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Welcome to the first edition of The Shamrock magazine for 2015.

An early Easter meant Term 1 was the shortest term for the year but that does not mean it was not jam-packed with plenty of excitement and joy among our community.

Already Term 2 is shaping up to be equally as busy with a number of key events on the calendar including Edmund Rice Day, BAS sporting competitions and mid-year exams.

Of particular note in the coming weeks will be the annual OCA Legends Dinner at which the College will officially launch a new book which traces the history of the 297 Old Collegians who fought in World War I.

This book has been produced by the College to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing and should be a must-own for all interested in the school's fine history. You can read more details about the book and the Legends Dinner on pages 14 and 15.

As always, we hope you thoroughly enjoy reading this edition and keeping up to date with news around the College. Also, we invite you to follow the College on its social media channels (see links on back page) to make sure you don't miss a thing.

Finally, if you have any news or views that you'd like to contribute for the next edition please don't hesitate to contact the College's Director of Community Development Paul Nolan at [pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au) or call 5322 4450.

**Top shot!**  
Blue skies and sunny weather greeted Year 7 students in the first weeks of the year as they attended their camps at Creswick. Photo: Jamie Bobrowski.



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The famous St Patrick's College Spit Crew was in fine voice cheering on our rowers during the 2015 Head of the Lake. Their vocal support helped steer our rowers to victory in the Boy's Premiership on the day. Full details: pages 16 and 17.



# Headmaster's Message



Mr John Crowley  
Headmaster

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Dear friends,

I am writing my first article for "The Shamrock" after the completion of a very busy Term 1. As the new Headmaster of St Patrick's College, I have been amazed at the number and variety of opportunities afforded to our boys. What has impressed me immediately is the passion our students have for participation. Whether in the areas of Drama, Music, Rowing, Football, Cricket, Rugby, Debating, Public Speaking, Liturgy or Social Justice, there is a tangible sense of the importance of pursuing one's interests with the highest degree of commitment and enthusiasm. It is a credit to each student who walks through our gates each morning that they can be involved so completely in all St Patrick's College has to offer. And, by sharing their gifts so generously and openly, these students are making the St Patrick's College community an even stronger place to be educated. I would encourage all our new Year 7 students to be involved in as many different activities as possible. You have come to St Patrick's College at a wonderful time in its history so make the most of every offering.

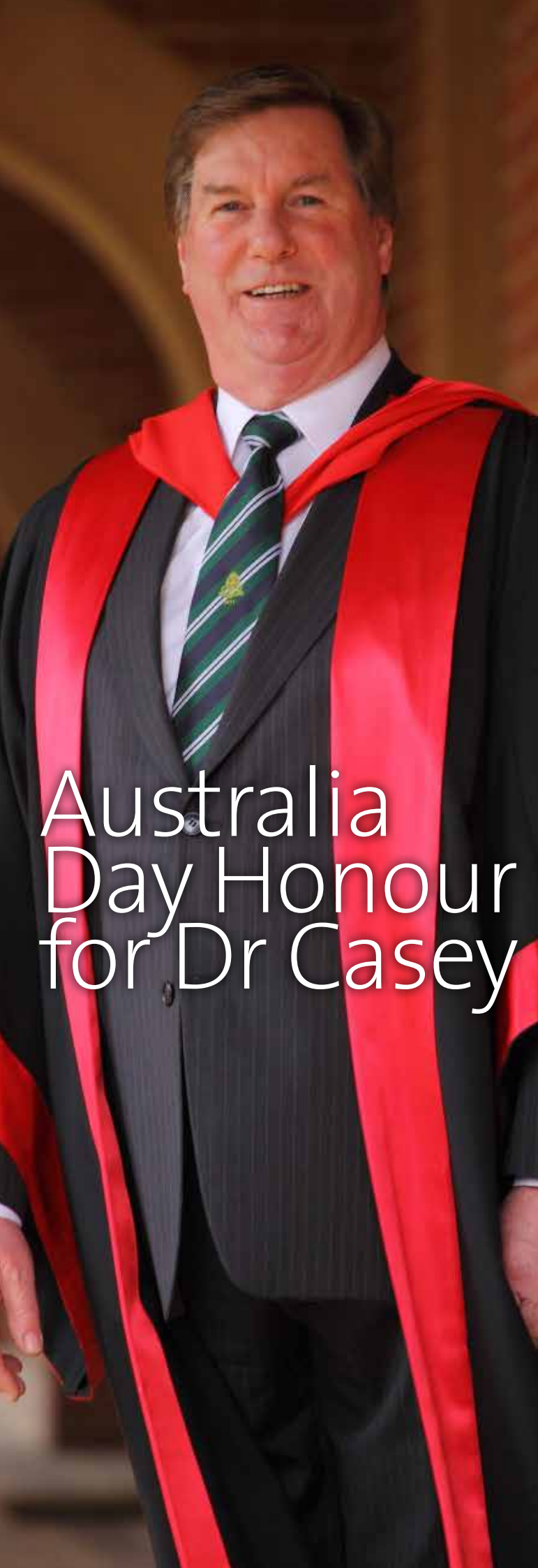
What has also impressed me greatly since commencing at the College is the commitment each student is

showing towards their academic studies. In this respect, the year has started very positively. At our recent annual Academic Assembly, I had the pleasure of presenting a number of boys with Chris Nolan academic awards. The word that most readily comes to mind here is excellence: excellence in effort, excellence in dedication and excellence in attitude. It is a credit to each boy who received an award: each one of you worked incredibly hard at improving your knowledge of a particular subject. You have taken the initiative for your learning and will carry this knowledge for the rest of your lives. There is an important message here for every student in celebrating the academic achievements of fellow classmates. Through their efforts, a light shines brightly at St Patrick's College as a source of inspiration for every student to achieve the very best possible.

I have thoroughly enjoyed all of our celebrations and events this term. St Patrick's College is an incredibly vibrant place to work. There is something on nearly every night, which again reflects the abundance of opportunities on offer. Perhaps the highlight for me was the St Patrick's Day Mass and Luncheon. It was also the day where I was formally inducted as Headmaster to this wonderful College. Over lunch, I had

the opportunity to meet a number of very proud Old Collegians and past Headmasters who joined us for their annual reunion. It was over lunch, where I was able to share in many past stories of life at St Patrick's College over the years that I began to realise what a rich history and tradition we are all fortunate to share in. Each of us, past and present students, teachers, Headmasters and staff are all stewards of this great tradition and story, placing our own special mark on the history of the College.

Lastly, I would like to thank the entire community for welcoming myself and my family so warmly into the community of St Patrick's College. It is a justly proud community that continues to offer incredible opportunities to all of its 1430 students, as it has done for the past 125 years. As a community, it is important for us to continue to shine light on the critical importance of inclusivity, excellence and innovation. We need to continue the long tradition of building a spirit of connectedness where respect underpins all of our interactions. And we need to continue to engender hope and joy in all we do, one where Jesus remains the central presence in our lives through word and deed.



# Australia Day Honour for Dr Casey

The St Patrick's College community extends its full congratulations to former Headmaster Dr Peter Casey on being appointed as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to education.

Dr Casey was honoured in the 2015 Australia Day Honours list for his "significant service to secondary education as an administrator and teacher, to professional organisations, and to the community of Ballarat".

The recognition honoured Dr Casey's 45 years working in education, including 13 years as the first lay person Headmaster at St Patrick's College. Dr Casey retired early this year after leading the College in a period of sustained growth and excellence.

"I was delighted to have been nominated for the award. I see it as recognition for a lot of very good people with whom I have worked within schools, Catholic education and the wider community," Dr Casey said.

"Life is there to be lived and I have tried to engage in happy pursuits on a daily basis.

"I am particularly conscious of my family and their support while I've been flying kites. My wife Anna and our three daughters - Jennifer, Elizabeth and Kathleen, and our growing extended family have offered continued and strong support and love.

"Across our sector many great people contribute to the wellbeing of the students in our schools and for that I am grateful."

Highlights of Dr Casey's tenure at St Patrick's College include:

- Increasing enrolment numbers from 845 in 2002 to 1432 in 2015;
- Overseeing several major capital work projects rebuilding classrooms and facilities;
- Reintroducing and rejuvenating boarding; and
- Introducing a specialised Indigenous Education Programme.

Current Headmaster Mr John Crowley, a former student of Dr Casey's, said the St Patrick's College community was delighted to learn of Dr Casey's latest honour.

