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Dr Lavorato with some of the newest members of our community, at the Year 5 Welcome Dinner.



Members of the Italian Study Group enjoying the wonders of Capri.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a very busy first semester at St Patrick's, with many experiential learning experiences provided for our boys, including subject related field trips as well as whole cohort excursions and camps. In addition to these, during the Easter holiday break we were thrilled to reintroduce overseas, interstate, and regional tours into our calendar. These tours included a Rugby Tour to Japan, an Italian Study Tour, a Junior School Football Tour to Brisbane and a Junior School Rugby Tour to Armidale. They provided unique opportunities for our boys to engage with different cultures, develop their skills, and create lasting memories.

Organising such trips for a group of students is a substantial undertaking, but we place great importance in providing such opportunities due to the multitude of benefits they offer. Our primary goal is for our students to enhance their critical thinking abilities, broaden their perspectives, reinforce classroom lessons and textbook knowledge, foster stronger connections with their teachers, gain confidence, boost their motivation in the classroom and cater to a range of students' interests.

Our plans for the remainder of the year include more international and domestic experiences that will further enrich the educational journey of our students. Notably, we have two pilgrimages planned for World Youth Day in Lisbon as well as our Immersions to Alice Springs and Papua New Guinea. These diverse experiences align with our overarching goal, as outlined in our Strategic Plan, **A Beacon for Boys' Education**, which emphasises the provision of such opportunities. Through these endeavours, we aim to remain committed to one of our EREA touchstones: **Liberating Education**, to seek to empower our students, nurture their growth, and instill a sense of liberation that goes beyond conventional academic learning.

SCIENTIA BUILDING UPDATE

We are hoping to gain occupancy of our new Scientia Building in early June with an official opening taking place later in the year. I have been asked as to how we arrived at the name for the building, given that past tradition has seen buildings being named after Christian Brothers or significant places connected to Blessed Edmund Rice, such as Waterford House and Westcourt Library.

We draw inspiration from the remarkable Charism of Edmund Rice, a devoted Catholic missionary and educationalist. He dedicated himself to training teachers who would provide free education and support to impoverished and marginalised children. The phrase **Scientia Est Potentia – Knowledge is Power**, resonates deeply with us, reflecting Edmund Rice's belief in the transformative power of education. While our current students may not face the same challenges as those poor and marginalised children of Waterford, we strive to instil in them the core values at the heart of Edmund Rice's vision.

At St Patrick's, we impart the understanding that education and knowledge have the potential to profoundly shape one's life. We encourage our students to harness their knowledge, **Scientia**, to make positive contributions to their world and future careers. The new Scientia Building serves as a testament to this commitment, housing state-of-the-art science laboratories, as well as modern food technology spaces and commercial kitchens, providing our boys with contemporary and relevant learning environments. We aim to empower our students, enabling them to fulfill their potential and become active members of society.

It is important to note that the construction of this building was made possible through careful financial management and the contributions of our dedicated parents, many of whom are Old Boys. Not a single dollar of government funding was allocated to this particular project, underscoring the collective efforts of our community in creating a remarkable facility for the benefit of our students.

ANNUAL OLD BOYS' LUNCHEON

I had the honour of being invited by the Old Boys for their special luncheon on St Patrick's Day. With splashes of green, good food and refreshments, Old Boys came together, reconnected and reminisced. The luncheon was well attended, and it was a pleasure to see some notable Old Boys in attendance. Among them were Br Brian Berg ('48), Br Michael Walsh ('56), Rick Russo ('73), Fred McDonald ('52), Paul ('61) and John Ballesty ('63), Charles Burford ('62) and Sean Kearns ('91) who, in 2022, received the prestigious Emergency Services Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

There were two highlights for me. The first was the address given by Michael Garnett ('93) who is the CEO at Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT. His personal journey was truly compelling, and the path that led him to work for an organisation dedicated to advocating the rights of wheelchair athletes was inspiring. The second highlight was the enthusiastic rendition of the College Anthem led by Br Berg, who sang with great gusto, using his arms to conduct the crowd. It was an emotional and joyous moment that resonated with everyone present.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Old Boys who generously donated to the Vestra and Building Funds, and for their unwavering interest and passion for our great College. Their continued support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Dr Vittoria Lavorato
Principal



Our WYD pilgrims all ready to embark on their journey to Lisbon in August.



Br Berg enthusiastically leads the Old Boys in the singing of the College Anthem.



The Scientia Building. A place where we encourage our students to harness their knowledge.

COVER PHOTOGRAPH



A special victory. Year 12 students, Luke McSweeney and Cooper Edwards, with the ISA Division 1 Cricket Shield.

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Dr Lavorato congratulates Father Jack.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

Speech Night remains an occasion where we come together to rejoice in the remarkable achievements of our community, and last year's event certainly lived up to expectations. During proceedings, Dr Lavorato had the pleasure of presenting the esteemed 2022 Luceat Award to our beloved College Chaplain, Father Jack Evans. This prestigious accolade holds great significance as it recognises exceptional service to the College, the Church, the State or the public domain.

This year is an important milestone for Father Jack as he celebrates 50 years of dedicated ministry as a Columban Priest. For more than half of these years, he has selflessly served

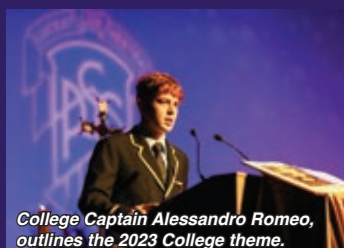
our College community, enriching our lives with immeasurable blessings. Father Jack's presence has been a source of joy, love, and comfort throughout the years. His laughter, kindness and wise counsel have touched countless lives in profound ways.

As Dr Lavorato expressed in her Luceat Proposal, Father Jack has become an institution at St Patrick's College. We are truly privileged to have such an individual among us, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to Father Jack.

Nikki Fochesato
Community Liaison Officer



Our Year 12 students welcome the newest members of our College community.



College Captain Alessandro Romeo, outlines the 2023 College theme.



Gathered together in unity.

EMBRACING UNITY AND PURPOSE

On Friday 10 February, the College community gathered to celebrate the commencement of a new school year through the Holy Eucharist. We also extended a warm welcome to our new students and their families, embracing them into the St Patrick's College family.

The Mass was celebrated by our College Chaplain, Father Jack Evans, and our College Captain, Alessandro Romeo, delivered an address introducing the College theme for 2023, which had been chosen by the student leaders: "That there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Alessandro emphasised that the first part of this theme is about solidarity and its role in fostering supportive relationships and that the second part calls us to be people of action.

This theme was reflected in the readings, hymns, and prayers, connecting us to the EREA Touchstone of Justice and Solidarity. The gospel of the vine and the branches inspired us to understand that the unity we strive for in our community is founded on Christ, and together we grow and extend ourselves to be Christ in the world.

Adam Leslie
Acting Director of Identity



Dr Lavorato with our top three ATAR scorers: Steven Dann, Nicholas Coffey & Matthew Vucic.

CELEBRATING OUR HIGH ACHIEVERS

The Annual High Achievers Assembly has become a significant event in the College calendar. It not only marks the dawn of a new academic year but provides the College community an opportunity to proclaim its pride and admiration of the scholarly success achieved by members of the previous year's graduating class. Academic success is often a slow burn and something that only germinates through challenge, determination, curiosity, and due diligence. This year, some forty-one Class of 2022 Graduates were named and awarded Academic Excellence for Distinguished Achievement in the State. To be eligible for this award each individual student must receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90 and above.

