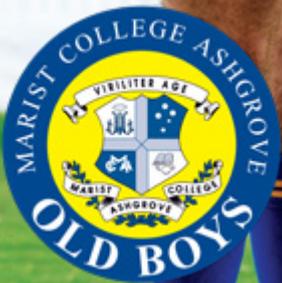


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Friday 6 October 2023

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The Old Boys' website at www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au just gets better and better!

We are continuing to add information but please make it one of your favourites and visit regularly to see what is happening both at the College and in the world of the Old Boys.

And just a reminder the OBA is now on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear fellow Old Boys,

Welcome to the 2022 Senior Graduating class, Old Boys, and MCA supporters. 2023 has started off with its usual fast pace with the Annual General Meeting taking place on Monday 7 February and the new committee being installed. With the College kicking into high gear and implementing the start of the College Master Plan, anyone who has visited will have seen the construction happening to the much-loved Cyprian Pavilion and the junior school buildings all underway. This has allowed for some creative thinking on the school's behalf as the Old Boys have, with the College, adapted and run our events in marquees between the Cyprian and the John Eales grandstand.

The first of our functions this year was the Rosalie Tribute match at the College on Saturday 22 April. This fine tradition of our 1st XV playing in the Marist Rosalie jerseys in their final trial match is continuing to grow in stature. We had approximately 60 Marist Rosalie Old Boys come along to support our boys, catch up on old times, and enjoy the new vantage point for watching the game. This was then followed by the Old Boys' sports day on Saturday 13 May and at this function we honoured the 1953, 1963, 1973, and 1983 teams with a mix of these gentlemen and other Old Boys' fathers presenting the current 1st XV with their jerseys before the game. It was a very special day for all involved and a great tradition of the College.

The day after the Champagnat Sports Lunch, we had the Old Boys' Reunion Day on Saturday 10 June. This was a fantastic day open to all Old Boys to reunite with mates from their year and all other years. This year, it was held in the BBQ Area beside the Cyprian Pavilion, overlooking the 1st XV's final match of the season against St Edmunds College. The 1st XV came over to salute the Old Boys after another great performance.

One of the great functions the Old Boys had the privilege to be invited to was the 25-year anniversary event for the Associated Independent Colleges held at the College on Thursday evening 1 June. The AIC now has the largest participation of boys compared to any school competition in Queensland! The Old Boys' Association wholeheartedly supports the AIC aims of Christian values, sportsmanship, and participation.

The AIC 25-year gala event included an interview panel of past players from various Colleges, a video reflecting on these years, and the previous TAS competition, and a celebration of the successes of past student athletes.

Each College nominated past Old Boys who have made up the top 25 past players from both the AIC and preceding competitions such as TAS, MSSSA, and MCSA back to the forties! Many of those 50 players attended and those players were inducted into the Sporting Hall of Fame. Further inductees will be added in the future. The list of players inducted into the Hall of Fame is on page 10.

Once again, congratulations to all who have been named and on your induction into the Hall of Fame, and also to the tireless committee of the Old Boys' Association.

VIRILITER AGE!

Dom Melrose
President



Watch the video here
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FATHER HOPKINSON RECONNECTS WITH MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE LEGACY

Recently, Father John Hopkinson SM (1963) revisited the College and had a meeting with the Head of College, Mr Michael Newman. The meeting took place at the Tower, where Father Hopkinson admired the new honour board. This lists the many names of Marist College Ashgrove Old Boy Priests and Brothers. Known for his extensive time spent in South America as a missionary, Father Hopkinson has made a significant impact through his valuable lifetime contribution.



FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE

Dear Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys and Marist Confreres,

As I write this introduction to the Ashgrovian, the Church is celebrating the Feast of the Visitation where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth and both were expecting their first child. This is a significant day of reflection and celebration for Marists. The story tells of a very moving encounter as both women, who were full of joy and gratitude to God, came together. During the visit, Mary recites the 'Magnificat' – a wonderful scripture passage that gives praise to a God of love and goodness, especially to those who are oppressed.

As I explained in a previous Ashgrovian, one of my favourite lines from the Magnificat is, "All generations will call me blessed, but only because of the great things God has done for me." Mary acknowledges that God has chosen her to bear Jesus and as a result, all people will now acclaim her, but she understood that this was only the case because the Lord has chosen her, and this was a privilege and gift. Mary's response epitomises true humility, that is central to the Marist charism – that we are all gifted, unique and special, made in God's own image and likeness, but only because of the gifts God has bestowed upon us.

Various schools and businesses publicly advertise their humble values and actions. Yet, this is at odds with the very meaning of humility. Humility is not about public celebration, recognition or accolades. It is not pompous but rather, generous, quiet, and unassuming. As Head of Marist Ashgrove, I am often reminded of these qualities of humility when I meet Old Boys from the college. They too have this innate quality, a simple characteristic that is reflected in the words of Mary to us in the Magnificat.

Last month, we celebrated the life of Old Boy David Jackson KC. David Jackson KC, is a Marist College Ashgrove Old Boy and highly respected former president of the Order of Malta, a gifted barrister and former Federal Court Judge, who passed away. David Jackson was respected across the Catholic Church for his legal counsel to many Catholic bodies including the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. He was honoured with a Member for the Order of Australia for his services to the legal profession. He was a pre-eminent silk of nearly half a century and arguably the finest constitutional and High Court barrister of a generation. Sydney barrister, Sophie York reflected on the faith-filled and humble demeanour of David Jackson – "He was a formidable figure, but he also had a sweet gentleness to him. I believe faith gives you a certain humility and gratitude for your gifts, rather than a pomposity about your gifts and that was certainly the way David lived his life. He realised there were causes worth fighting for, including pro-life matters and so he did pro-bono work, but never sought any accolades for it." Humility and accepting his gifts as grace from God was at the centre of David Jackson's life, a truly great graduand of the College.

It is important to remember that humility is present in various walks of life and degrees of success. Humility is not about being less, ie, dressing or talking yourself down, acting less or espousing mediocrity, as some believe. On the contrary. Humility is not thinking of yourself as less but using your unique gifts to their potential and helping and thinking of others more. Each year when I attend the Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch and I witness the generous humble efforts of Old Boys like Matthew Hayden and John Eales, I am reminded of this definition of humility.

Marist College Old Boys are a truly blessed group and a great gift for the College. We certainly stand on the shoulders of many past great Old Boys, staff and Marist Brothers whose work has graced the College over many years. I thank the Marist Old Boys for reminding all of us of the true gift of authentic humility. I look forward to continuing to share with the young men of Marist Ashgrove this value of humility that we all cherish, and Mary prayed with us in the Magnificat.