"From the youngest student to the most senior Old Collegian, all would be aware of the great impact Dr Casey has had on the life of St Patrick's College," Mr Crowley said.

"It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of our wonderful community, formally extend our congratulations to Peter and also our thanks for all he has done and has helped us achieve.

"St Patrick's continues to enhance its reputation as one of Australia's great schools largely thanks to the vision and passion with which Dr Casey approached his role as Headmaster.

"We continue to raise fine boys to the status of great men with our aim that as many as possible have as much impact on their community as Dr Casey has done."

## Dr Peter Casey's career

- Headmaster, St Patrick's College, Ballarat, 2002-2014.
- Principal, Catholic College, Wodonga, 1989-2001.
- Principal, Kildare College, Traralgon, 1986-1988.
- Teacher, Victoria, since 1970; Principal, 28 years.
- President, Principals' Association of Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools, 2010-2011; Secretary, 2003-2004; Vice-President, 1995-1996; Executive Member, 2002, 2001, 1994.
- Chairman, Integrated Catholic Online Network (ICON), 2011-2012, and Member, 2010-2014.
- Member, Funding Committee, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria.
- Chairman, Management Committee, Ballarat Associated Schools Inc.
- Chair, Management Committee, SIMON Technology, Ballarat - a non-profit, web based solution that provides relevant technological solutions to common school based tasks.
- Founder, Eureka Dinner.



# Academic Assembly Address



Hamish Clydesdale  
2014 College Dux

*“Although I did many hours of hard work last year, often getting to bed at 2am or later, Year 12 was still an incredible twelve months. I was lucky enough to play in the First XI soccer team for the second year in a row, and last year we won our ninth straight BAS premiership.”*

The 2015 Academic Assembly was held on Friday, February 20 in sweltering conditions in the Br W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre.

The Assembly is one of the highlights on the SPC calendar and invites back all subject duces from the previous year. Old Collegian and sports journalist with The Australian Courtney Walsh (SPC 1989-94) was invited back as guest speaker before 2014 College Dux Hamish Clydesdale addressed the full school community.

Hamish recorded an incredible ATAR score of 98.75. His journey to his remarkable achievement began in 2013 when as a Year 11 student he achieved a study score of 50 in Further Mathematics. In Year 12, Hamish attained a VCE study score of 42, scaled study score 43, in Literature. In Mathematical Methods (CAS), a VCE study score of 40, scaled to 45. In Biology, a VCE study score of 44, scaled to 45. In Chemistry, a VCE study score of 39, scaled to 43 and in Japanese, a VCE study score of 31, scaled to 39.

Following is a transcript of Hamish's speech to the assembly.

“Good morning Mr Crowley, invited guests, staff and fellow St Patrick's College students.

When I first entered St Patrick's College six years ago I had a relatively good idea of what to expect, having had two brothers attend before me. I could not have fathomed however, just how much this incredible school has given me. After leaving Wendouree Primary, a small but very underrated school, I could not help but be daunted by the sheer amount of boys. Settling in was no problem though, and after the Year 7 camp in Creswick, I felt completely engrained into the College. From that point on, school was an absolute pleasure and I could only wonder whether everyone enjoyed it so much. The only downside was the homework and because I was absolutely terrified of the consequences of not completing it, finding motivation was not too difficult.

As I moved through the junior school and into Year 9, my motivation for homework and study changed. I worked hard at home in order to learn and improve at my subjects, rather than to just avoid punishment. I

believe independence to be the key and while help is almost always necessary, a good honest attempt by yourself in any task is hugely beneficial in my opinion. The first reward I received for this effort was the Year 9 Dux, the first year level dux I had achieved. The award came as a huge shock, and when my friend told me in maths, I thought he was winding me up. Ever since then, the potential rewards for hard work have been plain, and winning College Dux feels like a culmination of six years of hard work, not just one.

Although I did many hours of hard work last year, often getting to bed at 2am or later, Year 12 was still an incredible twelve months. I was lucky enough to play in the First XI soccer team for the second year in a row, and last year we won our ninth straight BAS premiership. I also played for the Bungaree Under 18s team, which sadly lost a very tense grand final. Both of these were great complements to my study and I recommend any form of recreation away from study in Year 12.

I, of course, owe a huge thank you to all my teachers: Mr O'Loughlan, Mrs McIntyre, Ms Till, Mrs Taylor and Mr



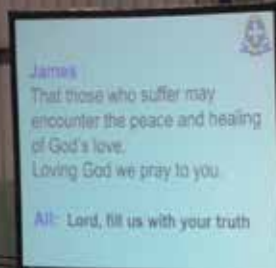
McCrum are all committed and passionate teachers who constantly make themselves available to all their students. Furthermore, I am very sad in the knowledge that I will never again be witness to the razor sharp wit of Hamish McCrum as he, for example, assesses the new haircuts of his students. Or, in my case, the dismal attempts at growing a beard. And I quote Mr McCrum: 'Hamish, you look like a 13 year old who hasn't shaved for two weeks'. Thanks Mr McCrum.

Leaving St Patrick's College and entering the University of Melbourne is both an exciting and sombre experience. I have loved this College so much and I fill with pride at the thought that my name will be placed on the Dux honour board, forever a part of this school's rich history.

Thank you and good morning."

**Above:** Headmaster Mr John Crowley thanks Old Collegian Courtney Walsh for being guest speaker at the 2015 Academic Assembly.

**Right:** 2014 Dux Hamish Clydesdale addresses the assembly.



# Academic Assembly



**Mr Stephen Hill**  
Deputy Headmaster - Curriculum

**Above:** On a hot, sticky day the Br W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre was filled to capacity for the 2015 Academic Assembly.

**Opposite from top (L-R):** Many of the 2014 subject duces returned to the College to be honoured at the 2015 Academic Assembly.

Headmaster John Crowley, 2014 College Dux Hamish Clydesdale and guest speaker Courtney Walsh congratulate Michael Kan on being named Dux of English and Dux of Legal Studies for 2014.

Members of the College Band perform during the Academic Assembly.

Year 12 student leaders sing the College song.

At the 2015 Academic Assembly on Friday, February 20, the College welcomed back each student from the Class of 2014 who had scored an ATAR of above 90 or who had been named as a subject Dux.

It soon became evident that 2014 College Dux Hamish Clydesdale had many academically gifted classmates in 2014 and the following boys were presented a VCE Achievement of Excellence Award in recognition of their efforts in attaining an ATAR of 90 and above:

**Hamish Clydesdale**  
ATAR of 98.75  
2015 offer: Biomedicine. The University of Melbourne, Parkville

**Liam Hanrahan**  
ATAR of 95.50  
2015 offer: Pharmacy. La Trobe University, Bendigo

**Michael Kan**  
ATAR of 92.45  
2015 offer: Arts/Laws. Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

**Thomas Keogh**  
ATAR of 96.75  
2015 offer: Science. The University of Melbourne, Parkville

**Thomas McMaster**  
ATAR of 95.95  
2015 offer: Biomedicine. The University of Melbourne, Parkville

**Thomas Mooney**  
ATAR of 91.80  
2015 offer: Exercise Science. La Trobe University, Melbourne

**Louis Powlett**  
ATAR of 91.95  
2015 offer: Professional Communication. RMIT University

**Harrison Robertson**  
ATAR of 96.15  
2015 offer: Biomedicine. The University of Melbourne, Parkville

**Martin Ryan**  
ATAR of 95.90  
2015 offer: Medical Radiations-Medical Imaging (Radiography). RMIT University

**Aidan Willowwhite**  
ATAR of 94.05  
2015 offer: Commerce. Federation University Australia, Mount Helen

A VCE Academic Prize, or subject Dux, was presented to the boy with highest study score of 40 and above for each VCE and VETIS Units 3/4 offered in 2014. The following students were recognised:

**Christopher Callil**  
Dux of Visual Communication Design (Study Score of 43)

**Hamish Clydesdale**  
Dux of Biology (Study Score of 44, scaled to 45)  
Dux of Literature (Study Score of 42, scaled to 43)  
Stephen Callahan Dux of Mathematical Methods (CAS) (Study Score of 40, scaled to 45)  
Dux of Chemistry (Study Score of 39, scaled to 43)

