of the school in Years 5 and 6.

In the Junior School, the partnership between home and school is incredibly important to us with the ongoing collaboration and support of our wonderful parent community. We will continue to do all we can to ensure that the unique needs of each boy remain at the centre of our conversations. Earlier in the year, our classroom teachers took the time to contact a parent from every family in their class to discuss the specific needs of their son. Furthermore, all specialist teachers sent an 'overview' email to parents summarising their specific subject and highlighting what the boys had been working on during class. This emphasis on parent communication only served to strengthen the bonds that had already been formed through various community events held in Term 1.

Our teaching staff constantly seek to provide students with rich and meaningful learning experiences which broaden their knowledge and understanding. While these often occur within targeted teaching and learning programs, there are also additional opportunities for students which sit outside the 'regular' classroom context. Ranging from our fortnightly Pastoral Care Program (PCP) sessions to the House Chess competition, the boys are provided with a unique choice of experiences from which they can learn and grow.

While the remainder of 2022 promises to be filled with exciting opportunities for students to further develop as proud representatives of the Junior School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their continued partnership in the educational journey of every boy as we all work together for the benefit of their overall development throughout the year. Luceat Lux Vestra!

Glenn Stephenson Director of Junior School

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A SEASON OF FALSE STARTS









Unfortunately, thanks to COVID-19, we experienced an interrupted Summer sports season for the second year in a row. After an entire term of remote learning, students returned to the College in Term 4 2021 eager to represent in the Blue, Black, Gold. Uncertain as to how summer sport competitions would be structured, all MICs and coaches worked tirelessly to get the boys back on court, oval or diamond so that teams could be selected and the boys could train and be ready to play once restrictions eased. Only a handful of Cricket and Baseball teams were lucky enough to play some fixtures late last year; the swimmers and basketballers had to wait until Term 1 2022 to compete.

Unfortunately for our Swimming Squad, all invitational carnivals were cancelled in the lead up to the ISA Championships. While there were many PBs swum on the day, SPC finished fourth in the ISA Aggregate Shield.

Coming into the new year, we were optimistic that various ISA, NDJCA and RHBL competitions were set and ready to go from day one. Disappointingly, this excitement was short lived after the term 'wash-out' was becoming a common phrase due to the unprecedented rainfall experienced this summer. Very few Cricket and Baseball fixtures ended with a result this season and only five rounds of Basketball were played.

We congratulate the following teams for being awarded Premierships or Runners Up in their respective sports for the shortened season. In Baseball, the First IX were undefeated RHBL Premiers and 16 Gold were RHBL Runners Up. In Basketball, we had three teams who were awarded undefeated ISA Premierships: 13 Gold, 13 Black, 14 Black and 15 B were crowned ISA Premiers. In Cricket, our First XI were ISA Runners Up and our 16 Black team were NDJCA Runners Up.

With Winter sport already underway, we are hopeful that our boys will be able to continue to play for the entire season.

Anthony Calavassy Head of Secondary Sport





BLACK AND GREEN SHIELD RECLAIMED

On the first Saturday in April, most of our Rugby and Football teams contested the Black and Green Shield against friendly rivals, Trinity Grammar School. Unfortunately, due to wet weather, not all Winter teams could play a role in gaining points for the Shield. Despite this, it proved to be a very competitive day across all fixtures with great sportsmanship and spirit displayed by both schools. In what was a very

close tussle this year, SPC managed to reclaim the Black and Green Shield by just one victory. Since its inception in 2004, we have won the Shield fourteen times as opposed to Trinity Grammar School who have won it three times.

Anthony Calavassy Head of Secondary Sport

SPORTS' SKILL DEVELOPMENT AT SPC

Last year, we launched the Cocurricular Vision Statement which clearly indicated the high regard the College community places in the Cocurricular Program and what it provides for our boys. To that end, the College is implementing strategies to enhance student, coaches and community engagement and experiences.