In particular, we congratulated Steven Dann who was named College Dux for 2022. He achieved an ATAR of 99.60, and Matthew Vucic as Proxime Accessit with an ATAR of 99.35. This year, we were proud to announce that eighteen students, 10.9% of the cohort, had achieved an ATAR above 95. In addition, two students were placed on the State's All-Round Achievers' List, Oliver Thomas and Alexander Turner Jensen. Two students, Joseph Challita and Matthew Vucic were placed on the Top Achievers' List having received a State Ranking for the Construction Examination and Industrial Technology Timber, and Business Studies respectively.

Adding to the gravitas of the occasion was the announcement and presentation of the 2023 Br McGlade Scholarship recipients: Jeremy Simonetto, Thomas Coorey, William Hannah and Elijah Tan.

These remarkable young men have brought immense pride to themselves, their Class, their College, and their families through their remarkable achievements. We wholeheartedly share in their pride and extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of them for their unwavering dedication and exceptional performance in their academic pursuits.

A comprehensive publication of the HSC Class of 2022 High Achievers is available on the College's website.

Nicholas Phillipson
Acting Director of Curriculum



Embracing the misty morning!



Charles Edwards gets a bullseye!



Liam Amendolia takes on the climbing wall.



Forming friendships:
BACK: Jean-Paul Maroun,
Rohan Deepak
FRONT: John Sarlas,
Benjamin Gan, Javier
Vranjes & Cole Tucker



Fireside damper cook-off!

EXPLORING, LEARNING AND BONDING

As is always the case, the Junior School has had a busy start to the school year with myriad of events having taken place. This year, we have made a few changes to the calendar, one of which was to replace the traditional Year 6 Camp to the outdoor learning centre at Camp Somerset, with a three-night stay in Canberra. Since these boys will undertake the outdoor camp experience in Years 8 and 9, we felt it would be more beneficial for them to have the opportunity to explore and experience first-hand many of the key learning areas they would undertake during the semester.

In Week 2, our Year 6 students enjoyed a fun packed few days visiting some of Canberra's most interesting attractions including Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, the CSIRO Discovery Centre and Questacon. During their time away, our boys gained a deeper understanding of various key concepts in science and history, and the Australian Government. Additionally, they had the opportunity to foster new friendships and further develop crucial life skills. I am confident that all the boys thoroughly enjoyed this remarkable experience in Canberra and will cherish many fond memories of it in the future.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 students had an exciting first few weeks as they settled into their new school environment and learned all about their unique and special connections as they commence their journey here at SPC. In Week 3, they embarked on a thrilling three-day Camp adventure at the Katoomba Christian Convention Centre. This is the first time we have introduced a Year 5 camp to the calendar, and by scheduling it at the start of the year, we felt it would help our boys form bonds as they supported each other through team-building exercises. Despite the inclement weather, it was great to witness the students' enthusiasm as they wholeheartedly participated in a range of activities such as rock climbing, archery and orienteering through the bush. They even exercised their culinary skills by making damper, which they cooked around the campfire.

Experiential learning opportunities like these greatly enhance the educational journey for all our students, extending beyond the confines of the classroom.

Daniel Fields
Head of Curriculum (Junior School)



Marcus Geagea, Steven Vastas, Raymond Sleiman & Jenson Andriano checking out a moon particle at the Deep Space Museum.



Vasco Galante casting his vote at Old Parliament House.



Learning about the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.



Getting up close and personal at the CSIRO.



Year 6 Black making themselves comfortable in the House of Representatives.



The victorious A Team!

JUNIORS SPORTING SUCCESS!

During the Easter break, two groups of Junior School boys embarked on thrilling sporting adventures. The Year 6 footballers headed to Brisbane for the EREA Football Tournament, while the Year 6 Rugby players journeyed to Armidale for the traditional Armidale Rugby Carnival.

In the scorching Brisbane heat, our footballers battled for two intense days, showcasing exceptional skills. The B team made it to the quarterfinals but were knocked out by Gregory Terrace in a 0-2 defeat. No shame in losing to the team that reached the Grand Final! The A team shone throughout the tournament, remaining undefeated and conceding no goals despite challenging conditions. Windy weather sent marquees flying, but our resilient SPC A team emerged as champions. This marks our second consecutive victory at the EREA Football Carnival. Congratulations, boys! Special thanks to Mr McCarthy and Mr Tropeano for their dedicated work.



Thomas Gorrie & Zane Young gearing up for the relay final.

The Armidale Rugby Carnival presented unique challenges, including cool temperatures around 17 degrees. Placed in a tough division with IPSHA rivals, our boys were undeterred and fearlessly embraced the field. The tournament began with a strong 14-0 victory against St Aloysius' College with dominant forwards and precise passing in the backline leading to an undefeated first day. Boosted by their success, our boys triumphed in the Spirit of Rugby Relay, showcasing their remarkable speed. Fatigued yet triumphant, they continued their impressive performance on the second day, securing another victory and the division championship! It was a great result, and I would like to thank Mr Fields and Mr and Mrs Tatola for their dedicated work with the boys during the Carnival.

John Locke
Junior School Co-curricular Coordinator



The team warming up with Joshua Malone (Year 10) and Mr Tatola.



Practice makes perfect! Band members during a rehearsal.

HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES

Towards the end of March, a group of forty boys from the Concert and Symphonic Bands embarked on a journey to Galston Gorge Camp and Conference Centre for the Co-curricular Music Camp. It was a great opportunity to escape and reconnect while engaging in music-related activities.

Throughout the weekend, our boys immersed themselves in a rigorous schedule of rehearsals, sectionals and workshops, overseen by the talented band educator and musician, Mr Craig McGown. Supported by our own tutors, they responded admirably to his guidance. The culmination of their efforts was a concert on Sunday afternoon, which showcased their exceptional performance. In addition, the boys had the privilege of participating in a 90-minute rhythm workshop led by the renowned percussionist, Mr Jess Ciampa. This captivating session involved our boys marching around the gym, creating intricate polyrhythms using their bodies.

The significance of the weekend extended beyond mere musical development. The boys forged meaningful connections and strengthened their bond as a cohesive unit, an essential aspect of any group endeavour, particularly within a musical ensemble.

David Taylor
Ensemble Coordinator



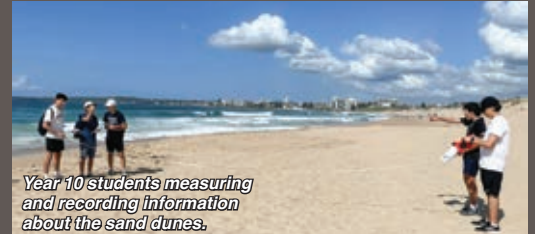
Patrick McDonald (Year 7) examining part of the coastline's formation.



Joshua Hakim (Year 7) using his anemometer to measure wind speed.



Year 10 students hard at work: Alessandro Piccin, Massimo Vanin & Christian Rodrigues.



Year 10 students measuring and recording information about the sand dunes.

NATURE'S CLASSROOM

Earlier in the year, our Year 7 and Year 10 Geography students embarked on field trips to Long Reef and Cronulla, respectively, focusing on coastal landscapes, landforms, and management strategies.