**Patrick Collier**  
Dux of Further Mathematics (Study Score of 50)

**Liam Edwards**  
Dux of Systems Engineering (Study Score of 42)

**Kelsey Gannon**  
Dux of Business Management (Study Score of 42)





**Timothy Gilbert**

Dux of Outdoor and Environmental Studies (Study Score of 43)

**Liam Hanrahan**

Dux of Physical Education (Study Score of 45)

**Michael Kan**

Dux of English Language (Study Score of 48, scaled to 49)  
Justin Quill Dux of Legal Studies (Study Score of 40)

**Thomas Keogh**

Dux of Japanese (Second Language) (Study Score of 33, scaled to 41)

**Thomas McMaster**

Dux of English (Study Score of 47)  
Dux of Physical Education (Study Score of 45)

**Harrison Robertson**

Dux of Physics (Study Score of 40, scaled to 42)

**Leigh Spiteri**

Dux of Sport and Recreation (VCE VET) (Study Score of 48)

**Jordan Thomas**

John Cosgriff Dux of Specialist Mathematics (Study Score of 31, scaled to 43)

**Angus Thompson**

Dux of Product Design and Technology (Study Score of 42)

**Linus Tolliday**

Dux of Media (Study Score of 43)

**Aidan Willowhite**

Dux of Accounting (Study Score of 42, scaled to 43)

To conclude the acknowledgement of the academic successes of the class of 2014, the assembly recognised those boys who received the inaugural Victorian Certificate of Education (Baccalaureate).

The Victorian Certificate of Education (Baccalaureate) was introduced to support the State Government's objectives to encourage more students to include languages and higher level mathematics in their senior secondary program of study.

To be eligible for the Victorian Certificate of Education (Baccalaureate) a student had to achieve a study score of 30 and above in their chosen study of

English, satisfactorily complete a Units 3/4 sequence in either Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics and satisfactorily complete a Units 3/4 sequence in a VCE Language (Japanese here at St Patrick's).

The inaugural Victorian Certificate of Education (Baccalaureate) was awarded to St Patrick's students Hamish Clydesdale, Ashley Duffy, Matthew Hall, Thomas Keogh and Peter Leighton.





# St Patrick's Day

**Above:** 2015 College Captain Kelsey Gannon delivers his address at the 2015 St Patrick's Day Assembly.

**Opposite from top (L-R):**

Old Collegians Gavan O'Connor (SPC 1965), Ray Ball (SPC 1962-65) and Mick O'Beirne (SPC 1947-53) enjoyed the reunion luncheon.

Bishop Paul Bird celebrates Mass alongside Fr James Kerr (SPC 2000-05) and Fr Eugene McKinnon (SPC 1965-66).

Fr John Ware (SPC 1943-47) says grace ahead of the Old Collegians luncheon on St Patrick's Day.

Graeme Sampieri (SPC 1952-55) and Michael Dinley (SPC 1950-57) relived some old memories on St Patrick's Day.

College Chaplain Fr James Kerr makes a presentation to Headmaster John Crowley as part of the formal induction ceremony.

The College once again ensured St Patrick's Day was a major event on the calendar in 2015 with a Mass and Assembly in the W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre, followed by a lunch for more than 130 Old Collegians in the OCA Pavilion.

The assembly took on even greater significance this year as it presented the opportunity for the formal induction of new Headmaster Mr John Crowley, as well as the induction of the 2015 Student Representative Council.

Following is an edited extract of the speech delivered by Mr Crowley:

"In early 2013 I was contacted by Sr Brigid Arthur, who runs the Brigidine Asylum Seekers project out of a small office in Albert Park. Sr Brigid spends her days helping people and families who have taken dangerous journeys across vast oceans in boats, fleeing war and persecution in their home countries, to seek refuge and a new life in Australia.

Sr Brigid asked me whether I would visit a family who had recently arrived in Australia after they had to leave their country. And so, a few weeks later, we drove down to Werribee to meet them. After a few visits, we were invited to share a meal with the family. Over dinner, I asked them what the most difficult thing for them in coming to Australia. They answered that, above all else, they had lost their connection with their community.

I think that it is true to say that when we stop and reflect on our own lives we realise very quickly that we are all people who crave connection. In fact, our whole lives are spent developing these points of contact. They are all around us - links to our football club, music ensemble, church group, rowing club, debating group and, of course, our school. These are the very ties that allow us to be people who feel valued and motivate us to contribute to a common purpose. In a nutshell, these connections make us feel wanted. Like Peyman, if we lose our connections, we lose part of our identity. Part of who we are.

As a Catholic secondary school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are called to be people whose actions are underpinned by our four touchstones. These touchstones are ways of being, a blueprint that guides and encourages us to see the world in a unique way. These touchstones flow through every facet of life at St Patrick's College; our relationships with each other, our decisions, our classrooms and our curriculum.

The third of these touchstones, the call for all of us at St Patrick's College to be an inclusive community, is particularly important for us here today. When we are fully aware of the role each of us play in being people of welcome, people who embrace difference, people of hope, people who treat others with respect and dignity, amazing things can and do happen. We transform our environment, we transform how people feel, and we transform the world around us. And, most profoundly,



when we extend a hand to others we strengthen their sense of connection and enable them to feel that they really belong. It happens every day at school and often we don't even realise it or just take it for granted. What a powerful gift each of us can be to those around us.

It sounds so simple, and yet time and time again we see examples of where the world falls short in this endeavour. Every day we see or read of examples where people act in a way that seeks to exclude rather than include. Actions that destroy instead of build. Hurtful behaviours that chip away at our human need for connection and relationships. War instead of peace. Insults instead of flattery. Headlines instead of empathy. Punishment instead of forgiveness. It is easy to become disillusioned by what we read and hear every day.

The important thing for us to focus on here, however, is that we shape what happens in our own school. There is, however, a personal price to pay. To embrace our calling to be an inclusive community we have to be prepared to be people who are willing to provide the support for

those in need, to be people who, despite being frustrated at times, always speak kindly to others, to be people of principle, to be people of the Gospel, to be people who recognise that justice is not about treating everyone the same, but rather, providing people with what they absolutely need. On a more practical level to be people who are willing to hold a door open for someone who is struggling, to stand back while someone walks through the door first, to say hi to someone we don't know, to help someone who looks lost or unhappy. All of these examples share a common thread: a focus on the other rather than ourselves. While we can't necessarily reconnect those who are suffering on the other side of the world, we can, and do, make a difference every day in our own school. Being a community of inclusion demands nothing less from each of us than to aim to embrace every person. If someone is left behind, we need to turn around, go back, and pick them up. This is what it means to be truly inclusive.

And here is the wonderful thing about this touchstone: we don't need guest speakers, or special

programs, or professional development to bring it to the forefront in our school. We need a willing heart and a kind spirit. And when we can truly say we have embraced inclusivity in all we do, we will find that the three other touchstones - a liberating education based around excellence and engagement, justice and solidarity where peace exists for all on earth and Gospel Spirituality, can be understood and lived out at St Patrick's College as naturally as walking through the front gates of the school.

Today, I am presented to the community of St Patrick's College as the newly appointed Headmaster of this wonderful school, a proud community that continues to offer incredible opportunities to all of its 1430 students, as it has done for the past 122 years. I commit to each of you here that I will strive to lead this community in a way that continues to shine light on the critical importance of inclusivity, excellence and innovation. Together with our dedicated staff, we will continue the long tradition of building a spirit of connectedness where respect underpins all of our interactions.

Where strong decisions are made, and always with an unwavering focus on what is best for our boys. I commit to continuing the great work of past Headmasters in striving to engender hope and joy in all we do, one where Jesus remains the central presence in our lives through word and deed. And, through our work to bring about inclusiveness of all, we will continue to explore and embrace all of our touchstones - a commitment to excellence in curriculum and excellence in effort, a commitment to justice for all, not just some, and openness to the mystery and wonder of God in our lives.

And finally, to each and every one of you, have a wonderful St Patrick's Day.'



# Chris Nolan Awards



Mr Stephen Hill  
Deputy Headmaster -  
Curriculum

The 2015 Academic Assembly included the presentation of the 2014 Semester Two Chris Nolan Awards.

The Chris Nolan Awards were established in 2008 to acknowledge the academic excellence of individual students.

To receive a Chris Nolan Award, a boy must be in the top 15% of his year level. The 15% is determined by the aggregation of all semester results (including exams and all reported assessment items).