Mary our good mother, pray for us. St Marcellin Champagnat, pray for us. Mary of the Cross Mackillop, pray for us and let us always remember, to pray for one another.

Michael Newman
Head of College



OLD BOYS' SPORTS DAY - MAY 13, 2023

The Head of College, Michael Newman, the MCA Old Boys Association and the College community were delighted to welcome back members of the Ashgrove and Rosalie 1st XV's from 1953, 1963, 1973, and 1983 teams. This coincided with the Ashgrove v Iona AIC Premiership fixture.

Following a welcome and lunch for these teams, they were all presented with medallions and acknowledged by the large crowd present. Many stayed on for the 1st XV match and were impressed by the high standard of play and enjoyed the final result with Ashgrove defeating Iona 41 to 19.

On the following pages are some memories of the teams.



1st XV Rugby Union Jersey Presentation by the Old Boys



1953 1ST XV RUGBY UNION

The GPS Undefeated Premiers, Nudgee College was the only school team to defeat Ashgrove. Ashgrove defeated BGS, Churchie, BBC and Downlands and every MSSSA College to end the season as Undefeated Premiers. The team included:

Des Connor (capt), Ray Burke, Ron Craven, Noel Lane, Arthur Xavier, Brian Lindsay, Jack Laracy, Terry Kassulke, Dan Tufui, Mick Henry, Des Ridley, Vince Nipperess, John Nutley, Mick O'Reilly, Paul Comerford, Paul Jackson and Coach Br Justinian.



1953 AND 1963 1ST XV RUGBY UNION

Back Row: Barry Low, Barry Honan, Errol Allan, Kieran McCormack, Maurice Luissi

Seated: Ron Craven, Michael O'Reilly, Br Roger Burke, Bernie Knapp (1958)



1963 1ST XV RUGBY UNION

The 1st XV finished TAS Runners-up after being defeated 15-5 by Mark Harris' St Peters Lutheran College. Ashgrove had previously drawn 5-5 with Nudgee and defeated BBC and Downlands. The team included: Ray Meagher (captain) out-centre, John Breen (vice-captain) no 8, Errol Allan halfback, Kieran McCormack flyhalf, Barry Honan in-centre, Lyle Guilfoyle left wing, John Costello right wing, Maurice Luissi fullback, Greg Dux prop, Tim Laracy hooker, Peter Martinuzzi prop, Lex Boyd second row, Michael Neill second row, Peter Palaziol second row, Michael Bell breakaway, Barry Low breakaway and Coach Br Remigius.



1963 1ST XV RUGBY UNION

Seated: Maurice Luissi, Errol Allan, Kieran McCormack, Barry Honan, Barry Low.



1973 1ST XV RUGBY UNION

1973: The 1st XV won the majority of games but went down 6-7 to the 1973 TAS Premiers Villanova in a battle royal! The team consisted of:

Bevan Conroy (captain) prop, Gary Allen halfback, Mark Waters breakaway, Steve De Leeuw second row, Joe Podobnik no 8, Kerry Bullock second row, David Barbagallo in-centre, Brian Batch out-centre, Mick Geraghty wing, Kelly Moran breakaway, Mark Kosiek prop, Peter Lung flyhalf, Greg Moynihan hooker, Julian Counsel breakaway, Mick Coman fullback, Greg Chan centre, Mark O'Connor wing and Coach Br Alexis.



1973 1ST XV RUGBY UNION

Back Row: Garry Allen, Mark Waters, Kerry Bullock, Michael Geraghty, Kelly Moran, Peter Lung

Seated: Mark O'Connor, Greg Moynihan, Bevan Conroy, Br Alexis, Greg Chan



1983 1ST XV RUGBY UNION

The 1st XV were Undefeated Premiers, keeping St Joseph's Hunters Hill tryless even in a 12-0 loss. No TAS team crossed Ashgrove's line. Anthony Herbert earned Australian Schoolboy representation, yet teamwork triumphed in crucial victories. The team featured; Anthony Herbert (capt) fullback, Damian Meland(v-c) second row, Peter Fitzgerald second row, Peter Anderson prop, Richard McIntyre, Andrew Smith, Andrew Donaldson, Mark Jensen, loose forwards, Tony Mee halfback, Brendan Kiernan flyhalf, Troy McCarthy in-centre, Mark Sullivan out-centre, Brad Sheppard wing, Clinton Mohr wing, Andrew Powell. Coach Br Patrick Howlett.



1983 1ST XV RUGBY UNION

Back Row: Brad Sheppard, Peter Anderson, Damian Meland, Anthony Herbert, Michael Shanahan, Mark Jensen, Peter Fitzgerald

Second Row: Mark Hammermaster, Michael Taylor, Troy McCarthy, Andrew Smith

Seated: Brendan Kiernan, Anthony Mee, Mark Sullivan, Clinton Mohr, Andrew Donaldson



CHAMPAGNAT TRUST SPORTS LUNCH - FRIDAY 9 JUNE, 2023

The Sports Lunch began in 2005 to help the College and the College's Foundation raise valuable funds to help provide a Marist education to boys who otherwise could not financially access such an opportunity.

Since its inauguration, the Sports Lunch has raised over \$2.5 million and has provided over 100 students with a Marist education. The house full sign was raised again when co-patron John Eales (1987) welcomed special guests Steve Waugh, Brad Hogg and Noel Pearson and then Pat Howard (1990) shared good memories with Lance Peatey (1994), remembering fondly his recently deceased older brother Mark Peatey (1989) and his wonderful bonds with his cohort. John then returned at his interviewing best and ensured the quality panellists Sir Richard Hadlee, Nova Peris and Daniel Herbert entertainingly revealed their stories! Tony Byrne, longtime MCA Ephrem House Master accepted widespread applause for his major role in organising 19 successive annual Champagnat Sports Lunches! Over \$100,000.00 was raised from this year's lunch.



SUPER REUNION WEEKEND - SATURDAY 10 JUNE, 2023 - AN EPIC GATHERING!

Another wonderful "Super Saturday" on June 10, 2023, again generated incredible memories for Old Boys. The Hill and BBQ area beyond the Cyprian Pavilion was packed with hundreds of Old Boys as many reminisced and enjoyed the dazzling display of the Ashgrove 1st XV who defeated St Edmund's Ipswich in their final game, 39-12! The 1983 group had over 75 in attendance, while 1993, 2003 and 2013 were also there in large numbers. The Old Boys were thrilled when the 'Firsts' came over after the fulltime whistle and sang 'Sub Tuum' in their honour!



MCA OLD BOYS V LAURIES AT RUNCORN

Ashgrove Old Boys once again accepted the challenge in Football (Soccer) and Touch Football from St Laurence's College at their "Back to Runcorn" Day on June 3, 2023.