Long Reef, a coastal headland, provided Year 7 students with a remarkable opportunity to delve into geographical phenomena. Led by knowledgeable Auseco experts, they engaged in an educational walk that shed light on the creation of natural formations such as cliffs, rock platforms and sand dunes. This excursion significantly enhanced their comprehension of geographical processes and deepened their appreciation for the awe-inspiring beauty of nature.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students explored coastal processes and management

strategies in Cronulla, an urban beachside location. Accompanied by Auseco, they examined the dynamic interaction between human activity and natural processes. Through this exploration they gained valuable insights into the development of coastal management strategies and their environmental implications. The experience fostered their understanding of the delicate balance between development, conservation and sustainability.

These immersive trips went beyond the confines of the classroom, delivering practical geography lessons that instilled a sense of environmental respect and curiosity in our students.

Annette Slosu
Geography Teacher

UNLEASHING CREATIVITY AT THE ART GALLERY OF NSW

Our Year 11 and 12 Senior Visual Arts students recently visited the Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW) for an immersive excursion. This trip was particularly important as it helped provide stimulus for their HSC Visual Arts course, where students are required to create a self-directed art project called the Body of Work (BoW).

The AGNSW provided a wealth of inspiration and guidance through the ARTEXPRESS Exhibition, showcasing exceptional student artworks in various mediums. This exhibition included ceramics, drawings, paintings, sculptures, textiles and more.

Additionally, students had the opportunity to explore the most recent addition to the Gallery, The Sydney Modern. This significant cultural development features international and national artworks and afforded our students the opportunity to interact and engage with art firsthand, fostering a deeper appreciation for the art world.

Overall, this excursion proved invaluable for our Senior Visual Arts students, igniting their creativity for their BoW projects and providing a real-world encounter with art.

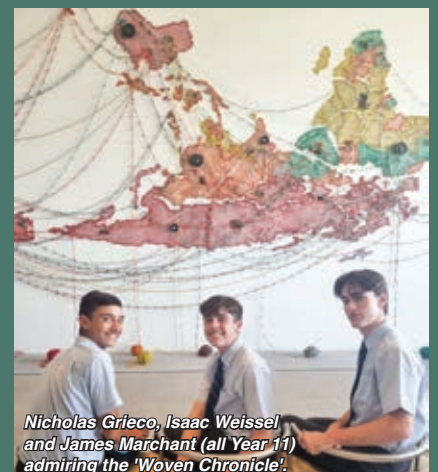
Adriana Karanfilovski
Acting Visual Arts Faculty Leader



Year 12 students: Anthony Lopizzo, Jonathan Lin & Lachlan Weir drawing inspiration from Ben Quilty's large scale oil painting.



Year 11 students: Dante Wong, Jack Dinham, Lucas Mascitelli & Gianluca Bilotta rolling the perfect ball of clay to add to the installation by Kimsooja.



Nicholas Grieco, Isaac Weissel and James Marchant (all Year 11) admiring the 'Woven Chronicle'.



Our 'eco-warriors' in action!



Daniel De Pasquale (Year 11), Samuel Crisafulli (Year 6) & Zach Charlwood (Year 6) lead the charge.

TIME TO STEP UP & CLEAN UP!

On Sunday 5 March, volunteers from the St Patrick's College community participated in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign around Strathfield and the College. The Clean Up Australia Day initiative started over 30 years ago, by an 'average Australian' who had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard and has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event.

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic and restrictions, we had an amazing turnout of 70 boys and teachers who helped to supervise. In small groups, the boys and teachers walked around the streets, armed with bags and gloves, looking for rubbish to collect and dispose of correctly. Amazingly, the groups filled multiple large garbage bags with rubbish and other larger pieces of waste. We were so surprised by the amount of rubbish that a beautiful suburb like Strathfield had on its streets.

Whilst our contribution might seem like a drop in the ocean, all actions large or small can collectively make a difference. We hope that in future years, even more boys will join in on this important initiative.

Katherine Sinadinos
Faith in Action Team Leader



Our beautiful rose wrappers!



Andres Atilano shares a meal with his parents at the Year 5 Welcome Dinner.

A SENSE OF BELONGING

The Parents' and Friends' Committee has had a great start to 2023, with a flurry of functions kicking off the year in style! We began by welcoming our new Year 5 parents and boys by hosting a morning tea. Then came the Welcome Dinner, where over 600 parents and boys joined us for Mass and dinner in the College gymnasium. We pray that our new students' journey at SPC is filled with cherished memories, lifelong friendships and unbreakable camaraderie.

Following these events, we organised barbeques for the Year 7 and Year 6 Supporters' Days, with the valuable assistance of numerous parent volunteers. We have more barbeques scheduled for the upcoming Supporters' Days throughout the Winter Sports Season. Furthermore, we extend our gratitude to our team of rose-wrapping volunteers, whose efforts ensured that all our mothers and mothering figures received a beautiful rose during the Mother's Day Mass.

Next on the calendar was the highly anticipated event of the year, the Blue, Black and Gold Dinner. Tickets for this event sold out within 24 hours, and we are forever grateful to our supportive community. Special thanks to our witty Master of Ceremonies, Mr Adrian Byrne and to all the parents who attended. We look forward to our major fundraiser, the Trivia Night to be held on Friday 8 September at Strathfield Golf Club.

In addition to P&F organised functions, our expanded team of class representatives and executives has arranged social gatherings for each year group. We deeply appreciate their tireless efforts. With numerous events lined up for 2023, we eagerly welcome new parents to our vibrant community.

Furthermore, through the Parents' and Friends' Grant Scheme, we had the pleasure of donating funds to the Junior School. Additional reading books for the Multitit program and Robotics will enhance our students' learning journey at SPC. The dedication and commitment of all our teaching staff at the College is a testament to their commitment to each and every one of the students.

Year after year, with support from our wider community, we strive to give more. We express heartfelt gratitude to everyone who assisted us so far this year. We are blessed to belong to such a collaborative and supportive community. The blue, black, and gold spirit is alive and well!

On behalf of my fellow P&F Executive Committee members, I thank you for your continued support and I am grateful for being in a community where everyone belongs.

Elena Ierardo
P&F President



*Silver-tongued orators.
Back: Shivaal Maharaj, Maxwell Zanik
Front: Jeremy Simonetto, Denzel Tan & Arthur Haddad.*

PUBLIC SPEAKING SUCCESS!

Twelve of our public speakers participated in the first round of the Catholic Schools Debating Association's 2023 Public Speaking competition. Our boys were very well prepared and represented the College eloquently, with Maxwell Zanik (Year 8), Denzel Tan (Year 9), Arthur Haddad (Year 10), Jeremy Simonetto (Year 11) and Shivaal Maharaj (Year 12) all moving into the Zone Finals.

After this stage of the competition, Jeremy and Max were successful and moved on to take part in the CSDA Public Speaking Finals at St Scholastica's College at Glebe. This event brought the cream of Catholic schools' public speakers together and highlighted the wealth of talent that exists within this fraternity. Although Jeremy did not place, it is noteworthy that he ranked among the top 12 students in Years 11 and 12 from over 80 Catholic schools, a remarkable accomplishment! As for Max, he went on to be crowned Year 8 Champion. Those who witnessed Max's speech praised his demeanor, noting that he captivated the audience with engaging, and at times, humorous delivery.