Chris graduated from St Patrick's College in 1985 as College Captain. He completed his Law Degree at Monash University and went on to practice law in Vietnam. Chris was highly respected by all for his commitment and enthusiasm to all aspects of College life and demonstrated his intelligence

and ingenuity shortly after leaving St Patrick's as one of the co-founders of the highly acclaimed Meredith Music Festival. After several years in Vietnam, Chris tragically acquired severe brain injuries from a viral infection leading to total organ failure. Chris is profoundly disabled physically and in his communication systems. With the strong and unconditional support of his family and friends, Chris has continued to fight against these disabilities and has developed various means of communication and is now the face for those developing awareness of and the fight for young people requiring care in nursing homes.

As a student at the College, Chris regularly achieved strong academic results and in his final year he was awarded:

- the Headmaster's Award for Leadership
- the History Prize
- the Sir Hugh Devine Prize for Impromptu Speech
- a W.T. Doyle Prize for Debating
- the 1st XI Cricket Bowling Award

In his time at St Patrick's, Chris clearly exemplified the pursuit of excellence across a range of our important educational programmes and activities.

Please use the following link to view the Chris Nolan Award Recipients for Semester Two 2014.  
[www.stpats.vic.edu.au/  
UserFiles/2014ChrisNolan.pdf](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/UserFiles/2014ChrisNolan.pdf)

Top: Mary Nolan presents a Chris Nolan Award to student Nathaniel Corboy.

Below: Recipients of Chris Nolan Awards for Semester 2, 2014 were presented at the 2015 Academic Assembly on February 20, 2015.





# Entries open for Art Exhibition

Entries are now open for the 2015 St Patrick's College Flanagan Art Exhibition featuring prizes worth \$7000.

In an exciting development this year, the College is delighted to announce that the National Australia Bank Ballarat Branch has come on board as the major sponsor of this year's exhibition and will be the naming rights sponsor for the main prize.

The winner of the Flanagan Art Exhibition will receive \$5000 courtesy of the NAB.

The winner of the Federation University Emerging Artist category will receive \$1500 while the best Lifestyle Ballarat Affordable Art piece will earn its creator \$500.

All entries must be received by Friday, June 19 and winners will be announced at a gala function in the OCA Pavilion on August 21.

Now in its eighth year the exhibition continues to build a reputation as one of the leading art exhibitions in the Ballarat region.

Last year more than 150 entries were received from professional artists around Australia, including an entry from a former winner of Australia's most prestigious art award, the Archibald prize.

Event organisers are hoping for further strong growth in 2015, particularly considering that a strong national brand such as the NAB has partnered the event for the first time.

All winning entries are acquired by the College and are displayed in a student access area in Kennedy House, ensuring current students have access to quality work from some of the nation's most talented and emerging artists.

Any artist is welcome to enter the competition with entry fees remaining steady at \$30 per entry.

For more details and entry forms visit [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au) and look for the link to the NAB Flanagan Art Exhibition.



## The 2015 Flanagan Art Exhibition

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# St Patrick's College to honour war history

St Patrick's College will honour the contributions of hundreds of Old Collegians to Australia's war history with the launch of a new book and the induction of four new College Legends in 2015.

To mark the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, the College has spent the past 18 months researching the lives of nearly 300 Old Collegians who fought in World War I. These biographies are being compiled into a commemorative book which will be launched at the College's annual Legends dinner on Saturday May 2.

St Patrick's College Headmaster John Crowley said the book was being published with the generous support of the Department of Veterans Affairs and of the St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association and would be a valuable addition to the proud history of the school.

"Through the great work of our archivist, Ms Catriona Banks, we have been able to unearth some

incredible stories of bravery and sacrifice by our Old Collegians and we are delighted to be able to bring them together in one publication for the first time," Mr Crowley said.

"We could think of no better way of honouring these brave men by launching this fine book 100 years after the commencement of World War I."

The book launch will be held on the same night as four Old Collegians with strong military ties will be inducted as Legends of St Patrick's College.

The four new Legends are:

- World War I veteran Major Joe Fogarty (dec) (SPC 1900-01);
- World War II veteran Laurie Larmer (SPC 1935-40);
- Afghanistan veteran Sgt Blaine Diddams (dec) (SPC 1988-89); and
- Currently serving Colonel Shaun Hoffmann (SPC 1985-87).

St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association president Michael Kearney said all four inductees had displayed tremendous leadership and bravery in the field of battle while representing their country and had truly earned the title as Legends of the College.

"The Legends Dinner is the undoubted highlight of our year and we are very proud to be able to honour four military heroes in this way, coinciding with the launch of the World War I book," Mr Kearney said.

"St Patrick's College is very proud of the number of men it has produced who have distinguished themselves amidst the most horrendous conditions imaginable on the world's battlefields and we see 2015, as the 100-year anniversary of Gallipoli, as the perfect time to bring these achievements into the public focus."

Continuing the military theme of the evening, the College will also

honour former staff members, Br Kevin Tuck and Mr Brian Broadribb, with a Facere et Docere (To Do and To Teach) Award, recognising their years of commitment to the former St Patrick's College cadet programme.

The College will also host a Memorial Mass on Saturday May 2 at 6pm to honour its war heroes.

A gala dinner will then follow in the College's OCA Pavilion, overlooking the Main Oval, to induct the new Legends and to launch the book.

All are welcome to attend the Memorial Mass while all-inclusive tickets for the dinner cost \$80 and are available for sale by contacting the College's Development Office on 5331 1688.

Copies of the book will be available for sale through the College for \$40 per copy, or \$100 for one of 100 specially marked editions, presented in commemorative boxes. To order your copy contact the College Shop on 5322 4313.



  
**Our Bravest**  
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**Opposite:** Colonel Shaun Hoffmann pictured here in Afghanistan.

**This page, from top (L-R):** Sgt Blaine Diddams will be inducted posthumously.

Laurie Larmer will be inducted as a Legend in May. He is pictured here addressing the 2014 St Patrick’s Day luncheon.

Joe Fogarty is shown here in his school days playing footy for St Patrick’s College at the turn of last century.



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# Rowing

The rowing program under the direction of Mr Peter Joyce (Director of Rowing) and Mr John Cumper (Coaching and Logistics) competed in the prestigious Head of the Lake on Sunday March 1.

Full results are below and for the first time in three years SPC won the Premiership and took home the Harold Deveson Trophy. This now makes seven of the last ten years as boys premiers. As well as the race for premiership points SPC also were victorious in Year 9 Div 4 and 5.

The feature event on the day, the Head of the Lake, was won by Ballarat Grammar with Ballarat High School finishing second and St Patrick's College in third position.

The College also sent three crews to Sydney in late March to compete in the National Rowing Championships.

Our 1st IV senior crew fought hard to win through to the final of the National Schoolboy's Coxed Four event where they finished a highly credible seventh position. Once again we offer our sincere congratulations to Ballarat Grammar for winning the national title – showcasing the high quality of rowing we enjoy in Ballarat.

Significantly, it is also worth noting that the Victorian eights crew which won the coveted Kings Cup event at the national titles was coached by Old Collegian and former champion rower Christian Ryan (SPC 1992-95).

The Annual presentation night for our rowing program was held on Monday March 16. Winners were as follows:

**The Paul Myers Trophy**  
Awarded to a Year 9 Rower who has demonstrated dedication and achieved a high level of performance in his first year in the sport.  
**Isaac Pertzell**

**The James Marburg Trophy**  
Awarded to a Year 10 Rower who, through perseverance, consistency and application has taken his performance to another level.  
**Lachlan Riordon and Samuel McKeegan**

**The Christian Ryan Trophy**  
Awarded to a Year 11 Rower who through commitment and discipline to all aspects of the sport has continued to improve and become a key member of the Senior squad.  
**Dallas Martin and David O'Doherty**

**The Brian Vear Trophy**  
Awarded to the most accomplished senior rower in the shed.  
**Nicholas McKenna**

**The Anthony Edwards Trophy**  
Awarded to the most influential senior club member in the shed who contributes both on and off the water.

**Callum Holland and Christopher Milroy**

Five year service awards were presented to Sam Romeril and Ben Martin.

**This page, from top (L-R):**  
Our 1st IV crew finished in third position in the Head of the Lake and in seventh position at the National Championships.

Senior St Patrick's College students donned the green, white and blue to cheer on our rowers.

Many of our crews were exhausted at the end of their event at the Head of the Lake.