One such strategy was to appoint Heads of Rugby and Football

Development to not only improve players' skill sets but just as importantly, to support our coaches and provide them with the resources they need for growth. These appointments were made at the commencement of 2022 following a thorough interview process that attracted applicants from the four corners of the globe.

Although they have only been with

us for two terms, both Mr Brownhill and Mr McCarthy have already made significant contributions to the Co-curricular Program. Boys have benefitted from early morning skills sessions and video analysis gatherings while also demonstrating their competitiveness during the early rounds of Winter sport. Furthermore, Mr Brownhill and Mr McCarthy have offered our coaches mentoring in both Summer and Winter sports.

We are confident these appointments will do much to foster and develop the already established and rich cultures of Rugby and Football at the College. Their experience in guiding and mentoring coaches of all levels will no doubt prove beneficial to the entire sports program at St Patrick's College.

Steven Fochesato
Director of Co-Curricular



INTRODUCING ANDREW BROWNHILL

HEAD OF RUGBY DEVELOPMENT



Mr Brownhill, who is a Level 3 qualified Rugby Coach, comes to us from the United Kingdom and is currently enrolled in a Masters in Elite Sport Coaching course.

Before taking up this opportunity at SPC, Mr Brownhill had eight years' work experience in Premiership Rugby clubs (Gloucester and Worcester Warriors), as well as six years' experience working in the Scottish Rugby Union in Talent ID and as an Age Grade Coach. His playing experience includes representing Scotland at Schoolboy level.

Mr Brownhill has also been in a Rugby Development role for the past four years. Firstly, working for Mad Dog Rugby (Lewis Moody MBE award winning Rugby Program) and up until departure, at Malvern College, one of the UK's leading independent schools. In these roles he worked as Head of Rugby operations overseeing the development of Rugby across three schools. These roles also saw him lead the Coach Education Program for all Rugby coaches and the Personal Development, Health, Physical Education (PDHPE) staff at each school.

Since joining the College, Mr Brownhill has overseen the rollout of a new Rugby Program across the Junior and Senior school. The focus of this has been skill development, decision making and tactical awareness. He has also put a big emphasis on ensuring all age groups are competent around their set piece and scrums and lineouts and will continue to be a focus. Already we are starting to see a considerable improvement in player development which is manifesting into team performances across all age groups, most notably in B, C and D teams.





INTRODUCING BRIAN McCARTHY

HEAD OF FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



Mr McCarthy hails from Ireland, and amongst a host of professional achievements, has worked as the Republic of Ireland Senior International Performance Analyst for four European Championships, three World Cup qualifying campaigns and the 2012 Euro Finals. During these campaigns he has worked closely with a number of highly reputable national managers, including Giovanni Trapattoni. Mr McCarthy also has significant experience as a Coach Education tutor and presenter, at National level, in the Football Association of Ireland's UEFA 'B', 'A' and UEFA Pro Licenses.

As well as being a highly qualified Football professional, Mr McCarthy is also an experienced secondary teacher. He has extensive experience at international, national association, high performing schools and multiple grassroots levels - as a coach, teacher, analyst, director, administrator, designer, presenter and transformative manager.

For the past seven years, Mr McCarthy held the position of Director of Football at Newington College where he was responsible for designing and implementing a bespoke coaching curriculum, a coach identification and recruitment program, professional development for external and internal coaches as well as a myriad of strategies to promote and improve Football.

Since undertaking his role here, Mr McCarthy has revamped the Football Program and expanded the coaching equipment inventory. He recognises the need to secure better offsite training facilities to ensure his dynamic coaching curriculum is delivered in a much higher quality-controlled environment. Mr McCarthy hopes to ensure that the type of coaching and football education offered by St Patrick's is at a far higher level than any other educational institution.



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ALL THE RIGHT MOVES



Junior Chess Champion, Robert Cregan ('91) believes the game taught him useful life skills.



Michael De Meio (Year 11) practices his moves.

The game of chess is synonymous with mental stamina, strategy, and patience. It is played by millions of people worldwide, and transcends both language, culture, and time. Throughout its history, St Patrick's College has competed in competitive Chess, though this timeline has not been a linear one. It was first introduced as a Co-curricular to the College in 1970, with only the existence of the Junior School competition.