The broader community takes immense pride in the achievements of both Max and Jeremy. We extend our congratulations and gratitude to Mrs Lombardo (MIC Debating and Public Speaking), the coaches, and all our public speakers.

Steven Fochesato
Director of Co-curricular

BELLA ITALIA

During the Term 1 break, a group of 20 boys from Years 10, 11, and 12, and our dedicated teachers: Ms Capobianco, Ms Macolino and Mr Phillipson, embarked on an unforgettable journey abroad as part of the Italian Study Tour. Spanning 21 days, this incredible experience took us all over the country, allowing us to immerse ourselves in the local culture and language, and witness the beauty of various sights and landmarks along the way.

Following an emotional goodbye and enduring a 23-hour journey, we finally reached Pomezia, a small town outside of Rome, where we were warmly greeted by our host families. Prior to our departure, we had been matched with an Italian family with whom we would spend the majority of the first two weeks. From the beginning, their hospitality and generosity took us aback, and this sentiment was shared by all the boys. We were treated as part of the family, and it was truly amazing to experience the Italians' daily routine, cuisine and customs, immersing ourselves fully in the local way of life.

One of the highlights of our stay was accompanying our host brothers and sisters to the Italian school. We were surprised by the differences compared to St Patrick's, such as the absence of uniforms and the practice of teachers changing classrooms at the end of each period. Despite these contrasts, it proved to be a rewarding experience. We formed great friendships with the Italian students and witnessed significant improvements in our language abilities.

Throughout the tour, we had the opportunity to visit famous places and monuments across Italy, from the stunning canals of Venice to the breathtaking waters of Capri, an island off the Amalfi Coast. We were also fortunate to witness the surreal Easter procession in Sorrento and visit renowned works of art like the Sistine Chapel ceiling, the Statue of David and The Last Supper.

Overall, the tour was truly the trip of a lifetime, opening our eyes to the Italian culture, language and way of life. We forged new bonds and friendships, both within our group and with the Italian community we stayed with, all while applying our language studies in a real-world context. Special thanks must be extended to our accompanying teachers, as well as Ms Fisicaro, Dr Lavorato and Mr Byrne for their support and assistance in the organisation of the tour.

È stata un'esperienza indimenticabile, e siamo davvero grati per l'opportunità – it was an unforgettable experience, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity.

Jeremy Simonetto
Year 11



Jeremy Simonetto
(Year 11) surrounded by
his Italian classmates.



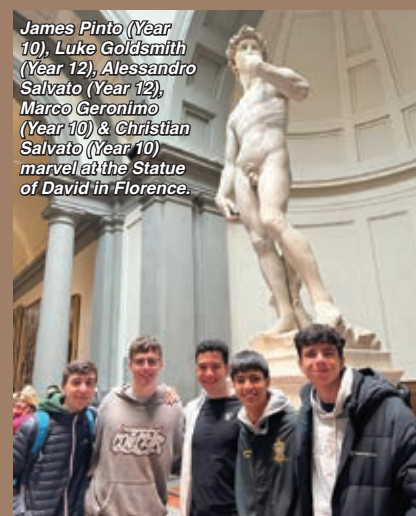
Attending Easter
Vigil Mass in
Sorrento.



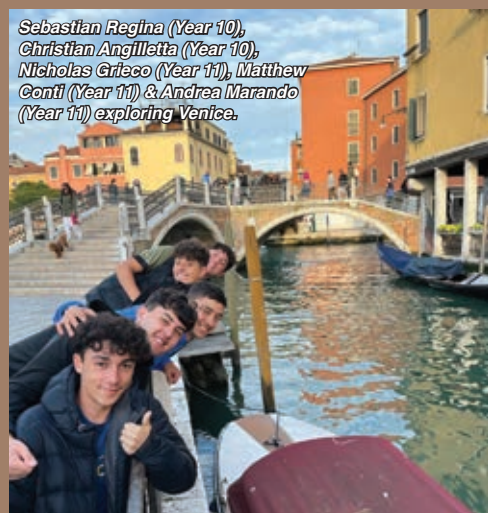
The group taking a pit stop in
front of St Peter's Basilica.



Taking in the
breathtaking
view in Capri on
Easter Sunday.



James Pinto (Year
10), Luke Goldsmith
(Year 12), Alessandro
Salvato (Year 12),
Marco Geronimo
(Year 10) & Christian
Salvato (Year 10)
marvel at the Statue
of David in Florence.



Sebastian Regina (Year 10),
Christian Angilletta (Year 10),
Nicholas Grieco (Year 11), Matthew
Conti (Year 11) & Andrea Marando
(Year 11) exploring Venice.



The awe-inspiring
Milan Cathedral.

After crossing Kintaikyo Bridge, the group stop for a photo next to the Nishiki River.



The group takes in the spectacular, but smelly, hot springs at the Hells of Beppu.



Members of the Open's Squad in search of some local cuisine in Dotonbori, Osaka.



Playing games with English students during the school exchange at Chikushi High School, Fukuoka.



Writing the word 'friendship' using the Japanese art of Kanji.



Bryn Williams forges forward with Diesel Harrison & Owen Taylor in support.



Big tackles, big hits! Daniel Bechara & Michael Boustany strong in defense.

LAND OF THE RISING SCRUM

In April, 44 students from Years 9 to 12 embarked on an unforgettable Rugby tour to Japan, accompanied by support staff and teachers. Divided into Opens and Development teams, our talented group competed against four Japanese teams, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

After a long flight to Tokyo, we immersed ourselves in the local culture, attending a thrilling Baseball game between the Dragons and Baystars. The following day, we celebrated Easter Mass at a Japanese church before taking on Tokai Sagami in our first match. The Opens triumphed with a score of 24-21, while the Development team faced a challenging 19-0 defeat. In Tokyo, we explored Takeshita Street, where we shopped and visited famous attractions like the Shibuya Crossing. The boys enjoyed an authentic Japanese lunch and engaged with locals, using tools like Google Translate to bridge language barriers.

Next, we boarded a bullet train to Kyoto, where we marvelled at the Golden Temple and faced off against one of Kyoto's top High Schools. The Opens claimed victory with a score of 28-3, while the Development team secured a thrilling 24-19 win. Our journey continued with a bus ride to Hiroshima, passing the Akashi Kaiyo Bridge and visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. The exhibition offered a moving

account of the bombing's impact, sharing personal stories and displaying remnants of affected individuals' belongings.

The following day, we travelled to Oita for a challenging match against Tomei High School, resulting in close defeats for both teams. Despite a minor bus issue, we navigated our way to the main strip in Oita, enjoying a meal and chance encounters with students we had played against earlier. In Fukuoka, we explored the 7 Hells of Beppu and engaged in a school exchange with Chikushi High School. We participated in an English class and learned about traditional Japanese writing, 'Kanji.' The tour culminated in thrilling fixtures against Chikushi, with the Opens securing a victory of 38-15 and the Development team finishing with a 31-7 win. We concluded the tour with a BBQ shared with our new friends.

The tour was a resounding success, both in terms of our rugby accomplishments, with five wins out of eight games, and in providing a transformative cultural experience. We express our gratitude to Mr Rowlings for his exceptional organisation of the tour, as well as to Mr Fox, Mr Bryne, Mr Khalifeh and Mr and Mrs Tatola for making this an experience we will never forget.