The football match started with Lauries catching Ashgrove by surprise soon after kick-off and netting a goal in the goalmouth scramble. Lauries held this one goal advantage till shortly after halftime when brilliant attacking interplay was rewarded with Michael Cristiano(2003) firing an unstoppable kick to the left of the despairing SLC goalkeeper. Both teams performed brilliantly to the final whistle with Ashgrove's waves of relentless attack somehow confounded by Lauries resolute defence, ensuring a 1-1 final score. Previous encounters resulted in wins to SLC in 2017 (2-0), 2019 (2-1), while 2021 was also drawn (1-1). Thanks to Andrew Girjes (2013) for organising the 2023 MCA team:

Nick Roose (2012), Tom Duffy (2012), Darcy Gannon (2012), Lewis Rielly c (2013), Michael Cristiano v-c (2013), Jack Gullo (2016), Flynn Ovenden (2016), Marcus Torrisi (2017), Nicholas Webb (2018), Will Oostenbroek (2018), Tom Vosper (2018), Stephen Hanson (2019), Zak Payne (2020), Will Gullo (2020).

The MCA Touch team had been victorious in 2015 (4-1) and 2017 (4-0), followed by a draw in 2019 (1-1) and defeat in 2021 (2-0). Lauries again pitted their very talented and youthful combination against Ashgrove's very experienced squad. The match which started and finished frenetically, was a brilliant spectacle of exhausting end-to-end running and passing by both teams but Lauries speed and cohesion won the day with a deserved 5-1 victory and congratulations SLC on retaining the Old Boys Shield. The halftime score was 3-1 with Tiernan Fitzsimon scoring for Ashgrove. The 2023 team comprised: Clinton Mohr c. (1983), Bret Ambrose (1987), Peter Loli (1997), Brady Duggan (2003), Brendan Gilham (2003), Matt Jones (2004), Jack Dangerfield (2006), Tiernan Fitzsimon (2007), Simon O'Hare (2010), Campbell Mohr (2015), Hamish Melrose (2020), Mack Sing (2020). Managers: Dominick Melrose (1992), John O'Hare (1972).



A test of endurance: Ashgrove stands their ground in a thrilling 1-1 football face-off with Lauries.



Despite the scoreline, Ashgrove's experienced squad showcased incredible end-to-end running and passing in a thrilling match against Lauries.

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"Sub Tuum Praesidium" marks the Marist Brothers' sesquicentenary in Australia, celebrating their influential 150-year history in education and youth care. Compiled by Br Peter Rodney (1971) and Br Neville Solomon, this detailed account encapsulates the triumphs, failures, and continual evolution of the Institute amidst changing societal and church landscapes, offering invaluable insights for all who identify as "Marist".

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80 YEARS OF MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE ATHLETICS

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Updated to include the booklet "The Magnificent 7" - 2020 to 2022.

<https://www.marash.qld.edu.au/pdfviewer/passing-the-baton-2020/>

AIC SPORT MARKS 25 YEARS WITH HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Marking a momentous quarter of a century in the history of AIC Sport, we celebrated the 25-year milestone with a grand gala event. This event brought past players from various colleges back to the fore, truly honouring our rich heritage of sporting accomplishment. An engaging panel of past players graced the occasion, with lively discussions that rekindled memories of victories past. A special video montage also took the audience on a nostalgic journey through the competitions of the last 25 years, including the preceding TAS and MSSSA. Each college honoured the legacy of its athletes by nominating top performers from both the AIC era and previous competitions dating back to the 1940s. An illustrious group of 50 athletes were inducted into the Hall of Fame, with many of these stalwarts gracing the event. These Hall of Fame inductees, representing the past, present, and future of AIC Sport, are listed below. The tradition of recognising outstanding athletes will continue, with plans for future inductions.

School	AIC 1999-2023		MCSA, MSSSA and TAS 1940-1998	
	Name	Sport	Name	Sport
Marist College Ashgrove	Pietro Figlioli	Water Polo	John Eales	Rugby Union
	Nick Frisby	Rugby Union	Des Connor	Rugby Union
	Andrew Grant	Volleyball	Matt Hayden	Cricket
	Charlie Cameron	Aussie Rules	Michael Bohl	Swimming
St Laurences College	Cooper Cronk	Rugby League	Bill Tyquin	Rugby League
	Damon Kelly	Weightlifting	Dan Crowley	Rugby Union
	Luke McLean	Rugby Union	Ken Fletcher	Tennis
St Peters Lutheran College	Dane Bird-Smith	Athletics	Damien Marsh	Athletics
	Jack Cartwright	Swimming	Rod Hauser	Rugby Union
	Moses Sorovi	Rugby Union	Mark Harris	Rugby League
St Patricks College	Drew Mitchell	Rugby Union	Brendan Creevey	Cricket
	Simon Patmore	Athletics	Michael Crocker	Rugby League
	Brendan Whitecross	Aussie Rules	Bob Joyce	Cricket
St Edmunds College	Sam Johnson	Rugby Union	Noel Kelly	Rugby League
	Grant Sorenson	Volleyball	Paul McLean	Rugby Union
	James Stannard	Rugby Union	Jeff McLean	Rugby Union
Villanova College	Ben Mowen	Rugby Union	Andrew Slack	Rugby Union
	Christian Welch	Rugby League	Chris Simpson	Cricket
	Michael Zullo	Football	Brad Meyers	Rugby League
Padua College	Harris Andrews	Aussie Rules	Paul Vautin	Rugby League
	Tom O'Toole	Rugby Union	Peter Nowill	Athletics
	David Shillington	Rugby League	Joel Howley	Water Skiing
Iona College	Daniel Fox	Swimming	Graham Quinn	Rugby League
	Tim Howard	Hockey	Chris Hill	Triathlon
	Jared Waerea-Hargreaves	Rugby League	Ashley Callus	Swimming

SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES

The College and the Old Boys are updating the records of those who have served in the Armed Forces. Do you know of any Old Boy of Marist College Ashgrove or Marist College Rosalie who has served at any time? If so, please email military@ashgroveoldboys.com.au.

ROSALIE TRIBUTE DAY - SATURDAY 22 APRIL, 2023

Once a year the Ashgrove 1st XV pays the ultimate respect to 'Rosa' by swapping the Blue and Gold for the Cerise and Blue. This occurred when MCA hosted SLC in the final trial with many Rosalie Old Boys in attendance.

A special thanks to Rosalie Old Boys' Association President, Jim Griffith for organising and to all Rosalie Old Boys who attended.



Members of the 1st XV Rugby Union team with the Rosalie tribute jersey.

MASTER OF WATER: MATT MAGNUSSEN'S SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2022, Matthew (Matt) Magnussen etched his name in the annals of Australian sport by being selected for two Junior Australian Teams - in Swimming and Surf Life Saving.