Since its commencement, there was a growing interest which saw the first Senior teams competing in 1978. This later continued throughout the 1980s and 1990s where both Junior and Senior teams were in active competition.

Old Boy and former member of the Chess Club, Robert Cregan ('91) demonstrated great success and secured a result of 2nd place in the Australian Junior Chess Championship in 1989 and 1990 and equal second in 1991. Robert comments on his overwhelmingly positive experience in competing in chess at the College:

"Many lunch times at St Patrick's were spent having fun in the sanctuary of the Chess Club. The Senior School Club, run by our venerable maths wizard Mr Flynn, was very popular. Sometimes 40 boys would be playing across 20 boards. Chess was one of the few activities at St Pat's that brought together boys from Year 7 right through to Year 12."

"I found that chess helped me at school, both socially and academically. After playing tournament games that took three or four hours, it was no trouble to sit a three-hour exam. And the pressure of playing with clocks really teaches you to think under pressure. But at a deeper level, I think it prepared my brain to think in a visual way and to use verbal reasoning to make logical decisions, which helps me in my work even today. And the practice of sitting and thinking has made me a calmer person."

Competitive chess continued until the mid-2000s when it was gradually dissolved as the staff involved moved to other areas of the Co-curricular Program. In recent years, other than the College sporadically participating in the odd competitive chess tournament, the only opportunity to play the game was through friendly matches during lunchtime in the library.

Now in 2022, the recommencement of chess is in full swing; the College has entered the NSW Junior Chess League Secondary Schools Competition. Students from Years 7 to 11 are competing across three groups: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. This is an exciting opportunity for the College to re-establish itself in competitive chess across the Metropolitan Eastern Region. The opportunity offered to the students has been met with both enthusiasm and excitement.

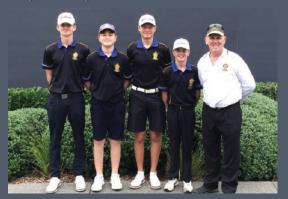
As the Senior School's Chess Coordinator, it is an exciting opportunity for me to assist the students in their Co-curricular pursuits and embed myself in the rich history of chess at the College. I only hope that this re-emergence of chess will continue throughout the years as a long lasting Co-curricular activity.

Adriana Karanfilovski Chess Coordinator

GOLF MAKES A COMEBACK



Steve Carroll ('97), Adam Trent ('97) & Adam Firmani ('99) on the green of England's Sunningdale Golf Club.



Harrison Buckley (Year 12), Lloyd Witt (Year 12), Lachlan Weir (Year 11) & Joe Doran (Year 8) with Mr Viney (Golf Coordinator) at Strathfield Golf Club.

Golf as a recognised Co-curricular activity has ebbed and flowed over the years. It wasn't until the late 1950s when students first hit the fairways, with numbers increasing to about 50 or so contestants in the 1960s, when golf was played casually at one day tournaments.

Both Junior and Senior golf teams began to appear in Lumen from 1970, with a Golf Champion determined and listed at the front of the publication. Golf teams would compete against other schools in the TCS tournament. Notable golfers from this era include Mark Buggy ('74), Anthony Blayney ('76), Sean McCrystal ('81) and Paul McCrystal ('84).

In 1998, the College was the most successful NSW school in Golf. For three consecutive years, we won the Allan Uther Shield and the NSW Junior Championship with the help of talented golfers: Brett Folkes ('96), Brad Condon ('96), Steve Carroll ('97), Adam Trent ('97) and Adam Firmani ('99). Steve Carroll, Adam Trent and Adam Firmani went on to compete in the International Schools Final whereupon St Patrick's College represented Australia. This event was held at the prestigious Sunningdale Golf Club in England where we secured 2nd place overall. Adam

Firmani was also recognised for finishing 2nd in the individual competition.