**Opposite, from top:**  
Victorian eights coach and Old Collegian Christian Ryan, centre, is pictured with winners of the award named in his honour Dallas Martin and David O'Doherty.

Rowers Chris Milroy, Callum Holland and Ambrose Gillett celebrate the SPC win in the boy's premiership at the 2015 Head of the Lake Regatta.



# Sports shorts



## Athletics

Year 9 student Sam Williams has become just the fourth SPC student in history (and the first in 26 years) to win a national athletics title. Sam ran a personal best time in the final of the boys Under 16 1500m at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships at Olympic Park in March to claim the gold medal. Sam clocked a fantastic time of 4mins.38sec, to beat his nearest rival from Queensland by more than two seconds. The only three previous SPC students to win national titles were Steve Moneghetti (1980), Stephen McMahon (1988, 89) and Chris Howley (1989). Congratulations are extended to Sam and his coach, Nev Down, and all involved with Sam's development through the Wendouree Athletics Club and the SPC athletics program.

## Rugby

Two current students - Joshua Coward (Year 12) and Nicholas Donghi (Year 11) were named in the Australian Youth Boys Rugby 7s squad for the forthcoming Commonwealth Youth Games to be held in Samoa at the start of September. Their great news comes on the back of a fantastic month for rugby at the College as they were joined by two other students, Dyvontae Tippett (Year 11) and Marcus Kaponga (Year 11) in representing the Victorian Boys 7s team at the national titles, where they recorded the state's best ever result in finishing runner-up to NSW.

## Golf

Congratulations to Year 10 student Bailey Holloway and Year 11 student Corey Haase who finished in second and third position respectively in the Golf Victoria Inter-School Golf Challenge played at the Yarra Yarra Golf Club in March. Bailey, with a handicap of 3, scored 38 stableford points to finish two points behind the winner from St Bede's. Corey, who plays off a handicap of one, finished one point further back on 37.

## Tennis

Congratulations to Year 12 Toby Fisher and Year 7 Hugh McManus for their success in the 2015 McNeil Cup tennis tournament, run through Ballarat Associated School Sports. Toby won the senior singles event while Hugh triumphed in the junior category.

## Football

The 1st XVIII has made a winning start to 2015 with comfortable victories in practice matches over Assumption College and St Joseph's College, Geelong.

The 2014 team was also named as Team of the Year at the Ballarat Sportsperson of the Year Awards in February in recognition of last year's historic fifth consecutive Herald Sun Shield premiership.

Congratulations also to Year 11 student Jarrod Korewha, originally from Koroit, who was named as the Moyne Shire's Junior Sports Achiever of the Year.

## Water skiing

Congratulations to Year 11 student and star water skier Sam Perry who smashed the junior course record at the prestigious Southern 80 event at Echuca. Sam completed the 80km course in 32min43sec, obliterating the previous junior record by 19 seconds. According to The Courier, Sam's time was so fast it would have won the open men event of the competition in 40 of the past 50 years! Sam's next goal is to qualify for the world titles.

### Ballarat Associated Schools

## Boy's Rowing Premiership

1st - 6, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3, 4th - 2, 5th - 1

RACE	BHS	BCC	BG	SPC	DC
Yr 9 - Div 2	2	3	6	4	
Yr 9 - Div 1	2	3	6	4	
Yr 10 - Div 3	2	4	3	6	
Yr 10 - Div 2	3	1	2	6	4
Yr 10 - Div 1	3	4	2	6	
Open - 4th	3	-	4	6	
Open - 3rd	-	3	6	4	
Open - 2nd	-	3	4	6	
Open 1st	4	2	6	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>5th</b>



# Cricket

## Blake's brilliant batting

Blake Thomson in action during the BAS Grand Final against Ballarat High School.

Year 12 student Blake Thomson has created history for the College's 1st XI cricket side, by smashing what is believed to be a Ballarat Associated Schools Sports record innings of 159 from just 115 balls in a game against Ballarat Grammar.

Blake partnered with Year 11 student Jonah Healey (105 from 121 balls) for an incredible opening stand of 264 in the two-day game in February.

The classic innings was Blake's second century in as many games after he had also belted 129 against Ballarat Clarendon College a fortnight earlier – which was the first century by an SPC batsman in six years.

Unfortunately Blake's heroics couldn't be replicated in the final of the BAS two-day competition where SPC was defeated by Ballarat High School by six wickets. Earlier in the season, SPC had claimed the BAS Twenty20 title with a win over Clarendon.

Blake's efforts not surprisingly saw him win multiple honours at the annual cricket presentation night which was held in the OCA Pavilion on Monday, March 23.

He claimed the 1st XI batting aggregate and average awards after scoring 459 runs for the season at an average of 85.40. Blake also won the 1st XI bowling average award after

claiming 12 wickets for the season at an amazing average of 4.83. Not surprisingly the Year 12 student also won the best all-rounder award. Capping off a great summer, Blake was also named in the Victorian Under 17 team and looks to have a terrific future in the game.

Year 11 student Nick Martin won the 1st XI bowling aggregate award after snaring 13 wickets for the season.

The other highlight of the 2014-15 cricket season was the rejuvenation of the Leo O'Brien OCA Invitational Match where Old Collegians were invited back to take on the 1st XI in a friendly encounter.

The match was played on Wednesday, February 25 and featured current Victorian representative Matt Short and Victorian Premier League first player Blayde Baker. After an entertaining and high-scoring tussle, it was the Old Collegians who triumphed on the day despite a late rally by the current students. It is hoped the success of the day will ensure an annual Old Collegians v 1st XI match will become a regular feature – possibly scheduled to coincide with St Patrick's Day celebrations.



First XI century makers from the 2014-15 season were Blake Thomson, left, and Jonah Healey.



The rejuvenation of the annual OCA v 1st XI match was a highlight of the 2014-15 cricket season.



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# Aths records broken

**From top (L-R):**  
Year 9 student Jack Butler powers to the finish line to win his heat of the 100m sprint.

Year 9 student Bradley Castleman on his way to breaking the high jump record.

Not even a foot injury could stop Year 11 student Nicholas Donghi from competing in the shot put competition.

The record breaking Nunan 4x100m relay team, from left, Daniel Rioli, Stuart Aberdein, Ben Simpson and Patrick Collier.

Heavy rain the night before and an overcast morning greeted students for the 2015 Athletics Carnival held again on the grounds of the College.

The SPC Athletics team maintains its high profile standing within the College community and is proudly displayed along with the First XVIII in each year's photos on the walls of the College.

The 2015 SPC House Athletics Carnival again contributed to this fine tradition.

The carnival format again gave all students the opportunity to participate in many different track and field events.

The carnival was again a fantastic success, and the format ensured a premium is placed on participation with points significantly higher in value.

The carnival aims to:

1. Provide for maximum participation;

2. Provide a genuine carnival atmosphere and focus on finals and relays;

3. Provide maximum use of SPC facilities.

There were a number of records broken on the day and these included;

**Year 12 4x100m relay record**

Existing Record:  
Galvin 1997 - 48.4  
New record:  
Nunan 2015 - 47.6

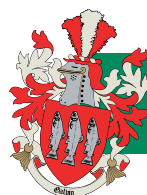
**400 m - Year 12:Boys**

Existing Record:  
B. Parnell 1994 - 53.30s  
New record:  
Stuart Aberdein [NU] 53.10s

**Discus - Year 9:Boys**

Existing Record:  
C. Hughes 1982 - 29.77m  
New record:  
James Dickson [RY] 33.89m and  
Zachary Wheelahan [RY] 30.20m

**House Athletics Shield Points**



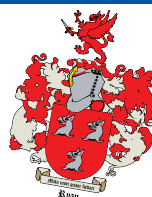
**1st Galvin - 3842 pts**



**2nd Nunan - 3831 pts**

**3rd Keniry - 3241 pts**

**4th Ryan - 3133 pts**



**High Jump - Year 9:Boys**

Existing Record:  
Daniel Ross-Smith [KN] 2005 - 1.68m  
New record:  
Bradley Castleman [KN] 1.75m

Thanks to all the staff on the day that facilitated such a fantastic event. The final results saw Galvin claim a narrow win on the day.



# Swim stars shine

St Patrick's College has again won the Boys' Aggregate Title at the annual BAS Swimming Carnival.

A fine team of swimmers represented SPC on Tuesday, March 3 at the Eureka Pool and steered the College to overall wins in each of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions.