Representing the 2022 Australian Junior Dolphins Swim Team, Matt made a splash at the Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships held in Honolulu, Hawaii, from August 24th to 27th, 2022. Competing fiercely in the 100m and 200m Backstroke, he managed to carve his way into the A Finals for both events, securing a respectable 5th place in each. Standing alongside him was MCA Swim Coach James Boyce, who also served as a team coach.

Furthermore, Matt's prowess was not just limited to the confines of the swimming pool. He was also part of the 2022 Australian Youth Life Saving Team, and represented Australia at the Life Saving World Championships in Riccione, Italy, from September 27th to October 2nd, 2022. Here, Matt displayed his extraordinary skills across 13 events, collecting an impressive haul of 9 medals, including 3 gleaming Golds. Moreover, he was bestowed with the honour of being the male co-captain of the team.

Adding to the nation's joy, the Australian Youth Lifesaving Team clinched the overall victory at the 2022 Life Saving World Youth Championships. For the first time ever, both the Youth Team and the Australian Open Lifesaving teams took home the overall point scores, crowning Australia the 2022 World Champions in both Youth and Opens. Beyond these victories, Matt proudly represented the Maroochydore SLSC.

In 2021, Matt's leadership qualities were acknowledged when he was chosen as the Gilroy House Captain and the Captain of MCA 2021 AIC Swim team. Adding to his list of accolades, he currently holds no less than 15 College records, spanning U10 to OPEN, and has set multiple AIC records!



MCA SUCCESS IN 2023 TERM 1 AIC SPORT

CRICKET

Following a close third in the Marist Cricket Carnival in Canberra during the Christmas holidays, MCA 1st XI achieved an AIC Outright Premiership, our first since 2015 (2018 was shared with SPC). There were many highlights but special mention to:

*The first round win off the last ball against Villanova with Frank Piper cover driving the three runs required and hobbling home on one leg, due to cramp, just beating the return!

*Will Nickelson surpassing even John Connolly's historic batting feats of 1968/69 in scoring two centuries and two scores over 50 (inc a 96 not out) in registering 429 runs at an average of 107.25! Will was also named batsman of the Marist Carnival where he again scored a century and averaged 73.5!

*Louis Morris took 18 wickets at an average of 5.67, including best bowling figures of 5/7.

*Ben Ferguson was an inspiring Captain Courageous. Ben was hampered by L5 back stress fractures and still managed 160 runs, averaging 40! Ben averaged 58.67 and recorded a century at the Marist Carnival earlier.

Ben's uncle Rob Ferguson attended MCA from Year 4 in 1965 and graduated in 1973. Coincidentally, Rob was a member of the 1973 Ashgrove 1st XI that defeated Villanova by one run, to also win the Premiership, fifty years earlier. Five other brothers followed Rob, all dayboys from Newmarket - Brian (1978), Mick (1979), Andrew (1980 dec'd), Neil (1982) and Ben's father, Tim Ferguson (1990).

*MCA won three other premierships: 3rd XI, 10Bs and 7Cs. No MCA team finished below third place!

SWIMMING

From 2001-2016, MCA won 13 AIC Championships and was runner-up in 2004 (Iona), 2012 (SPLC), 2014 (SPLC). St Peter's has won the last seven years of competition with MCA runner-up every time. In 2023 the result was again very close (SPLC 661.50, MCA 621.75, VILLA 440) with Ashgrove winning the 14 and 15 years age groups and finishing second in all others from U12s to Opens! While the SPLC swimming program is considered the benchmark in Australia, 2024 will once again see Ashgrove set out to go one better!

VOLLEYBALL

MCA's 1st VI was captained by Jude Knapp and finished a creditable third in AIC. Jude's father, Marcus (1990, dec'd) and grandfather, Bernie (1958) also attended Ashgrove. MCA won AIC premierships in 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, 10C and 9C.

AFL (AUSSIE RULES)

MCA's 1st XVIII AFL team were AIC Co-Premiers with St Laurence's. This was Ashgrove's first AIC premiership since the sport's inception in 2019. MCA's outstanding four quarters to defeat SLC by 4 goals at Coorparoo was the season highlight!



Ben Ferguson and Tim Ferguson (1990)



In anticipation of their innings, Will Nickelson and Ben Ferguson share a moment with Jude Knapp, the 1st VI Volleyball captain.



2023 1st XVIII AFL Team



Flynn Cleary, part of the triumphant AFL Premiership team, standing with his father, Dan (1992).



Proud father Luke Garske (1986) alongside his son Michael, who played as a valued part of the squad in Canberra.



2023 1st XI Cricket Team



Meet the cricket masterminds: Assistant Coach Tom Gibson (2014), Coach Michael Abbott, Head of Sport Derek Lennon, and Cricket Coordinator Mitch Reid working together to guide our team.

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TERM 2 SPORT RESULTS

Rugby: 1st XV finished in 3rd place and captained by Tobias Graham. MCA finished in 2nd place in the aggregate; half a point behind Iona.

Football: 1st XI were in 4th place in a very tight competition; captained by Isaac Roach. MCA finished 2nd in the aggregate to SLC.

Chess: 1st IV were runners up to SLC and were captained by Michael Garske.

Cross Country: MCA was edged out of a 7th consecutive AIC title by Iona College. James Prole was MCA Open Champion.