In recent years, the College has at times entered a Golf team in a competition organised by former parent Mr Martin Collins. We now find that in 2022, St Patrick's can regularly field a team of four who play 'match play' games against schools like Knox, Newington and Riverview.

Sadly, due to the torrential rain which occurred during the summer season, only three games were played, and our team of Joe Doran Hcp 7 (Year 8), Lachlan Weir Hcp 12 (Year 11), Lloyd Witt Hcp 24 (Year 11) and Harrison Buckley Hcp 14 (Year 12) performed exceptionally well. Special mention ought to be made of Joe Doran who won every game he played with most participants going to the 17th hole before matches were decided.

The games were played in the spirit of golf where courtesy and etiquette are essential elements. At the end of the last round, SPC was well placed and we are now looking forward to the return of the summer season whereupon our boys will once again roam the fairways.

Andrew Viney Golf Coordinator

GOING THE DISTANCE

The running of the Waterford Mile has become an important and much anticipated part of our Founder's Day celebrations. For Year 12 student Jonathan Meaker, no doubt this year's running will be bittersweet as he takes to the track on Breen Oval for the last time. In his eight years of schooling, Jonathan has run this race every year, bar 2020, when he was recovering from injury. While in the Junior School, for two years he placed second, on both occasions being pipped at the post by Year 12 runners. He has since gone on to win the race on three occasions, the only student to have achieved this. His handicap this year will make it very tough for him to make this his fourth victory but judging by his track record, as he charges down the home stretch, he will give it everything. Whatever the outcome, his classmates will be vigorously supporting him in the stands.

Since he first slipped on his spikes in 2015, we have had the pleasure of witnessing the feats of this champion athlete. In all, he has broken an astonishing 11 College middle distance records across different age groups, some of which had stood for over 30 or 40 years. Outside of school, Jonathan holds 14 CIS medals and 15 NSW State titles across Athletics and Cross Country. He also has two National Medals in the 2km Steeplechase and holds records in both the 1500m and 3000m events in Zone Little Athletics. What a Pool Room he must have! As Jonathan embarks on his final few months at the College, I asked him to share some insights about his time here, particularly in relation to his running accomplishments.

At what age did you start running competitively?

I started running competitively in Year 5, when representing the College during the Cross Country season.

What drives you? What keeps you focused?

Racing is extremely rewarding, months of training can go into a single race, so it can be somewhat refreshing turning up to the line and knowing you have trained hard for it. Other sports like Cricket and Rugby are different in this sense, as multiple variables can affect the way you perform on game day. The success of running is directly related to the amount of effort put into it. People often measure success as the medal, trophy, or ribbon. But success is the satisfaction from the hard work and effort put into the discipline. Success is the early mornings, the repetitive trainings, and the moments when you refuse to give up. Sure, victory on game day is an added bonus, but focusing on the consistent training and honestly working hard allows for long term success and enjoyment.

Who inspires you?

Australian runners have recently dominated the world stage in middle distance running. The Olympic 1500m final showcased two Aussie athletes; Oliver Hoare and Stewart McSweyn competing for a medal in the fastest 1500m race to date.

What is your training schedule like? Do you follow a special diet?

I usually run six times a week, and average 60-70kms per cycle. A typical week of training includes three interval training sessions, (for example repetitions of 400 metres or 1km) and three easy jogs (50-90 minutes). The aim of training is to be as consistent as possible to keep fit and stay away from injuries. I don't follow a special diet; however, I avoid junk food (usually!)

Upon graduating this year, what do you think will be your best memories of your school days?

The sports carnivals, Founder's Days, classroom banter. I've had a great experience at 'Pat's,' and I will miss every moment of it.

What are your athletic ambitions post St Patrick's College? Commonwealth Games? Olympics?

I haven't thought much about running after school, but I want to have a good crack at it. Maybe the Olympics are a moonshot, but I'll try my best! Racing is lots of fun, so I want to compete as much as possible. The USA has a great college running scene, so I would consider travelling over for study and championship races in the future.

In terms of study and career choices, what are your aspirations?