One particular highlight of the day was the performance of the Junior Medley Relay team which smashed the previous BAS record by a whopping 14 seconds.

The annual BAS carnival came two weeks after the SPC House Swimming Carnival was held at the Eureka Pool on Wednesday February 18.

As in previous years, the Junior and Middle school events were conducted in the morning and the Senior events were conducted in the afternoon. These were followed by finals and the prestigious champions of champions race to conclude proceedings.

In the afternoon Junior and Middle School students participated in an "activities hour" which eventually

included use of the Eureka Pool water slide, as well as basketball and novelty events in the small pool. Participation here gained valuable participation points for their houses.

The carnival aimed to:

1. Provide for maximum participation;
2. Provide a genuine carnival atmosphere and focus on finals and relays; and
3. Provide opportunities for students to develop confidence in the water.

Swimming events were held over 25 and 50 metres with novelty events also included in the programme. With participation high and the points tally very close excellent competition was assured throughout the day.

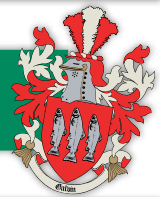
The format ensures a premium on participation. Congratulations again to Nunan House who again won the swimming sports for 2015.

The overall results were as follows:

## House Swimming Shield Points



**1st Nunan - 1160 pts**



**2nd Galvin - 1011 pts**



**3rd Ryan - 990 pts**



**4th Keniry - 943 pts**



## Champion of Champions

A highlight of the day continues to be the last race on the programme. The fastest eight swimmers were invited to participate in the Champion of Champions event to ultimately determine the fastest 50m freestyler on the day. The following eight boys qualified for the last race of the day. Students from Year 10, 11 and 12 were represented along with Year 8 swimmer Joshua Brien.

2013 winner William Sullivan, who failed to qualify last year was back in the action in what was an outstanding field. In the final there was a line across the pool with less than a second separating the first four place getters. It was a thrilling race.

House Swimming - Champion of Champions

Name	House	Year	Time	Place
Michael Rodger	Ryan	11	27.02	1
Joshua Taylor	Galvin	11	27.09	2
Joshua Brien	Ryan	8	27.22	3
James McKinnon	Nunan	11	27.60	4
Harry Griffith	Galvin	11	28.41	5
Samuel White	Ryan	11	28.53	6
Billy Sullivan	Keniry	12	28.75	7
Jack Walter	Galvin	12	29.50	8

## Year Level Champions

Points for year level champion were given for participation in Heat "A" and "B" respectively. As in accordance with BAS rules points were calculated from three events and/or two relays. The following boys were crowned year level champions on the day:

**Year 12**  
Kelsey Gannon

**Year 11**  
Michael Rodger

**Year 10**  
James Keyte

**Year 9**  
Harry Turner

**Year 8**  
Joshua Brien

**Year 7**  
Blake Scott

## 2015 Records

There were a number of records broken on the day. Significantly both winner and runner-up broke a long standing record in the Year 8 breaststroke. Well done boys.

**50m Backstroke - Year 8:**  
Existing Record:  
Leigh Weber (2002) 0:33.71s  
New record:  
Joshua Brien [RYA] 0:31.50s

**50m Breaststroke - Year 8:**  
Existing Record:  
Tim Rogers 0:40.50s  
New record:  
Joshua Brien [RYA] 0:39.65s  
and  
Joshua Stahl [NUN] 0:40.38s

**50m Freestyle - Year 8:**  
Existing Record:  
Leigh Weber (2002) 0:28.24s  
New record:  
Joshua Brien [RYA] 0:28.22s

The day was made more special by the outstanding leadership of the Year 12 students who ensured there was much cheering and good fun between the Houses. I would like to thank those House Captains and their Deputies for their outstanding leadership.

**Opposite bottom:** One of the wettest war cries on record was conducted at the House Swimming Carnival.

**Top left:** Year 8 student Joshua Brien smashed a host of records at the 2015 SPC House Swimming Carnival.

**Top right:** Year 11 student Michael Rodger won the prestigious Champion of Champions event at the House Swimming Carnival.

**From top:** All students are to be congratulated for the fantastic spirit at the House Swimming Carnival.



# Cardinal visits

**Above:** Headmaster John Crowley meets with Cardinal George Pell in the Kennedy House Boardroom overlooking the College's front gardens.

**Below:** Cardinal George Pell walks through the wing named in his honour alongside Headmaster John Crowley.

St Patrick's College was delighted on the final day of Term 1 to host a visit by one of its most esteemed Old Collegians Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59).

Cardinal Pell, currently Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy in the Vatican, returned to the College during a short vacation to Australia.

He was particularly interested in meeting new Headmaster John Crowley for the first time and taking a tour of the College to meet with staff and students and inspect new facilities.

Cardinal Pell had last visited the College for the Blessing of the OCA Pavilion in 2008 and was interested in inspecting the new Devine Wing, which houses Year 9 classrooms, and to mingle with Junior School students in the wing named in his honour.

Headmaster John Crowley said he was thrilled to be able to walk through the College grounds with such a proud Old Collegian who harboured fantastic memories of his time as a student in the 1950s.

"Cardinal Pell has long been a strong and passionate advocate of St Patrick's College and remains close friends with

many of his former classmates from his time as a student here," Mr Crowley said.

"It was a great thrill to be able to escort His Eminence around the College grounds and witness the way he interacted with staff and students alike."

Cardinal Pell spent nearly two hours at the College discussing plans for an exciting new initiative which will be aimed at further promoting excellence at St Patrick's College. It is anticipated that further details on this project will be announced in the coming months.



# President's Column

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Dear members of the SPCOCA and readers,

At the close of the first term of 2015 it is appropriate to reflect on some notable happenings of your association over the past few months.

## New Headmaster

Your committee welcomed new Headmaster John Crowley to our two committee meetings held to date. John is very supportive of our culture and goals and will be a great asset to our planning of functions, creating new ideas and, with his integral links to the school, he keeps us informed on the College Board matters.

## Committee

We welcome new committee members for the 2015 year. James Edmonds (SPC 2004-09) has assumed the role as treasurer and works in a national accounting practice in Ballarat. Ben Martin (SPC 2009-14) was College Captain last year and is now working in the insurance industry.

## Functions held

Our major function to date was the annual St Patrick's Day Reunion Luncheon on Tuesday, March 17.

Around 130 Old Boys gathered for Mass in the O'Malley Sports Centre followed by lunch in our pavilion where we enjoyed our usual great meal, refreshments and good fellowship. We were entertained by a host of reflections from those present together with an address by Xavier Maher (SPC 1961-67) on his boarding experiences in the College in the 1960s. The OCA also held a barbecue reunion for the Class of 2014 and we were delighted when around 100 of our newest Old Boys attended.

## Other news

Distinguished Old Collegians Paul Bongiorno (SPC 1957-62) and Colonel Mark Elliott (SPC 1974-79) addressed the Year 9 students on leadership during their recent visits to the College. Their interest in the students and the presentations delivered certainly had an impact on the students that will benefit them for the future.

## Coming events

Most upcoming events of the Old Collegians are covered elsewhere in this edition, especially the Legends Dinner and the reunions.

There is a new function that is being held by your association this year. The "Unsung Heroes" dinner will be held on Friday, August 14. This dinner is to acknowledge 1st XVIII players from 1955 to 1985 who may not have received the public recognition for their efforts while playing for St Patrick's. Every team during that era had players who would have been the heart and soul of their team. They may not have been the most talented and they didn't go on to play in the VFL or AFL. However they were the characters that made us laugh, bonded the players together and who we will remember for their love of the team and the school.

We will be honouring these players at our dinner where we anticipate Mr Ian Cover from the Coodabeens will be our Master of Ceremonies. You will hear more about this night through future news outlets of the College.

I wish you well in your family, business and social lives in the coming months.



Mr Michael Kearney  
OCA President

## Guests galore

An innovative addition to the Year 9 curriculum in Term 1 has provided the opportunity for the College to welcome back some esteemed Old Collegians as guest speakers this year.

As part of a leadership initiative some classes of Year 9 students were asked to conduct research projects, exploring the lives of randomly selected Legends of St Patrick's College.

Working in teams of two or three, the students were asked to select the name of a Legend from a hat, and then endeavour to contact that Legend as part of the research project. Students will be expected to compile a minimum 300 word report on the Legend which we hope will be published in the future on the College website.

As part of the learning process we were delighted to welcome two Legends in particular back to the College to address the 250 Year 9 students about leadership.