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- Sydney Raymond ('Ray') Cottrell (1946) late of Kenmore, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 21 February 2023, aged 95 years. Beloved husband of Beryl, father and father-in-law of Christine and Paul, Greg and Sue, grandfather of Ashley and Kimberley. Ray was an outstanding schoolboy athlete who before his passing had the distinction of being one of our oldest Old Boys! Ray's Funeral Mass was held at the MCA Chapel on Monday 27 February 2023.
- Brian Francis Burke (1949), late of Mt Coolum, formerly Brisbane and Cunnamulla, passed away peacefully on Wednesday 12 January 2023, aged 90 years. Brian was the loved husband of Elsie and loving father and father-in-law of Maria (dec'd), Michael and Carol, Leanne and Ollie and cherished Papa to Liam, Aidan and Rhys. Much loved brother of Kevin (1949), Raymond (Br Roger) and Desmond (1954, dec'd).
- Dr Tom Nutley (1951), late of Hamilton, passed away on Thursday 17 November 2022, aged 88 years. Dearly loved husband of Keir and much-loved father of Simon, Rosemary, Daniel and adored grandfather. Loved brother of John (1953). Tom's Funeral service was at St Augustine's, Hamilton on Thursday 24 November 2022.
- Robert Michael James (1952), late of The Gap, passed away on Tuesday 21 March 2023, aged 87 years. Robert was the beloved husband of Dorothy and much-loved father of Tony (1982), Ann-Louise, Cathy, Judy and their families. Robert also attended the Marist School at Eagle Heights as well as attending MCA in 1951/2. Robert's Funeral Mass was held at the MCA Chapel on Monday 27 March 2023.
- Peter James Evert (1955), late of the Gold Coast, formerly Winton, passed away peacefully on Monday 6 February 2023, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Joan and dearly loved father of Kieran, Joe (1983), Marita and Michael (1988). Much-loved grandfather and great-grandfather.
- Donald Philip Law (1958), passed away peacefully in early November 2022. Don was the loving husband of Mary Ann and loved brother of John (1954), Marilyn and Alan (1967). Don attended MCA from 1950-58 and his Funeral Service was held at Noosaville on Monday 7 November 2022.
- Marian Matthew Podobnik (1972), late of North Adelaide, South Australia, formerly Darra in Brisbane, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 4 April 2023, aged 67 years. Marian was the loved son of Ivan (dec'd) and Maria and much-loved brother of Joe (1973), Stan (1978), Agnes and Olga. Marian was a boarder from 1968-1972 and played flanker in the 1972 Ashgrove premiership winning 1st XV. Marian's life was celebrated with Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Darra on Friday 21 April 2023.
- Stephen John McLaren (1972) passed away peacefully on June 13, 2023, aged almost 66 years. Stephen attended MCA from 1966-72 as a day boy from Enoggera. Stephen's son Luke attended MCA from 1994-97 and grandsons Cody (8E) and William (Year 5,2024) are third generation students. Stephen's funeral service was held at the Albany Creek Crematorium on June 22, 2023.
- Chris Farrelly (1973), late of North Queensland, passed away peacefully in early January. Chris is survived by his son Alex and brother Stephen. Sadly, Chris' oldest brother Br Mark Farrelly (1969), author of 'Canvas of Dreams', passed away in 1999. Chris' Funeral Service was held at Norman Gardens, North Queensland on Wednesday 25 January 2023.
- Anne Shirley O'Connor ('Annie'), originally from England, then Brisbane, passed away peacefully aged 83 years. Annie was the loving wife of John (1957) and adored mother and mother-in-law of Emma and Michael and Sophie and David and loved dearly by her grandchildren. Annie's life was celebrated at St Brigid's, Red Hill on Friday 10 March 2023.
- Marie Theresa Ingram, late of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on Saturday 24 December 2022, aged 94 years. Much-loved wife of Jack (dec'd). Loved mother and mother-in-law of Pauline (dec'd), Ken (1972, dec'd), Trish and David, Greg (1979) and Veronica, Laurie (1981) and Nic. Most loved Nana of Jess, Emma, Rachel, Jack (2020), Kelsie and Gracie. Marie's Funeral Mass was held at St Finbarr's, Ashgrove on Monday 9 January 2023.
- Mavis ('May') Sheppard, late of Bardon, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 10 January 2023, aged almost 93 years. May was the loved wife of Kevin (dec'd) and loving mother of Gary (1972) and Brad (1983) and was loved dearly by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Ray Cottrell (1946)



Marian Podobnik (1972)

- Elwyn John Mohr ('John'), late of Beaudesert, passed away peacefully on Thursday 5 January 2023. John was the beloved husband of Pamela Anne and father of Dan, Jacqui, Clinton (1983), Shaun (1987), Tim (1988), Sonya, Chad, Luke, Curtis (1997), Craig and Damian.
- Ray Reynolds passed away peacefully on Sunday 19 March 2023, aged 71 years. Ray was the husband of Sharon and much-loved father of Conor (2006) and Kieran (2010). Ray's Funeral Mass was held at St Peter and St Paul's, Balmoral on Friday 31 March 2023.
- Nora Towler, late of Bardon and formerly Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on Friday 17 March 2023, aged almost 95 years. Nora was the loved wife of Valentine (dec'd, 1970) and loving mother to Trevor (1966, dec'd), Carmel, Brian (1968), Patrick (1971, dec'd), Michael (1972), Julie, John (1977), Maria, Anne and Louise. Nora was an admired mother-in-law and adored by her 28 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren of whom many attended or are attending MCA. Nora's Funeral Mass was held at St Michael's Church, Dorrington on Tuesday 28 March 2023.
- John Joseph Meehan, formerly of Grevillea Road Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 7 March 2023, aged 91 years. Beloved husband of Joyce for 68 years, and much-loved father of Bryan (1972), Frances, David (1977, Head of Ridley House), Kevin (1979), Stephen (1983) and Louise. John was a cherished father-in-law and adored by his 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. John's long association with MCA began in the early sixties when he regularly took part in working bees and other functions as well as being a prominent rugby referee. It continued well into the 2000s as John's grandsons progressed through their education at Ashgrove. John's Funeral Mass was held at the MCA Chapel on Tuesday 14 March 2023.
- Irene Rynders passed away peacefully on Friday 12 May 2023, aged 90 years. Irene was the devoted wife of Ron (dec'd) and mother and mother-in-law of Kath and Graham (1975) and their partners. Irene was also a much-loved grandmother of Chris (2003), Tom (2004) and Pat Rynders (2007) and great-grandmother. Irene's life was celebrated at the Queen of Apostles Church, Stafford on Thursday 18 May.
- Margaret Frances O'Hare, late of Bardon, formerly Ashgrove and The Gap, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 9 May 2023, aged 93 years. Margaret was the loving wife of Frank (dec'd), and much-loved mother of Peter (1971), John (1972), Paul (1974), Tim (1980) and Stephanie. Margaret was the loved grandmother of 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Margaret was active on the MCA P&F as a committee member in the 1970s. Margaret's life was celebrated at a Funeral Mass at St Finbarr's Church, Ashgrove on Thursday 18 May 2023.
- Edward Frederick Cox (2015, Slattery House), late of Bunya, passed away on Saturday 8 April 2023, aged 25 years. Darling son of John and Dale, beloved brother of Maddison and adored partner of Indi. A devoted friend to many. Edward's life was honoured at a Funeral Service in the Albany Creek Lakeview Chapel on Monday 24 April 2023.
- Mary Barbagallo (nee Saraceni), late of Innisfail, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2023, aged 94 years. Mary was the beloved wife of Charlie Barbagallo (1946), dec'd 2013, and much-loved mother of Mario (1968), Charlie (1970), David (1974), Michael (1976) and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Grandson Paul Barbagallo (1999) was the first third generation Old Boy to graduate from MCA.
- Douglas Cory, late of South Brisbane, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2023, aged almost 84 years. Doug was the beloved husband of Joan, and much-loved father of Craig (1980), Sue and Janine and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Doug's Funeral service was held at Albany Creek Memorial Park on May 24, 2023.
- Denis John Bergin, late of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2023 aged 76 years. Denis was the loving husband of Jeanelle and caring father of Ryan (1992), Leah and Ben McGahan (1995), David (2000), Brendan (2001) and Clare and their partners. Adoring grandfather of 15. Funeral Mass for Denis was held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Darra on June 6, 2023.
- Peter D'Rohan Hoffmann, late of Hendra passed away peacefully on June 6, 2023, aged almost 84 years. Peter was husband of Thea (dec'd) and loving father of Alayna, Melissa, Rohan (1989) and Kara and grandfather and great-grandfather. Peter's life was celebrated at our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra on June 19, 2023.