My favorite subjects are Design and Technology and Visual Arts, so I would love a career path that combines these fields. Anything that requires innovation and creativity would be awesome. I am currently looking into university courses in the areas of product design and innovation.

Nikki Fochesato Community Liaison / Archivist

Jonathan's supreme talent and dedication to his craft have been an absolute pleasure to watch. His continual humility and drive to improve are great examples for others to follow. SPC has been very privileged to have him as part of the running fraternity.

Mr Thomas Mackie - MIC Athletics and Cross Country

Be it on the athletics track or cross country course, Jonathan's performances over the years have been nothing short of extraordinary. He has been crowned victorious in every single race I've witnessed him compete in, bar one, where he contested up a division. Jonathan's strength of heart and will to succeed are only matched by his sincere humility.

Mr Ross Angelatos - Athletics and Cross Country Coach















JONATHAN MEAKER'S COLLEGE ATHLETIC RECORDS

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Age Group	Distance	Current Record Holder	Year Set	Time	Previous Record Holder	Year Set	Time
12 Years	800m	Jonathan Meaker	2017	2:19.70	Luke Donovan	1998	2:23.92
12 Years	1500m	Jonathan Meaker	2017	4:53.00	David Whealy	1981	4:59.20
13 Years	1500m	Jonathan Meaker	2018	4:38.45	James Moran	1984	4:46.25
14 Years	800m	Jonathan Meaker	2019	2:09.23	Tom Neale	2003	2:13.00
14 Years	1500m	Jonathan Meaker	2019	4:25.16	Darcy Jenson	2012	4:38.2
14 Years	3000m	Jonathan Meaker	2019	9:13.40	Connor Mulholland	2008	10:04.2
16 Years	800m	Jonathan Meaker	2021	2:00.15	Carl Marning	1981	2:03.85
16 Years	1500m	Jonathan Meaker	2021	4:06.68	Carl Marning	1981	4:21.27
Opens	800m	Jonathan Meaker	2022	1:58.81	Brendan Heys	2002	1:59.60
Opens	1500m	Jonathan Meaker	2022	4:13.53	Matthew Todd	1980	4:19.08
Opens	3000m	Jonathan Meaker	2022	9:12.58	Anthony Pulvirenti	2003	9:33.00











LIFE AFTER THE HSC

On 23 March, the College hosted the Old Boys' Careers Information Evening for students in Years 11 and 12. The purpose of the event was to provide our students with insights into various careers so they can make informed decisions about the careers they may be interested in looking further into and pursuing. The Old Boys who presented provided inspiring stories as they outlined their post school education journey, career progression and how they achieved their career goals.

On this evening, each student attended three half hour presentations in the career field of their choice. Most presentations had two or more Old Boy speakers, so students were able to hear different perspectives and gain understanding of the various roles that may stem from a particular career field. After taking on board the student feedback from last year's Careers Evening, this year we had a more diverse range of career fields. Some of the careers that were represented on the evening included Actuary, Accounting, Construction Management, Engineering, Environmental Science, Investment Banking, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Performing Arts and Teaching, just to name a few. This year we also

had current university students who were able to provide advice on the course they were undertaking. Many of the presenters discussed post graduate studies that they had completed or were currently completing, providing the message that learning is a lifelong process and an essential requirement to keep up with the everchanging world of work.

After the event, students were able to provide feedback via a survey. Overall, the responses were positive, and it was evident that the evening was valuable. Most students gained deeper understanding and clarity for future decision making. One student reflected: "We got a real life explanation of what certain career fields look like and the requirements to get there. It allowed us to further understand other ways to get there if we don't get the marks." Another student articulated: "I gained a lot of knowledge and certainty about the path I want to walk towards in the future. The evening also resolved any doubts and misconceptions that I had "

I hope that the students were able to take away from this event that they can achieve their career goals with a growth mindset. Having a growth mindset means that an

individual adopts a positive outlook on learning and believes that their intelligence and talents can be developed over time through hard work, determination and resilience. Furthermore, they are able to embrace mistakes as opportunities for growth and accept setbacks as part of the learning process. Having listened to the Old Boys speak on the evening, it was certainly evident that each one of them has a growth mindset.