Renowned Channel 10 political correspondent Paul Bongiorno (SPC 1957-62) made a special trip from his home in Canberra on Tuesday, February 17 to address the students about the particular traits required to become a successful political leader. Paul also volunteered his time to speak with VCE Legal Studies students about the role the media plays in influencing legislative change in Australia.

Exactly a week later on Tuesday, February 24 Colonel Mark Elliott (SPC 1974-79) also spoke with the same Year 9 students about the importance of

strong leadership in the military. Col Elliott regaled the students with stories of bravery and heroism from conflict zones such as East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The College has been delighted by the support shown by all inducted Legends in willingly helping our current students in their learning about leadership and will explore options to make this curriculum addition an ongoing event.

**Above left:** Colonel Mark Elliott was a very popular special guest for the Year 9 students.

**Below Left:** Political correspondent Paul Bongiorno addresses current Year 9 students about the character traits of strong leadership.





Left: Fr Vincent Batchelor recently celebrated 70 years since his ordination to the priesthood. Photo: Courtesy of Fr Gary Walker, Columban Mission Magazine.

Right: 2014 College vice-captain Sam Romeril donned his 1st XVIII jumper at Mt Everest Base Camp.

# Old Boys in the News

- Congratulations are in order for Old Collegian Fr Vincent (Vinnie) Batchelor (SPC 1934-1937) who celebrated his 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in December. Vinnie first came to St Patrick's as a boarder from Cohuna, a town in the north of Victoria. He was a prefect. In 1937 he was on the Prize List for Latin. Vinnie was Captain of the Second XVIII which won the Shed competition in 1937 and was also a member of 1st XI cricket team which were the undefeated champions in 1937.
- Fr Vinnie's older brother John is a Jesuit priest, now in his 102nd year and another brother, William, now deceased, was a priest in the Sandhurst Diocese. In 1941, along with a number of other Columban seminarians, Vinnie travelled to Omaha to study theology and complete his seminary formation. He was ordained there on December 21, 1944 and returned to Australia the following year. Fr Batchelor began his priestly ministry in various parishes across Australia and New Zealand and became a chaplain to Asian students for a number of years before joining staff of St Columban's Seminary.

- In 1967 Fr Batchelor was appointed to Fiji where he served for 40 years as a teacher and chaplain at Xavier Secondary College in Ba. He now lives in retirement at Nazareth Care in Camberwell.

Other Old Collegian priests celebrating signification anniversaries in 2015 include:

- Fr Frank Ferrie (ordained in 1955), Fr Bill Melican (1955), Fr Laurie Bissett (1965), Fr Hugh Thomas (1965), Fr John Van Suylen (1965) and Fr Eugene McKinnon (1975).
- Congratulations to Old Boy Ben Andrews (SPC 2003-08) who was selected as a finalist at this year's Gold Coast Film Festival short film competition. Ben is full of praise of his time studying media at St Patrick's which sparked his passion for film-making. His film, *The Vault*, was one of 15 shortlisted for the award.
- The ranks of Old Boy footballers looks set to grow in 2015. In the NAB Pre-season Competition Dallas Willmore (SPC 2010-13) played his first game in the seniors for Hawthorn while Liam Duggan (SPC 2009-14), Dan Butler (SPC 2009-14) and Jesse Palmer (SPC 2013-14) all played games for West Coast, Richmond and Port Adelaide respectively.

- We encourage all in the SPC to show their support for former student Nathan Shanahan (SPC 1988-93) who, in April, aimed to walk 400km in 10 days to raise money and awareness for charity, Soldier On. Nathan, a former soldier himself, now suffers from depression and anxiety and wants to help raise awareness of the illness to ensure others don't suffer in silence any longer. You can help support Nathan's worthy cause by making a donation at the following link: <https://soldieron.giveeasy.org/campaigns/walking-off-the-war-within/>
- On a similar theme, there was a heartbreaking story in *The Courier* in March on Old Collegian Andrew Lund (SPC 1983-87) who, two years ago, sadly lost a battle with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder following his service in Iraq in 2004. In an effort to raise awareness of PTSD, some of Lundy's mates are organising a fundraising walk along the Kokoda Track in October. To get involved in the trek and for more information, visit [www.lundystrek.com.au](http://www.lundystrek.com.au) or email [info@lundystrek.com.au](mailto:info@lundystrek.com.au). You can also call 9642 5183. To donate to the cause, visit [www.everydayhero.com.au/event/lundystrek2015](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/lundystrek2015)

- In March, 2014 College vice-captain Sam Romeril (SPC 2009-14) and his uncle Scott Romeril (SPC 1988-93) trekked to Mt Everest Base camp where Sam thought it would be a good idea to showcase his 1st XVIII guernsey. If anyone else has wonderful pics of SPC memorabilia in weird, wacky or wild places we'd love to be able to share them.
- Old Collegians Lachlan Murphy (SPC 2008-13) and James McDougall (SPC 2008-13), who together have formed the band *Horris Green*, competed in the Freeza Push Start Battle of the Bands final as part of the Moomba Festival in Melbourne. *Horris Green* won the Ballarat-leg of the statewide competition late last year and then competed against eight other bands from around the state in a bid to be crowned Victorian champion.
- Congratulations to Old Collegian Callum Linnane (SPC 2008) who has recently secured a prized full time position with the Australian Ballet Company ensuring he is ranked among Australia's top dancers.





Above: College Captain from 1995 Christian Ryan is looking forward to big day back at the College for his 20-Year Reunion and the NOB-SPC football match on May 23.

# Where...are they now?

## Former College Captain and Olympian Christian Ryan (SPC 1992-95) is preparing to celebrate his 20-Year Reunion on Saturday, May 23.

On the same day, Christian will also line up with the North Old Boys-St Patrick's College Football Club when they play a home game against Bulleen-Templestowe on the College's Main Oval wearing replica SPC 1st XVIII jumpers.

A president's luncheon will be held to mark the game and anyone wishing to attend is urged to contact Christian at [cryan@beulahcapital.com](mailto:cryan@beulahcapital.com). Ahead of his big day back at the College we thought we'd ask him some questions about his time at SPC. The following is an edited excerpt of the interview.

### Where has life taken you since leaving SPC?

Life since SPC has taken me far and wide, in particular with my rowing career which finished in 2007. I got the opportunity to travel the world and visit a number of countries whilst rowing. However, my home base since leaving school has been Melbourne and I have now lived in Williamstown for the past 15 years.

**You are very passionate about the NOB-SPC. For those readers who may not be familiar with the club, please explain why you are so passionate about it?**

I am currently Vice President of the North Old Boys-St Patrick's College Football Club based in Brunswick. Up until recently I was playing in the senior side, winning the flag in Division 1 in 2012. From a personal perspective, I always felt that there was an extensive number of SPC Old Boys floating about in Melbourne and I wanted to use the club as a conduit for Old Boys of SPC getting together outside of the usual reunions which the OCA organised each year. SPC has a massive Old Boy network and the football club provides the opportunity for Old Boys to reconnect. A football club is a great place for everyone both young and old to have as a place that they can associate with common people from country Victoria. If the SPC brand and Old Boy network can help with this transition as well as getting the Old Boy network back together more often, it is helping the next generation progress from their time at SPC into the big open world.

To read the full interview with Christian, visit the following link: [stpat.vic.edu.au/UserFiles/Christianryaninterview.pdf](http://stpat.vic.edu.au/UserFiles/Christianryaninterview.pdf)

## Obituaries

• Ron Morgan (SPC 1943-46) died on December 1, 2014. Ron was a teacher and principal at a number of schools throughout Victoria. He settled in Ballarat where he was the foundation Principal at Mt Clear Secondary College, before concluding his career as Deputy Principal at Ballarat North Secondary College. He was deeply involved with the South Street Society as a past president and life member and was a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International. Ron was a distance runner for the YCW Harriers Club, competing with success in the Lap of the Lake, and the Eaglehawk-to-Bendigo race.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Monica, three children, Loretta, Damien (SPC 1969-1974) and Mary-Rose, nine grandchildren and one great-grand daughter. His childhood years were the subject of 'One Boy's War' produced by Ballarat National Theatre.

• We also mourn the passing of inducted Legend of the College, Dr John Bourke AM (SPC 1945-1949).