Joshua Malone and Luke Hill
Year 10 Students

'G' for Chikushi! Both squads after the final game.





First IX Baseball player, Salvatore Ierardo has his eye on the ball.



First IX Baseball player Samuel Avvenevole (Year 11), is set to represent Australia in the World Senior League Series in South Carolina, USA.



Member of the Grand Final winning 15 D Basketball team, Samuel Ticli (Year 11), dribbles up court.



Our First XI cricketers take a break during their Pink Hat Day on Green Oval.



Maxwell Zanio (Year 8) 'fles' down the pool during the ISA Swimming Carnival.

SUMMER SPORT WRAP-UP

It is important to acknowledge some of the fine achievements of St Patrick's students over the course of the 2022/23 Summer Season.

BASEBALL

The Baseball season provided an opportunity for learning new skills, practicing teamwork, and experiencing wins, losses and draws. Many players this year were new to Baseball or had little experience, but everyone worked hard to become members of a cohesive team and showed significant improvements.

A huge congratulations to the First IX for finishing the regular season as minor premiers and winning the Grand Final against Five Dock. We also extend our congratulations to Samuel Avvenevole (Year 11) and his Senior State League Baseball team, who recently competed in the National Senior League Championships in Perth. The team were undefeated and claimed the gold medal, becoming the 2023 National Champions. Sam and his team will now represent Australia in the World Senior League Series in South Carolina, USA. A fantastic achievement for Sam.

BASKETBALL

It brought great joy to the Basketball fraternity to have the return of a fully structured home and away 10 Round ISA Basketball Competition. This season focused on building skills, teamwork and reviving the SPC spirit. We welcomed Marvin Bayer as our development coach, who worked with coaches during training sessions to develop consistency and provide increased opportunities for students to perform at their best.

St Patrick's was well represented in nine ISA Basketball Grand Finals this season. Congratulations to the 17 C, 15 D, 13 C and 13 Black teams for winning their finals and claiming an ISA Premiership title. Well done to the 17 B, 14 C, 14 D, 13 B and 13 D teams for reaching the final game of the season and finishing as ISA Runners-up.

CRICKET

The 2022/23 season saw an increase in student registrations to participate in both the ISA and NDJCA competitions. It was pleasing to see students wanting to play Cricket for the first time, to participate with their friends and learn more about the game.

The First XI snatched back the ISA Division 1 Cricket Shield in a hard-fought victory over last year's winners, St Augustine's College. Our boys were dismissed for just 86 runs in 23 overs while batting first. Charlie Gray took three outstanding wickets, and Captain Cooper Edwards took his third wicket to dismiss the visitors for just 78 runs. A famous victory on Breen Oval that will be remembered by all present.

The Under 14 Black team also claimed a well-deserved NDJCA title with a 65-run victory over Carlingford Waratah in their Grand Final. Like the First XI, the Under 14 Black team remained undefeated during their season and dominated their opponents throughout the competition rounds and finals.

GOLF

The resurgence of the College Golf team in 2022 made the 2022/23 season an exciting

one. The students played each match with determination while maintaining a friendly and respectful attitude towards each other. Playing against GPS and CAS schools in over 12 rounds of fixtures, many matches went down to the wire, making it an exhilarating experience. Coming into the final week of play in fifth position on the table, the Golf team finished the season as Runners-up.

SWIMMING

There was much anticipation and excitement for the 2022/23 Swimming season, thanks to the appointment of a new Swimming Coach, Mr Mark Bull. The squad had their first opportunity to compete in Term 4 2022 at a Friday afternoon Skins Competition at Trinity Grammar School, followed by the College's own Invitational Carnival.

In Term 1 2023, the squad competed at the Christian Brothers Carnival, winning the Intermediate Shield, and witnessed Jack Taylor breaking the U16 Years 50m Freestyle record in a time of 24.47 seconds. Although the season didn't end with an ISA victory, many personal bests were achieved, which is a season of which to be proud. Congratulations to the following squad members who competed at the Combined Independent Schools Meet: Zac Bromfield in 50m Backstroke, Noah Kite in 50m Backstroke, and the members of our Intermediate 4 x 50m Freestyle relay: James Kelly, Austin Hall, Nicholas Macher and Jack Taylor.

Anthony Calavassy
Head of Secondary Sport



A proud Mr Simpson with his victorious First XI Cricket team.

TRIUMPH AGAINST THE ODDS

On Saturday 11 March, in what has to be one of the biggest accomplishments to occur on Breen Oval, our First XI cricketers managed to clinch the ISA Premiership over last year's winners, St Augustine's College. However, the significance of this victory extended beyond the confines of the cricket pitch. It was a testament to the bonds forged among these teammates, guided by their coach, Mr Simpson, and their unwavering support of one another.

After batting first, our boys were all out for a disappointing 86 runs and the team knew they had their work cut out for them. As James Bellamy recalls, instead of dwelling on the negative aspects, the team focused on their mission to win. Captain Cooper Edwards rallied the team, he reflects, "Many had written us off after an abysmal batting performance, and I could sense the anxiety in our parents' eyes. But amongst the boys there was belief, and even before the second innings began, we were looking around at each other saying, we can do this!"

As the team took to the field, they knew that every run, every wicket, and every decision would be crucial in their quest for redemption. Despite a whirlwind opening by the St Augustine batters their resolve never wavered as they faced the pressure head-on. Charlie Gray emerged as a standout player, claiming three wickets and delivering a remarkable left-handed diving catch that bolstered the team's fightback. Coach Mr Simpson recounts, "The players' determination that they could win never faltered, it was inspiring to witness."

Coincidentally, it was the team's skipper, Cooper Edwards, who delivered his final ball for St Patrick's, securing the final wicket and dismissing the opposition with only 78 runs on the board. Cooper recalls the weight of the moment, "As I approached my run-up, I felt the gaze of a thousand eyes upon me. Backed by my team, I had

the confidence to finish the job. When the umpire's finger rose, and I leaped into the arms of Luke McSweeney, the magnitude of our achievement truly sank in. We had been written off by everyone after the first innings, except for our coach, and 11 boys in the black cap." The ensuing jubilation saw teammates, parents, and boys flood the oval, recognising they had witnessed something special.

This triumph marked a fairy tale ending to a challenging season for our First XI Cricket squad. Mere months ago, the team endured the loss of highly regarded cricketer, Archer Gray, a remarkable young man who displayed immense bravery in his battle against brain cancer. Archer, selected in the First XI team as a Year 8 student, played two seasons with his brother Finn ('21) and cousin, Louis Manenti ('22). Coach Mr Simpson remembers Archer as the best young leg-spinner he has coached, someone who lived and breathed the game, to the point that he would even spend time helping the ground staff prepare the pitches during his holidays.

In the 2020-2021 season, fellow Year 9 students Cooper Edwards and Luke McSweeney played alongside Archer in the First XI, and this year, Archer's younger brother Charlie (Year 10), followed in his brothers' footsteps. Cooper believes that Archer had a part to play in their victory: "On that day, I felt Archer's presence. It would have been easy to give up, but I was inspired by his memory and remembered the fighter and competitor he was. It was an honour to take the field with him so many times, and in the Grand Final, it felt like he took the field with us one last time."

In celebrating the spirit displayed by our First XI Cricket team, we pay tribute to their resilience and determination. It is their courage to face adversity head-on, their steadfast self-belief and belief in each other, and their ability to rise above disappointment that truly defines the spirit of champions.