John Meehan

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

VALE SECTION ON THE OLD BOYS' WEBSITE

The website has a special 'Vale' section where eulogies and memories of Old Boys are recorded. Please visit www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au and click on 'Vale'.

WAYNE HANSEN (1972)

Wayne Edward Charles Hansen (1972) aka “Horse” Hansen, late of Tin Can Bay and formerly of Everton Hills and Mitchelton passed away peacefully on Monday 27 March 2023 aged 68 years. Wayne was married to Rose in 1975 and their three sons also attended MCA, Tom (1998), Brendan (2005) and William (2005 School Captain). Many classmates from 1972 attended his Funeral Mass held in the College Chapel. Br Alexis (MCA Principal 1971-1976), Br Neville Solomon (2003-2008), Peter McLoughlin (2009-2020) and Michael Newman (2021-) were also in attendance.

Wayne had a long leadership association with the College. He was a College Prefect in 1972, Walkathon convenor for many years before becoming P&F President in 2001/2002 and then MCA Foundation Manager, 2010-2014. He was honoured in 2005 with Marist Affiliation in appreciation for his services to the College.

Wayne continued his association with Rugby after his retirement as a player. Wayne coached several College teams and also held coaching positions at Everton Park, Brothers and Norths Rugby Clubs. Gone too soon, he will be sorely missed by Rose, family, his Irish granddaughter Roisin and his many friends.



Wayne Hansen (1972)

DAVID JACKSON AM KC (1958)

The Old Boys' Association pays tribute on the recent passing on Monday 15 May 2023 of our esteemed Old Boy and former Federal Court Judge, David Jackson AM KC (1958), aged 82 years. David's funeral was held at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Thursday 25 May, 2023.

David Jackson was universally acknowledged as Australia's greatest appellate and constitutional barrister, and there are few major decisions of the High Court of Australia in the last 40 years which did not feature DF Jackson QC appearing for one of the parties. In their tribute, the Australian Bar Association stated:

“David was an unsurpassed exemplar of a barrister, and an inspiration to all of the legal profession. David was a pre-eminent silk of nearly half a century, and the finest constitutional and High Court barrister of a generation, indeed arguably since federation.”

The Old Boys pass on their condolences to David's wife, Monica and to their daughters Catherine, Dominique and Louise and partners and their four grandchildren.



David Jackson (1958)

PETER JAMES EVERT (1955)

The Evert family and the Marist College community mourn the peaceful passing of Peter Evert AM on Monday 6 February 2023, aged 84. A former boarder at Ashgrove in the 1950s, Peter's legacy at Marist endures through his sons and nephews, who served in Senior Student Leadership roles.

Trained as a pharmacist and commercial air pilot, Peter operated the Winton Pharmacy before passing it to his daughter, Kieran. He played a pivotal role in Winton's development, serving on the Winton Shire Council and multiple committees. His contributions earned him an Order of Australia (AM) for “service to local government and the community.”

In later years, Peter and his wife, Joan, relocated to the Gold Coast. Peter made a final journey to Winton in 2022 for the Outback Festival's 50th Anniversary. A funeral service was conducted on Thursday 9 February at Stella Maris Catholic Church, Mermaid Beach, followed by interment in Winton on Tuesday 14 February. Rest in peace, Peter Evert.



Peter Evert (1955)

BR BRUCE NABBS (1936-2023)

Those of us at Marist in the late 1940s would well remember a Primary School student, Bruce Nabbs, whose dad was associated with the Malvern Star bicycle company. With Dad's transfer to Melbourne at the end of 1950, the family moved south and Bruce was enrolled at another Marist school at East Brunswick. It was not long after 1954 that Bruce decided to set out on his formation journey before taking First Vows in 1956. At First Profession time he was given the name of 'Brother Gonzaga' before, years later, he reverted to his family name of Bruce.

So began 64 years of Religious Life and more than 60 years of active ministry as a long-time teacher in Marist Schools in Victoria and NSW; as a Marist Formator in PNG, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands; and in later years as a strong presence to the Aboriginal People in Alice Springs and nearby Santa Teresa Aboriginal Community known as Ltyentye Apurte.

Never a person to seek the limelight for himself, Bruce lived a prayerful, simple life in Community, highlighted by those cherished Marist virtues of humility, simplicity and modesty. He was a good presence in Community, and from 1980 he was appointed Community Leader in at least four situations, both in Australia and overseas.

Bruce's funeral was held on Wednesday 25 January 2023 at the Marcellin College Bulleen Chapel in Melbourne, before burial in the Kilmore Catholic Cemetery north of Melbourne. One of his confreres, Br Des Howard, summed up his life as follows: "Bruce was reliable, predictable, full of patience, committed to the cause, a team player, and a quiet achiever in all manner of things. His warm, engaging and faith-filled presence will be greatly missed." May he rest in peace.



Br Bruce Nabbs

BRIAN BURKE (1949)

On 12 January 2023, the esteemed Marist Ashgrove Old Boy Brian Burke peacefully passed away at his Mt Coolum home on the Sunshine Coast, aged 90. His funeral was held at St Peter's Catholic Church, Coolum Beach, on 20 January 2023, where a large congregation gathered to pay their respects, a testament to Brian's well-loved and respected stature.

Brian was the beloved husband of Elsie, devoted father to Maria (deceased), Michael, and Leanne, and doting grandfather to three boys. As the eldest among the Burke boys, including Kevin, Raymond, and the late Desmond, Brian attended Marist College from 1941 to the mid-50s. Save for a two-year displacement to Mount Tamborine during World War II when Brian was nine, the family resided near the College.

In school, Brian shone as an accomplished sportsman, gaining recognition as a State Schoolboy boxing champion, serving as a rugby league team captain, and standing out in athletics. His sporting endeavours continued after school when he joined the newly formed Wests Rugby Club, which has since emerged as a dominant team in Brisbane Rugby.

Following in his father's professional path, Brian became a Telephone Technician after graduating from school. His career brought him to Cunnamulla early on, where he met and married Elsie. The family eventually settled in Brisbane's Rainworth and Red Hill areas before moving to Mt Coolum, where Brian and Elsie spent the final two decades of Brian's life, their home often a lively gathering place for family.