John was part of the Pakenham Bourke family racing dynasty and was a distinguished veterinary steward with the VRC from 1963-1997 where he became a world authority on equine medicine. During his time at SPC John participated in a wide variety of activities including debating - where he received a number of oratory awards, football, rowing, cadets and social justice pursuits. He was Dux of the College in his matriculation year and was also a prefect.

• Old Collegian Br Francis Paulinus Hannigan (SPC 1938) died on March 28.

Paul moved to St Patrick's College as a boarder from Bendigo in 1938. In January 1939 he went to Strathfield completing his novitiate in 1943. There were staffing needs in schools in war-time and Paul moved

straight from the novitiate to teaching at Gregory Terrace for the next six years. After a similar period at Nudgee Junior he was appointed the first Principal at St Patrick's, Sutherland. After six years there he spent three years in charge at St Patrick's, Strathfield.

Then followed a variety of ministries that made good use of his love of people. These included 10 years as Postulator and roles as Chaplain to the four TAFE Colleges in Toowoomba and at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He served on the Provincial Council of St Francis Xavier Province and was the last Brother Principal at Dalby. Unfortunately, it was an excursion for a meal that led to his death. Paul fell from a bus incurring serious spinal injuries and was taken to hospital where he survived an operation to have his spine fused. However two days later he succumbed to a heart attack.

• Old Collegian Peter Naus (SPC 1975-79) died on November 8 2014. Peter was the dearly loved son of Herman and Beverlee and the husband and best friend of Fran.

• Peter Brown (SPC 1947-57) died on February 26.

Peter entered St Patrick's as a boarder in Grade 3 at the age of seven years and nine months and later concluded his studies by repeating his matriculation year in order to obtain the results required to study medicine at the University of Melbourne.

Peter claimed that he has been St Patrick's longest serving boarder - 11 years.

Peter maintained a strong faith throughout life and through his 38-year career serving the community as a general practitioner.

His time as a boarder also developed his passion to keep his own family and children close together and resulted in he and Virginia building a close family unit.

# Ready for reunions

The St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association is busily preparing a jam-packed month of reunions for members of the 2010, 2005, 1995, 1985 and 1975 year groups.

Following the rescheduling of the program in 2014, the majority of OCA reunions will annually be held in May, providing a greater degree of certainty for those wishing to attend.

In 2015, the OCA is particularly happy to announce that Ballarat's Western Hotel has come on board as a sponsor of the reunion program and will be used as a preferred venue for Old Collegians to visit at the conclusion of each event.

The Western Hotel is jointly owned by Old Collegians Dan Cronin (SPC 1986-91) and Tim Kearney (SPC 1989-94) and is keen to support and accommodate any Old Boys attending reunions.

Buses will be provided by College staff from 10.30pm at the conclusion of ten, 20, 30 and 40-year reunions, ensuring safe transport from College grounds to the Western Hotel.

In addition to these peer-year reunions, the OCA is also

facilitating a reunion of the 1st XVIII of 1965 to coincide with the annual home game versus Ballarat Clarendon College which will be played on the Main Oval on Wednesday, May 27.

The dates for this year's reunions are as follows:

## Class of 2010

### Five Year Reunion

Friday, May 22 at 7pm upstairs at Lake View Hotel. Finger food and drinks on arrival provided. Entry is free but bookings must be made. Confirm your attendance online at <http://www.trybooking.com/GXPS> by Wednesday, May 20.

## Class of 2005

### Ten Year Reunion

Saturday, May 30 at 6pm in OCA Pavilion. College tour starts at 6.30pm.

Entry: \$40 for OCA financial members, \$50 for non-financial members. Cost includes three-course meal and bus transfers. Confirm your attendance online at [www.trybooking.com/HKKH](http://www.trybooking.com/HKKH) by Wednesday, May 27.

## Class of 1995

### 20 Year Reunion

Saturday, May 23 at 6pm in OCA Pavilion. College tour starts at 6.30pm.

Entry: \$40 for OCA financial members, \$50 for non-financial members. Cost includes three-course meal and bus transfers. Confirm your attendance online at [www.trybooking.com/HKGA](http://www.trybooking.com/HKGA) by Wednesday, May 20.

## Class of 1985

### 30 Year Reunion

Friday, May 15 at 6pm in OCA Pavilion. College tour starts at 6.30pm.

Entry: \$40 for OCA financial members, \$50 for non-financial members. Cost includes three-course meal and bus transfers. Confirm your attendance online at [www.trybooking.com/HJTO](http://www.trybooking.com/HJTO) by Wednesday, May 13.

## Class of 1975

### 40 Year Reunion

Friday, May 29 at 6pm in OCA Pavilion. College tour starts at 6.30pm.

Entry: \$40 for OCA financial members, \$50 for non-financial members. Cost includes three-course meal and bus transfers. Confirm your attendance online at [www.trybooking.com/HKFT](http://www.trybooking.com/HKFT) by Wednesday, May 27.

## 1st XVIII of 1965

### 50 Year Football Reunion

Wednesday, May 27 at 1pm for lunch at venue to be confirmed. Arrive at SPC Main Oval at 2.30pm to watch football match vs Ballarat Clarendon College. Entry is free. Afternoon tea provided. Confirm your attendance online at <http://www.trybooking.com/HDMD> by Friday, May 22.

If you would like to become a financial member of the OCA please fill out the form below and return to:

**Development Office  
St Patrick's College  
Locked Bag 31  
Ballarat VIC 3350**



St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association

## Membership Form

Development Office

St Patrick's College

Locked Bag 31

Ballarat VIC 3350

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SPC Years: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mob) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type (please tick):

Life Membership \$200

Annual Subscription \$20

Payment:

Credit Card     Visa Card     Master Card

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

or

Cheque payable to 'St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association'

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# St Patrick's College Foundation

As a member of the St Patrick's College community we invite you to reflect on the enormous role the College played in helping you and your family develop to where it is today.

We trust that the quality of education you experienced in your time affiliated with the College has left a lasting legacy. We now hope can leave a lasting legacy on the College in return.

St Patrick's College remains committed to providing Ballarat's best education for boys. As we mark the start of 2015 and look towards a new year, we also remain particularly committed to providing first class education to those who may sometimes struggle financially to meet all the costs of quality schooling. This is where you can help.

The financial challenge of maintaining and developing first class educational facilities for boys is immense. The cost of maintaining up-to-date teaching and learning facilities incorporating emerging and engaging technologies is significant. To keep pace in a competitive educational environment the College must be proactive in continuing to expand the programmes and facilities available to students. The College also seeks to maintain the inherent beauty within its grounds and buildings, a significant challenge given the century old buildings that are a hallmark at SPC.

Fundamentally however St Patrick's College aims to be true to its Catholic heritage and the spirit of Edmund Rice. The College continues to work closely with the marginalised in the community and offers fee relief to approximately 10% of the student population. It also supports members of our Indigenous community and others experiencing temporary and ongoing hardship. To continue these good works the College needs to attract and invest endowed funds that can be used to finance scholarships and bursaries for students. St Patrick's College has a rich history of supporting students with scholarships and bursaries, with many of the College's highest achievers benefiting from the good will and generosity of our community.

If you feel that St Patrick's College in some way has played a precious and significant part in your life today then, through your generous support, you can help us serve the needs of future generations of young men who will 'stick with the green, white and blue'. Any bequest or a donation is a tangible, tax deductible method of showing this support and helping maintain the tradition of giving that has assisted generations of 'Paddy Boys'.

## How to proceed from here

The College Headmaster together with the St Patrick's College Foundation invite you to complete this reply form, which will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and return it to:

The Bequest Officer  
St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation  
Reply Paid 75486  
Locked Bag 31  
BALLARAT, VIC, 3350

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SPC Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Most Suitable Time for Contact by the Bequest Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Tick Box

- I wish to advise that I have included St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation Incorporated as a beneficiary in my will.
- I wish to advise that I intend to include St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation Incorporated as a beneficiary in my will.
- I would like to discuss the matter of bequests and gifts with the College's Bequest Officer - without obligation and in the strictest confidence.
- I am interested in making an annual gift to St Patrick's College and would like information about gift options and information on tax deductibility of gifts.
- I do not wish to pursue this matter at this time but please keep me informed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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# Thanks mate!

Ethan Turley, left, reaches forward to embrace crew mate Lachlan Riordon after their victory in the Year 10 Boys Division 2 race at this year's Head of the Lake Regatta. Full details on pages 16 and 17.