Archer Gray, the best young leg-spinner Mr Simpson has ever coached.



'For Arch', members of the Gray and Malone families following the epic win on Breen Oval.



The very successful 1995 First XI Cricket team with coach, Terry Munro (far left) & Matthew Munro (far right).

'MATT'S MUSINGS'

Matthew Munro ('95), a former First XI player, watched the ISA Grand Final game alongside his 7-year-old son, Jake. The intense competition stirred memories of Matthew's successful cricket days at the College. Coached by his father, Terry Munro, the team not only secured the ISA Premiership but also emerged as the Australasian Christian Brothers Cricket Champions in 1995.

A few weeks before the Grand Final, Matthew, Jake, and Terry Munro visited Breen Oval to support the current First XI team. Coach Mr Simpson warmly welcomed them and invited them into the changing room adorned with a photograph of the 1995 team. Witnessing familiar traditions, like the team walking to lunch together in their blazers, filled Matthew with nostalgia. Apparently a few days later, his black senior blazer had mysteriously found a new place in his son's cupboard!

Reminiscing about his time as a First XI player, Matthew praises the leadership of Christopher Cruickshank, their number 3 batsman. Having played together since the U12s, the players shared a strong camaraderie. Matthew cherishes memories of practicing with English fast bowler Angus Fraser and enjoying delightful afternoon teas in the School Hall. He reflects that Saturday afternoons on Breen Oval held a special place in his heart, and so sharing the experience with his son added another layer of significance.

On the day of the Grand Final, Matthew witnessed the initial struggles of the current First XI side but was immensely proud of their determination and resilience. It reminded Matthew of January 1995 when he took the final catch as the wicket keeper in the Grand Final at Nudgee College. Despite their team's batting challenges, their unwavering belief, hard work, and relentless spirit led them to victory.

While the current players would have been unaware of Matthew's connection to the College, or indeed his presence on the sidelines, their pride for the black cap made

sharing the day with his son incredibly special. He hopes that in the years to come they will reflect on this experience, recognise its significance, and remember the people they shared it with.



Jake holding the 1995 team photo featuring his grandfather and father.



The legends of the 1948 First XI team, with 'big hitter' Stan Lees (centre back).



The inaugural 1993 ISA Premiership winning team with Geoff Edwards (back row, second left).



The 2005 history-making partnership of Brendan Brown & Paul Donovan.



The 2009 First XI with coaches Mr Newman & Mr Tyler after their CBCW win in Queensland. Includes Justin O'Neil (front, second from right) who holds the record for the highest individual score of 213 runs.



Winners are grinners! In 2014, SPC secures the CBCW championship for the third time.



Nicholas McMurray with teammates Matthew Wohlfel & Paul Donovan in 2005. Nicholas represented in the First's for 5 seasons!

THE LEGACY OF THE BLACK BAGGY

Since its 29-year inception, St Patrick's College has triumphed in the Division 1 ISA Cricket Competition an astounding 15 times, surpassing all other schools, and has only missed participating in the Grand Final on 2 occasions (2014-2015, 2019-2020). Notably, the College's First XI Cricket team has also achieved greatness three times as Australasian Champions in 1995, 2009, and 2014.

The College's Cricket legacy extends beyond single generations, with several multi-generational families having graced the First XI. An example is Geoff Edwards ('93), father of our current Cricket Captain Cooper, who proudly represented the College's First XI Cricket side during the 1992 and 1993 seasons, the latter being the inaugural ISA Premiership winning team.

Over the years, there have been many unforgettable performances with the bat and ball. However, none can overshadow the epic clash on Breen Oval against Oxley College in October 2005. Captain Paul Donovan ('06) and his opening partner Brendan Brown ('06) etched their names in the history books by not only setting a new College record partnership of 308 runs, but also batting the entire 50 overs undefeated. Brendan Brown's remarkable 182 not out also secured the highest individual score, a record later surpassed in 2008 by Justin O'Neil ('09), who amassed a staggering 213 runs not out.

Talented batsmen Christopher Cruikshank ('95), Paul Donovan ('06), and Justin O'Neil ('09) share the record for the most centuries in a season, each having achieved an impressive count of 3. As for the award for the biggest hits on Breen Oval, this belongs to Stan Lees ('48), Peter Douglas ('77), Matthew Khoury ('92) and Christopher Cruikshank ('95) who each propelled the ball over the Grandstand and onto the Tennis Courts.

When it comes to the record of wearing the iconic black baggy, Nicholas McMurray's ('08) name stands out. He proudly represented the First XI Cricket team in an astounding 83 matches over 5 seasons, amassing 1,858 runs and claiming 149 wickets!

Nikki Fochesato
Community Liaison Officer/Archivist

ISA PREMIERSHIP-WINNING TEAMS		
	Captain	Coach
1992-1993	Stephen Whelan	David Cooper
1994-1995	Christopher Cruikshank	Terry Munro
1997-1998	Patrick Galloway	Justin Newman
1998-1999	Ryan Morris	Justin Newman
2005-2006	Paul Donovan	Justin Newman
2006-2007	Thomas O'Neil	Robert Simpson
2008-2009	Isaac Taylor	Justin Newman
2010-2011	George Sacco	Robert Simpson
2011-2012	Liam Gibson	Robert Simpson
2013-2014	Thomas Burt	Robert Simpson
2015-2016	Thomas Mullen	Robert Simpson
2016-2017	Michael Redman	Robert Simpson
2017-2018	Harry Manenti	Robert Simpson
2020-2021	Finn Gray	Robert Simpson
2022-2023	Cooper Edwards	Robert Simpson



A great mix of Old Boys catching up at the lunch.



Michael Garnett ('93) delivers an inspiring address.



Charlie Burford ('61), Rick Russo ('73) & Paul Donovan ('72) share an in-depth conversation.



Mark Lennon ('76) & Br Michael Walsh ('56) catch up.



Sharing the laughter: Allan Graham ('61), Br Brian Berg ('48), Paul Ballesty ('60) & John Ballesty ('62).



Anthony Nehme ('03) & Jason Gittany ('91) share the love!



A FEAST OF CONNECTIONS AND CONVERSATIONS

In March, our Old Boys gathered for our annual Old Boys' Luncheon, where they shared a meal and exchanged stories. It was a diverse gathering, representing various age groups and providing a good cross-section of Old Boys from different years. The event took place on St Patrick's Day, a fitting occasion to celebrate our connection to our alma mater. The room was filled with love, as attendees shared anecdotes and laughter.

I would like to give a special mention to our esteemed guests and former SPC teachers, Br Michael Walsh ('56), who led us in Grace, and Br Brian Berg ('48). During the event, we also bid farewell to those who had passed, including Tony Garnett ('61) and Brian Walsh ('73), who had sadly passed away the day before. In her address, Dr Lavorato outlined the College's building plans and how St Patrick's is catering to our students' education now, and into the future.

Former College Captain and CEO of Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT Michael Garnett ('93), delivered an inspiring speech.

Having been College Captain, Captain of the First XV Rugby and Athletics Champion, Michael reflected that upon leaving school, he had led a privileged life and wasn't prepared for the inevitable challenges life brings. He touched upon the profound transformation fatherhood brought to his outlook on life, while also expressing deep admiration for the great fathers present in the room, including his brother Patrick ('94). He went on to speak about the Edmund Rice idea of service, and how applying this to his life, in particular to his role with Wheelchair Sports, was a crucial change he had to make.