The event captured the true community spirit of St Patrick's College in our touchstone Inclusive Community. The Old Boys of the College are committed to playing their part in the common good of assisting our boys to become inclusive men in this dynamic world. In all, there were 43 Old Boys who graciously gave up time from their busy lives 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.

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.

Joanne Cupac Careers Advisor We thank the following Old Boys for sharing their insights in many different careers:

Actuary/Finance Investment Luke Carroll ('99) James Kozelj ('08) Alessandro La Mela ('19)

Business Management/Strategy Anthony Ferraro ('10) Matthew Hadchiti ('10)

Careers in Health
David Allan ('03)
Brandon Boumelhem ('14)
Christopher Lam ('14)
Simon Miller ('08)

Construction/Property Development Adrian Dann ('98) Anthony Filippello ('08)

Education/Teaching
Luke Barry-Donnellan ('08)

Engineering Joshua Bezjak ('14) Patrick Boidin ('04)

Nick Schasser ('18)

Finance/Accounting
James Collins ('09)

Graphic DesignAnthony Georges ('09)

Law Mark Challita ('16) Jonathan Nigro ('10)

Marketing/E-Commerce Luke Calavassy ('03) Robert Squillacioti ('02)

Medicine Dr John Holt ('99)

Performing Arts/Music/ Writing/Acting Rowan Dix ('04) Robert Johnson ('08)

Pharmacy and Pathways into Medicine and Dental Medicine Anthony Bejjani ('17) Christian Bejjani ('19) Joseph Bejjani ('16)

Physiotherapy Nicholas Dang ('14) James Newbury ('11)

Police Force Mark Hargreaves ('83)

Property Valuation and Facilities Management Anthony Cipolla ('15) Donald Semken ('03)

Psychology Adrian lenna ('13) Tom Nicholl ('13)

Real Estate Nicholas Cristou ('12) Patrick Sioud ('15)

Sciences (Environmental Management) and Renewable Energy Adam Camilleri ('10) Scott Partlin ('99)

Sports Business Management and Sports Journalism Patrick Galloway ('98) Rohan Sawyer ('99)

Trades (Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry) and Building Marcus Criniti ('16) Adam Quinlan ('93) Ray Hallit ('89)















OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Finally, after many false starts, we were able to host the 2020 Old Boys' Luncheon. After two years of lockdowns and restrictions, it was great to catch up with old friends and share a meal together. Highlights from the day included Principal Dr Vittoria Lavorato's address as she shared with us some of her initial experiences of leading St Patrick's and updated us on the current building plans. She also spoke about the strong connection so many Old Boys have to their alma mater and how she has felt welcomed by those she has met. Dr Lavorato recognised a number of Old Boys present who were from multi-generational SPC families and gifted all present with a specially made Old Boys' keyring.

On-stage we were entertained by Luke Barry-Donnellan ('08) who interviewed John Manenti ('88) about his current role as the Australian Men's Rugby Sevens Coach, and his career path which led to him taking up the position. Following the lunch, many present continued the celebrations into the night at the nearby Mercantile Hotel. By all accounts, it was a great day and well worth the wait. We hope to see even more faces at next year's Old Boys' Luncheon which is going to take place on Friday 10 March 2023. So, start planning your tables and we will provide more details closer to the date.

It was not just the lunch which had fallen victim to COVID-19, so too the many planned reunions which had to be postponed.
Fortunately, some of these have since taken place in recent months and we have a number planned for the rest of the year. However, it's not just year groups that have been finally able to get together but also groups like the First XV from 1982 who, along with their coach Mervyn McCormack, caught up and reminisced about their Rugby season from 40 years ago!

We are currently planning an informal catchup in the city on the evening of Thursday 6 October 2022 with details to be posted on the Old Boys' website: https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/nsw/spc/. After logging on, you will also find photos from various events in the 'News and Events' section.

Hopefully, I'll see many of you at Back to Breen Day on Saturday 13 August 2022.