A lover of art, Brian developed an early appreciation for works by prominent Australian artists. He formed a close friendship with Brisbane-based artist Jim Edwards, whose works adorn the special art room at Brian and Elsie's Mt Coolum home. Jim was among those who attended Brian's funeral.

Brian's absence will be deeply felt by his family and friends in Brisbane, Cunnamulla, and the Sunshine Coast. We eagerly await a reunion with our beloved Brian in the future.



Brian Burke (1949)

THE BOARDER'S LIFE - 60S-70S

This issue we've included a companion piece to the Class of 1972 50-year reunion speech we put in the last issue where Mick Bauer humorously recalled the general sixties and seventies school experiences of most of us from the Day Boys' perspective.

We thought it might be interesting to hear what school life was like for the boarders, so we asked Danny Robertson (1972), who shared the academic boarding scholarship for MCA in 1968 (Year 8), and then had a brilliant career as a Children's Hospital Research Scientist. Danny excelled in the Sciences and Maths courses at Ashgrove, matriculated with a Commonwealth University Scholarship and then progressed to study Science and Arts at UQ before completing his Honours Degree in Science at Griffith Uni. From his work here in Biochemistry, Genetics, Molecular Biology and creating DNA Bonds and Molecular Imaging, he was an integral component in Professor John Hopwood's laboratory research group in the Dept of Chemical Pathology at the Adelaide Children's Hospital and Uni for over a decade. When he finally returned to Brisbane, he then achieved his Master's degree in IT! With this pedigree and distinguished career, the Class of 1972 committee felt Danny was presumably capable of stringing a few sentences together, and would come up with something from the heart on The Boarder's Life, 1968 to 1972. His classmates certainly enjoyed Dan's lighthearted recollections, amazing recall and memory from the past and all delivered with amusing embellishment!

Danny Robertson (1972) - The Boarder's Life - 60s-70s

This talk is for the Day Boys, one or some of whom must have a morbid curiosity as to how the other half lived for there to be such an ask on the program tonight.

I did five years. You'd think living such a long time with the fixed mundane routine of much of the boarder's life that the minutiae would be etched forever in my memory. Not so, so I'll be asking for detail from your other boarding survivors.

Don't get me wrong, not for a minute do I regret making the choice to come here when at 12 years old I was offered an ACER scholarship to Ashgrove or Nudgee.

I remember my Ma saying "You don't have to go you know" but I'd been to four primary schools, the town (Stanthorpe) we were in didn't have a Catholic high school, or maybe even a high school to Year 12. I knew Dad was likely to be transferred again soon and I'd be shifting schools again. So really, it wasn't really on to say no to opportunity. It was goodbye to normal family life.

On the map, it looked like Nudgee was in a swamp, whereas the Ashgrove brochure said "nestling at the foot of the Taylor Range". The map showed there was a creek, I thought it had the potential to support the Tom Sawyer life I'd had at home exploring Quart Pot Creek, even though I'd no longer have my bike.

Little did I suspect it was about to turn into Oliver Twist!

The school provided a minimalist suggested list of possessions to take, only a few clothes really, which were already numbered for laundry ID and duly packed into a single suitcase, the list glued inside the lid, Dad drove me down, we walked into the Year 8 dormitory, one big room with 50 beds in four rows, a couple of boys.

I can't remember how it was worked out which one was mine, but my world was now a bed, about two square metres of floor space, a small cupboard and two drawers under the bed. What struck me was that there was nothing above about waist level. I guess it was designed for everything to be visible from the room at the end with the big plate glass window where the dormitory master roosted.

Prison literature refers to it as a panopticon.

One of the guys reminded me there was a very particular way of making your bed with the counterpane folded at a particular angle. He tells of when he got there he unknowingly didn't do it right, was told to look down the line of beds, see how this was an affront and best not to do it like that again!

Former Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Old Boy, Kevin Rudd (1969-1971), may have referred to the "tough, harsh, unforgiving institutional Catholicism" in one of his biographies. When he returned to the College in 2012, he expressed his gratitude to the kindnesses of so many of the Brothers like Br Aquin, Br Leon and Br Montanus who supported him through the most difficult time of his father's passing. And now, the late news on Old Boy Kevin Rudd, ex-Prime Minister, is that he is our current US Ambassador!

Fred Schepisi chose carefully the title of his 1976 film about life in a Catholic educational institution: 'The Devil's Playground', alluding to the saying about idle hands. The solution to everything was to keep busy, keep moving.



Danny Robertson (1972)

Thus life was circumscribed by an elaborate series of regular fixed arrangements of being required to be at a certain place, at a certain time, at all times. All those places were on site, departures were only for official purposes, or by express written request from parents. Some kids had accounts at Mac & East and could get to go into town on Saturday.

Otherwise, life was onsite, and it went like this:

Weekdays, half hour study before breakfast, up in the classrooms as there weren't any desks in the dorms. Some mornings there was Mass, even before study.

Then, walk to the dining room for breakfast. The unappetising but undoubtedly nutritious one I remember was a gruel we called "birdseed", actually Cerevite I think. Did we ever get toast, or saints be praised, bacon and/or eggs?

Then a few stolen minutes of unstructured time before the first class around 8:15am. Little lunch- I don't remember as having anything provided, it was one of the rare opportunities to spend meagre pocket money on a bun or something from the tuckshop. It was probably peak scavenging time for boarders on dayboy lunches.

Classes again, then down to the boarders' dining room for lunch, which is a memory gap for me. What did we get?

Some mucking around, then afternoon classes began at 1:30pm and finished around 3:30pm and then down to the dorm to change for sport.

Some days there was Rugby training for all but the incurably lame. The teams went down to the Fs and 8ths for us athletically deficit types. It was character building, everyone should have to tackle some giant charging down on you with knees and elbows pumping. Once.

Other afternoons were genuine free time, you could mess around at the nets or tennis courts with other duffers. Or touch.

Then showers, before another lot of study before dinner at 6:00pm.

Things in white gluggy white sauce come to mind, but mostly the ponds cold cream dessert. Both flavours, pink and brown, instant mousse was I think its alleged culinary ID.

Scavenge a bit of free time till the next study period at 6:45pm. My go-to-and-grab activity for these ephemeral free times was handball. Are there still courts marked out on the bitumen?

I can't remember how many study periods at night there were, but there were more for senior classes than junior. Tuckshop may even have been open in between them. Down to the dorms,

Lights out at 10:00pm, I believe. In the Senior Year, those aiming for sevens could return to further study. I think I read quite a few books from the library and attempted numerous times to complete our senior set novel, William Faulkner's 'Sound and the Fury'. I'd still like to know what exactly jimson weed is, and where I can acquire some!