As the afternoon came to a close, Br Berg led a rousing rendition of the College Anthem, with everyone in the room enthusiastically belting out the words, "St Patrick True to Thee!" Following the function, many kicked on to the Mercantile Hotel to continue with festivities. Plans are already underway for next year's luncheon, so watch this space.

Greg Dening
Old Boys' Liaison Officer



A guard of honour for Br Berg.

NINETY YEARS YOUNG!

In November of last year, Br Brian Berg celebrated his 90th birthday. In order to mark such a significant milestone, the College held a surprise morning tea, with the boys from Berg House forming a guard of honour for him to pass through as he made his way to the staff room. After a robust singing of Happy Birthday, Br Berg cut a special cake and mingled with our staff. Since his teaching journey at his alma mater began in 1961, Br Berg ('48) has left an indelible legacy that has touched the lives of countless boys. Long may the light of Br Berg continue to shine brightly!



Alexander & Hamish Voysey with their fathers Chris ('97) & Ben ('94).

WELCOME TO THE VOYSEY BOYS!

As the new school year commenced, it was great to extend a warm welcome to Old Boy brothers; Ben Voysey ('94) and Chris Voysey ('97) whose sons, Hamish, and Alexander, were about to begin Year 5. While we are privileged to have a number of Old Boys entrusting us with the education of their sons, it was a delight to witness the arrival of cousins from the same lineage joining the same year group. We wish all the best to Hamish and Alexander as they embark on their SPC journeys.



James Bellamy (Vice Captain), Alessandro Romeo (College Captain), Martin Quach (Vice Captain), Dr. Lavorato (Principal), Ms. Armano, Mr. Warr, Mr. Viney, Xavier Khoury, Mr. English & Henry O'Reilly following the Anzac Day ceremony.



OLD BOY SCOTT WARR'S TRIBUTE TO SACRIFICE

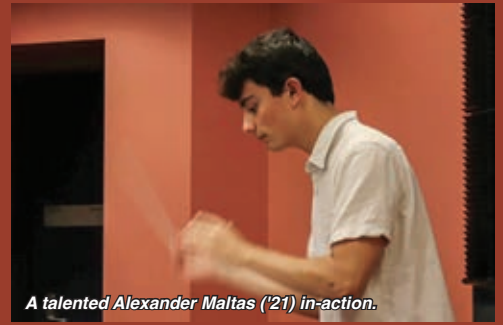
During this year's Anzac Day ceremony, we were privileged to hear from Old Boy Scott Warr ('81). Scott spent 22 years in the Armed Forces and has had a stellar career. Having left the army in 2003, Scott has since worked for organisations such as Legacy and the RSL (NSW), both organisations dedicated to helping veterans.

Scott's address resonated with the students as he talked about resilience, mateship, courage, commitment and discipline. All of these qualities are needed in modern day life. Scott detailed the successes and failures on the battlefields, but his theme was constant.

"Australian Service Men and Women are currently buried in 78 countries around the world. Countless others are interred at sea. It is their sacrifices that have given us the freedoms we are able to enjoy today. A democratic and free country where we have freedom of speech, we can have differing views without fear of persecution. We are a multicultural and inclusive country full of opportunity and we encourage all to just "have a go".

It was a very moving and appropriate speech given by a wonderful Old Boy.

Andrew Viney ('81)
Fellow Old Boy and Head of TAS Department



A talented Alexander Maltas ('21) in-action.

ALEX'S COMPOSING TRIUMPHS

Alexander Maltas ('21) began his music composition bachelor's degree at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in 2022. During his studies, he has been mentored by esteemed composers Paul Stanhope, Carl Vine, and Bree Van Reyk. Recently, Alexander had the incredible chance to travel to the University of Houston, courtesy of the Conservatorium, to workshop and showcase his composition titled 'The Colours of a Room.' This captivating piece was written for a variety of instruments, including two pianos, percussion, flute, clarinet and strings.

In addition to the Houston opportunity, Alexander achieved an outstanding third place in the Young Composers Award, hosted by the Willoughby Symphony. This prestigious award is a rare chance for young composers in Australia to create an original piece for a full orchestra, with the winning composition performed and recorded live by the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Alexander for his well-earned successes in the field of music composition.

The 1988 Australian Olympic Bobsled team with Old Boy Adrian Di Piazza ('80) (far, right).



COOL RUNNINGS, AUSSIE STYLE!

Recently, I had the pleasure of catching up with Adrian Di Piazza ('80), one of only a handful of Old Boy Olympians, and possibly the only one to have competed in the Winter Olympic Games. I was interested to learn how an SPC schoolboy ended up on the slopes of Canada, involved in one of the most dangerous sports in the world.

"I wasn't particularly athletic during my school years, I treasured my 'St Pat's' Rugby jersey and occasionally played Rugby in the D's and C's teams. My involvement in school athletics was limited to sprinting, where I displayed some speed but little else.

In my final year of school, I witnessed the Australian team's struggle at the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, facing tough competition from European and American athletes. It was then that I vowed to showcase the talent of Australian winter sports athletes. St Patrick's played a significant role in planting that ambition within me.

After graduating, I put on a bit of weight and discovered a newfound passion for ice hockey with the Macquarie Bears. I dedicated myself to rigorous training and suddenly I found myself running the 100m sprint in under 11 seconds!

Motivated by my desire to represent Australia, I approached the Australian Olympic Committee to inquire about joining the Australian Bobsleigh Team, only to learn that such a team did not exist. Undeterred, I sought guidance in creating the Australian Bobsleigh Association. Within a month, the groundwork was completed and with a couple of friends on board, we found ourselves competing in the 1985/86 season. It was a challenging learning experience, but we absorbed everything like a sponge. The following two seasons were spent developing our skill, increasing our confidence, mastering different tracks and ice conditions and enhancing our competitive edge.

Before embarking on the 1987/88 season as a six-member team, I was summoned by the Australian Olympic Committee. They expressed an interest in sending a three-member team to the 1988 Calgary Olympic Winter Games. After a lot of negotiating this was increased to a five-member team, allowing us to enter two, two-man sleds and a four-man sled and a reserve. Finally, I was able to turn to my mother and say "Mum, I'm off to the Olympics!" It just goes to show, anything is possible!

Nikki Fochesato
Community Liaison Officer/Archivist



Players from SPFC and St Andrew's, Eastwood following the charity game.

The Colts following their convincing win against Colleagues.

EXPANDING HORIZONS

What an exceptional season 2022 turned out to be! We witnessed multiple teams reaching the final series, with the Club participating in 3 Grand Finals and emerging victorious in one of them. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our Super League 1 side, our premier team, for their outstanding achievements in winning both the Premiers Plate and a resounding 4-0 victory in the Grand Final. A special acknowledgment goes to Nass Martino and Lorenzo Galasso ('12) for their exceptional coaching efforts with the squad.

We would also like to congratulate SPFC PL 1 on their remarkable 7-0 win in the charity game against St Andrew's Eastwood. The match, officiated by Michael Herro ('12), helped us raise \$5,000 for Beyond Blue and White Ribbon, thanks to the support of our sponsors.