Greg Dening Old Boys' Executive Officer



All Old Boys are welcome to attend:

BACK TO BREEN DAY

Saturday 13 August 2022

The College will be hosting Football Semi-Finals (pending results) on the back ovals during the day, with the First XV Rugby v Kinross Wolaroi kicking off on Breen Oval at 3:15 PM.

We would love to see as many of you as possible come along to support the boys.



WE'RE BACK!

It has been an exciting and busy pre-season for St Patrick's Rugby Club following the premature cancellation of the 2021 season. In February 2022, we were advised that we would be returning to Division 1 of NSW Suburban Rugby, the pinnacle of amateur Rugby Union in NSW. We will be fielding five Opens Men's teams and an U21 Colts team every weekend.

We are also excited to announce that we will be supporting the launch of Strathfield Women's Rugby Club (an associated club of SPRC) who initially will play Rugby Sevens in the NSW Suburban competition.

On the field, we have had an action-packed pre-season including our annual tour to Armidale and a training camp in Kiama. The relentless wet weather has curtailed our ability to get on the field, however, our coaching team have adapted to the conditions to deliver a fantastic training program for all of our players.

As has become a custom over the years, we have been blessed with an influx of new players from the most recent (2021) graduating class. We were most proud to have had a number of Old Boys make their debut for the Club in our Round 1 match against Knox Old Boys on 30 April 2022.

A big year is in the pipeline for SPRC and if you would like to see us in action, we invite all Old Boys to Hudson Park on 27 August 2022 for our Round 14 match against Blue Mountains when we will be hosting our Old Boys' Day!

If you are keen to play, it is not too late to get involved. We cater for all ages, abilities and commitment levels. If interested, please get in touch with Tim Skinner at (timskinner1995@gmail.com).

Tim Skinner SPRC Committee Member & Parking Officer





OLD BOYS PITCH PERFECT

Early in February, SPFC hosted its annual Football Gala Day at Lambert Park in Leichhardt. The day was a great success, with the Club and our supporters managing to raise \$3,000 for our charity partner, Beyond Blue.

After the season was affected by lockdowns and restrictions in 2021, SPFC was keen to get back onto the pitch. Head Coach, Nass Martino took to the helm for his second season with the goal of getting the Club promoted into the NWSF Premier League. Congratulations to both our Super League First Grade and Reserve Grade for winning their respective competitions in 2021 however, as the season was cut short, promotion was out of reach.

The Club continues to grow its pathways program by reestablishing an U21s team for a second year as a junior development team for our Super League Squad. They will be accompanied by a stronger All-Age team lead by Alex Peron

to help guide the younger boys on a week-to-week basis. We also have our 035s team and an All-Age Division 6 team who are raring to go for the upcoming season, and I am happy to announce that our Women's team will be returning to the Club in 2022. Much thanks must go to Women's Head Coach, Rob Bonserio ('09) who continues to drive the girls to do their best!

Finally, the committee welcomes back former President, Mark Liberatore who has been appointed Vice President. I have no doubt that Mark's knowledge will help guide the Club now and into the future. As mentioned every year, if anyone is keen to be involved from a coaching, playing or sponsorship perspective, please contact Anthony Bonaccorso ('13) 0407 265 390 (President), Nick de Lutiis ('12) 0410 322 522 (Vice President) or Mark Liberatore ('06) 0414 553 199 (Vice President).

Nick de Lutiis ('12) SPFC Vice President



FOUNDER'S DAY CUP

On the Wednesday afternoon before the Queen's Birthday long weekend, the College hosted the much-loved Founder's Cup fixture. Members of our football family gathered around SPC Number 2, as our First XI took on the might of the Old Boys. It was a great game with both teams exhibiting great sportsmanship and camaraderie. In the end though,

the younger legs of the First XI boys prevailed as they stormed home to record a 5-0 victory. We look forward to next year's tussle for the cup!