We express our sincerest gratitude to President Anthony Bonaccorso ('13), who stepped down at the end of the 2022 Season. We greatly admire his dedication and hard work in running the Club, particularly during the challenging COVID-19 Pandemic. In addition, we warmly welcome Old Boy Frank Parisi ('88) as the new SPFC Club President, taking over from Anthony. Frank brings a wealth of experience in Football Administration, and we consider ourselves fortunate to have him leading the way.

This season, we will be fielding the following teams: Premier League 1, Premier League 2, All Age Mens 4, O'35 Mens 5, All Age 1 Women's, All Age 2 Women's, and an Under 16 Boys' team. The inclusion of an additional women's team and a boys' team reflects the Club's ongoing commitment to growth and excellence.

Nick de Lutiis
Vice President ('12)

SPRC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS!

2023 marks St Patrick's Rugby Club's 60th season, a remarkable milestone achieved through the dedication of generations of Old Boys. With a strong coaching team and a large playing group, this season promises to be exceptional. We've already had a busy pre-season, facing top clubs across NSW, including Armidale, Coffs Harbour, Kiama, Bowral, Newcastle and Wollongong.

In a rare occurrence, we have an abundance of talented Colts (under 21s) this year, enabling us to field two Colts teams for only the second time in our history. It's inspiring to witness these outstanding young men joining us from the College, carrying on our esteemed legacy.

The 2023 season has kicked off with fierce competition against Sydney's premier amateur clubs, presenting a thrilling year ahead. We warmly welcome everyone to Hudson Park to witness our two remaining home games on 15 July and 5 August. We also invite you to help celebrate our 60th season by attending our Grand Ball to be held at Luna Park Crystal Ballroom on 22 July 2023. Tickets available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHOME>.

This year marks 11 years since the establishment of St Patrick's Junior Rugby Club, competing in the Sydney Juniors Rugby and Inner Wests Minis competitions. With teams ranging from U6 to U16, our club fosters a safe and inclusive environment for boys and girls, nurturing their skills and fostering lifelong friendships.

As a community-based club, we've witnessed an influx of boys from the school, enhancing their rugby abilities to excel in their Saturday school games. Many former players have progressed to the school's First XV, NSW Waratah, Qld Reds, Australian Schoolboys, and NRL selection. Furthermore, numerous St Patrick's Junior players have transitioned to the Senior Club, continuing the cherished bond with the 'St Pat's' family.

For those interested in playing, please contact Joe Abraham at 0407 910 510 or visit www.sprc.org for further information.

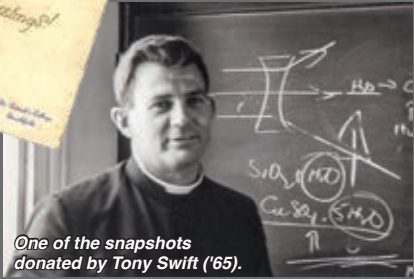
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SPRC Secretary

DONATED ITEMS

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

- Robert Crane ('54)** Crested pins
- The Plunket Family** DVD of the Class of '49 Oral History Project which features an interview with Br McGlade
- Tony Swift ('65)** 1960's black and white snapshots, taken around the College
- George Fuller ('43)** Exam papers and crested greeting cards from the 1940's (posthumously)

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.



VALE

BRIAN WALSH ('73)

THE MAN BEHIND THE LIGHT THAT SHONE ON OTHERS.



The word 'legend' is used very loosely these days; however, when it comes to Brian Walsh, he truly was a real-life legend in the media and entertainment industry.

While at school, he was a diligent student who applied himself through disciplined study. He established friendships across a diversity of boys in his year, many of whom were to become lifelong friends, like fellow classmate, Rick Russo. He says, "Even as a young student at St Patrick's, Brian's talents for entertaining

others were quickly recognised. He was not an entertainer in a 'front of camera' sense, but rather the organiser who managed the process of ensuring others would be entertained. It gave him great pleasure to see others enjoy the fruits of his efforts in organising fundraising movie nights in the school hall, car trials, dances, and harbour cruises."

Throughout a remarkable career spanning nearly five decades, Brian held esteemed positions at the Ten Network, Britain's Sky Broadcasting, Sky TV in Asia, and spent an impressive 28 years at Foxtel as Director of Television.

Regarded as a marketing genius and a titan in Australian film and television, he played a pivotal role in launching the careers of renowned Australian Hollywood icons such as Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, Kylie Minogue, and Jason Donovan. Additionally, he spearheaded the NRL's immensely successful marketing campaign, 'Simply the Best,' which featured the captivating Tina Turner and brought a transformative change to Rugby League during the 1990s.

Truly living up to this ethos, Brian Walsh was indeed 'simply the best.' His passing leaves a profound void not only among his family and classmates, but also within the entire St Patrick's College community.

TONY GARNETT ('61)



Tony Garnett (circled) with the rest of the 1957 Senior College Eisteddfod Choir.

Tony attended the College with brother John ('58) and was a gifted singer and pianist while also playing Golf and Rugby League for the College. Since leaving SPC, Tony continued to be an active

member of his 1961 cohort, keeping in touch with his former classmates and giving support to the Vestra Bursary. Tony's three sons all attended SPC: Daniel ('90), Michael ('93) and Patrick ('94). Tony's two grandsons, Declan (Year 7) and Knox (Year 5) are current students at the College and as such, represent three generations of Garnetts to attend SPC.

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

Anthony Atkins ('56)
Richard O'Heir ('60)
Peter Munro ('60)
Tony Garnett ('61)
Tony Cantwell ('65)
Dr John Moran ('69)
Peter Donnellan ('71)
Brian Walsh ('73)
Frank Megale ('96)
Matthew Mulhall ('01)
Joel Andrade ('10)

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

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

To stay informed about reunions, please log on to the Old Boys' website: <https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/> and check out the 'News & Events' section.

CLASS OF 1955 REUNION

Date: Friday 4 August 2023
Venue: Club York, 95-99 York St, Sydney
Time: 12:00 PM
Contact: Jack Dasey
M: 0402 917 876
Geoff Murray
M: 0400 304 305

CLASS OF 1988 - 35 YEAR REUNION

Old Boys are advised to meet at the College earlier in the day, with the First XV Rugby match kicking off at 3:15 PM.

Date: **BACK TO BREEN DAY**
Saturday 19 August 2023
Venue: Harbour View Hotel,
18 Lower Fort St, Dawes Point
Time: 7:00 PM
Contact: Rod de Aboitz
E: rda@siriuscapitalpartners.com.au
Ian Harkin
E: ianharkin@gmail.com
Michael Tooher
E: michael.tooher@au.abb.com

CLASS OF 2013 - 10 YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday 7 October 2023
Venue: Harlequin Inn,
152 Harris St, Pyrmont
Time: 7:00 PM
Contact: Tim Skinner
E: timskinner1995@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1973 - 50 YEAR REUNION

Date: Friday 17 November 2023
Venue: Royal Oak Hotel,
36 College Street, Balmain
Time: 6:00 PM
Contact: Peter Harrington
E: stpats1973@gmail.com
M: 0412 551 276

If you need help planning a reunion, please reach out to Old Boys Executive Officer, Greg Dening at: greg.dening@spc.nsw.edu.au.



Members of the Class of 1965 got together for a gathering in November of last year. Plans are already in motion for their 60-year reunion in 2025.



In November of last year, the Class of 1992 held their 30-year reunion. It was a great gathering of old friends who laughed and chatted their way into the evening.

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