Steven Fochesato First XI Coach

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Due to restrictions, some of the following reunions celebrating various milestones had to be postponed. To stay informed about these and other reunions, please log on to the Old Boys' website: https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/ and check out the 'News & Events' section.

CLASS OF 1956 AND 1957 REUNION

Date: Wednesday 27 July 2022

Zabou Bar & Grill, 95-99 York St, Sydney Venue:

Contact: Rod Cooper

CLASS OF 2001 – 21 YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday 3 September 2022 Harlequin Inn, Pyrmont 7:00 PM Venue:

Contact: Luke Bramble

E: nug_et@yahoo.com.au **M:** 0411 104 131

CLASS OF 1982 – 40 YEAR REUNION
Date: Saturday 17 September 2022
Venue: Harlequin Inn, Pyrmont Time:

Andrew Musgrave E: ajpmuz@yahoo.com.au

CLASS OF 2012 – 10 YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday 24 September 2022 The Nag's <u>Head Hotel, Glebe</u> Venue:

7:00 PM Nick Cerone Time: Contact:

M: 0435 575 691

CLASS OF 1972 - 50 YEAR REUNION

Date:

The Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Cres, Lavender Bay Venue:

Time:

\$100.00 per head **Buy Tickets Here** or online via the Old Boys' website. Cost:

Contact:

M: 0401 980 888

Paul Donovan
E: pauldono@bigpond.com

M: 0407 414 390

CLASS OF 1961 - 61 YEAR REUNION

Friday 18 November 2022 Date: Venue:

BACK TO BREEN DAY REUNIONS

Old Boys are advised to meet at the College earlier in the day, with Football semi-finals taking place on the back ovals and Rugby on Breen Oval. The First XV match against Kinross Wolaroi will be kicking off at 3:15 PM.

CLASS OF 2010 - 12 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 13 August 2022 The Toxteth Hotel, Glebe Venue:

7:00 PM Time: Contact:

E: jmills2492@gmail.com

M: 0437 676 582

CLASS OF 2015 - 7 YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday 13 August 2022

Time: Venue:

E: dominic.shade@outlook.com M: 0414 818 856

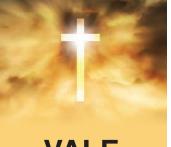
CLASS OF 1981 – 41 YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday 13 August 2022

Venue: Harlequin Inn, Pyrmont

7:00 PM Time: Contact: **Andrew Viney**

E: andrew.viney@spc.nsw.edu.au M: 0407 431 156



VALE

John Freeman ('41)

Dr Norman Rogers ('41)

Francis Murray ('45)

Richard Wickman ('47)

John Moran ('50)

Dale Puren ('50)

John Laing ('52)

Marty O'Donnell ('53)

Tony Petchell ('53)

Leon Flood ('53)

John Carew ('54)

John Fisher ('56)

Dr Joe McDermott ('57)

Dr Con Moshegov ('81)

Craig Cannons ('81)

Sean Czinner ('82)

Anthony Oates ('83)

Salvatore del Popolo (former teacher at SPC 1972-1973)

Br Len Hanlon (former staff member at SPC 1973-1975)

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

INTREPID OCTOGENARIANS GET TOGETHER

It may have been two years overdue however, in March this year, 13 intrepid octogenarians gathered at Club York, Sydney for our 65 year reunion. Mike Fenton eloquently spoke of our years at SPC and the special camaraderie shared between our cohort. We hope to meet again very soon so please contact either Jack Dasey 0402 917 876 or Geoff Murray 0400 304 305 for more information.



Geoff Murray ('55)

BONDS STILL STRONG FOR THE CLASS OF 1995

In late April, a small group of the Class of 1995 celebrated a belated 25 year reunion. It was great to catch up, especially since some had travelled interstate to be with us. While some had less hair and larger waistlines, we all realised we hadn't changed that much and the bonds formed decades ago still remain very strong.

Shaun Cousins ('95)



DONATED ITEMS

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

Father Peter Neville ('54) Crested Cuff Links (posthumously)

Denis Woodward ('53)

Cricket pennant and Christian Brothers booklet

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.

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