Thursday nights were special; that was for blacking your webbing and polishing your brass trinkets for the Army Cadet Parade on Friday. However, I didn't have to partake in this because I'd made my 'conscientious objector' claim early, utilising my asthma as a reason to exempt myself from Vietnam service. I remember Brother Cyprian, affectionately known as 'Hoppy', being sympathetic to the pacifist cause - the legend was that he knew many Prisoners of War.

Nevertheless, this didn't mean I had the liberty to do as I pleased while the parade was ongoing. The only alternative location permitted was the music room, and that's how I started playing the guitar.

Friday nights were equally special; the final study period where we could listen to records. What an era for music it was!

There were these impactful anti-war songs, such as The Animals' Sky Pilot, Donovan's Universal Soldier, and Ohio by Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young. I used to play these songs in the stairwell on Thursday nights, while the boarding cadets were preparing their gear. If this irritated anyone, no one voiced their annoyance.

On some Friday nights, we had an elaborate three-station checks routine, which ended with a parade down to 'Jack the Hack' for compulsory Short Back and No Sides haircuts. True dedication to the cause of maintaining as long a 70s-style hair as possible meant enrolling in activities such as debating or dance classes, ensuring you were absent when your name was called. Saturday morning was work. Like on that steep slope above oval 2 over there that needed pigface planted. Or the rainforest, or the rose bed or picking up stones on the new oval. Or looking after the Office.

Saturday lunch was special: pies. Musta been the kitchen staff's day off!

Competition sports were on Saturday arvo, culminating in appreciating the wonders of the athletically gifted, the 'Firsts!'

Sometimes they were away games, which meant bus-rides, and getting out of the place. We had the best top 40

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songs ever to sing along on the way home, all the louder if we, the Firsts that is, had won. Which was of course most of the time. Na na na nana na na, Hey Jude!

My favourite thing was getting to be scorer for the First XI Cricket, which meant that I got out of school, travel as far as Downlands, and have some truly spectacular lunches.

Saturday night was 16mm movies in the undercroft. The night they showed Hitchcock's "The Birds" was memorable, given the number of primary boarders who were in the audience. They got scared out of their skins, apparently, it was a bad night for their dorm master. I don't know who curated the program.

Sunday was of course Mass. I can't for the life of me remember what was scheduled for the rest of Sunday morning, but lunch was big. It was ice cream day!

Sunday arvo was letter writing, and then visitors for those lucky enough. I was lucky, I had grandparents living in Brisbane that would bring a thermos and cake and my cousin around.

What it would have been like to be completely cut off from family, for months, even the whole year, I can't imagine. Pastoral care.

Otherwise, it was one of those rare, genuinely free times. I remember my prize possession for such times was a pocket transistor radio, an AWA, with a tiny ear phone. Truth be known it was discrete enough to get away with using anytime while at study. If it was spotted by whoever the prefects in charge of study were, they let it pass. Good guys!

Then Rosary and/or Benediction. I feel sure we must have had at least one more study session to end the week.

Every couple of months there were free weekends. My family were at Stanthorpe so I was able to take a Friday evening Skennars bus from Barry Parade, the Valley, and return back on Sunday evening.

In between times, there was the Red Phone in the corner of the Chapel building in the Tower to queue up to phone home.

And the week started again. Rinse and repeat for 5 years.

Till the final Senior exam, in my case Physics, 60 multiple choice questions in 3 hours I think. It was make or break, I'd been estimated a 4 from the trial senior examination, a bare pass, and I was going to need better if I was gonna get to Uni with a Commonwealth Scholarship, which I needed cos Uni wasn't free yet.

I was finished inside the allotted time, couldn't see anything else I could do to improve, felt good and left the exam room, then went and picked up my bag and guitar and went to Skennars Bus Depot one last time.

A bunch of us rented a house in Tugun. We waited for the exam results which were actually placed in the daily newspaper. These results would determine our future, whether we got enough points to get into our Uni courses the next year, and whether we attained a scholarship or not.

And then the 'It's Time' election, which would possibly decide if fees would be abolished for Uni and CAE for the years after that. Fortunately, my only 7 (in Physics) scraped me over the line for a Commonwealth Scholarship - Thanks Barry Honan and Bex, our Senior Physics teachers!

Unfortunately, there were guys that got marks good enough to get into any Uni course, including Medicine, but needed to get a Commonwealth Scholarship. Family wealth or lack thereof could determine your future.

The newly elected Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam then determined all University courses would be free from 1974, thus ending the sudden death public Senior exams that made 1972 the end of an era, and maybe that it's that end of an era thing we shared that's the reason our Class of 72 has been turning up in such extraordinary numbers to all our reunions.

Thanks MCA.

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SCHOOL COLOURS - ORIGIN AND RATIONALE

BACKGROUND

Schools have distinctive colours by which to be identified. Schools also feature other symbols such as a coat of arms, crest or heraldic shield. While the rivalry between schools is played out, the importance of representing, achievement and excellence are instilled in the tradition of school colours with all students proudly supporting them throughout their school lives.

Colours may also fit in with the ethos, motto, mascot and even war cries, songs and chants. Marist College Ashgrove epitomises this perfectly. MCA Head of College, Michael Newman recently explained in the College newsletter how the College's Bumblebee symbolises the character and spirit of the sporting teams that represent Marist Ashgrove.

"Bees are busy, industrious and hard working. Bees swarm to support each other and work for the benefit of their hive. Bees are courageous and have a sting to defend themselves bravely. The College's bumblebee is a pertinent mascot and its associated attributes inspire and remind the boys of the Marist qualities required whenever they represent the Blue and the Gold in sport."

'The Dream: The Flight of the Bumblebee' was written in 1998 by Damien Morgan and emphasises the importance of MCA's school colours.

"The dream is one of colour and it comes in blue and gold
Through cheers of 'Gunga Lora'- the story will unfold

It's set upon a Saturday- a little after three

He looks out from the huddle- there's nowhere he'd rather be."

In 2001, MCA Vice-Captain Ben Morrow adapted 'Blue and Gold Malaria' from Rupert McCall's famous 'Green and Gold Malaria' and concludes with

"It exists as part of all the boys, to all, the College dealt,

From the playing fields of De La Salle, to the cliffs of SLC,

You can tell an Ashgrove Old Boy, they're true-blue bumblebees."

Rupert McCall himself, composed a tribute to 75 Years of Marist College Ashgrove in 2015. The final verse included this reflection:

"The loyalty of leaders who embraced the greater goal

Their courage, their camaraderie, their celebrated soul,

It was spirit most contagious for the blue and gold today

Viriliter Age!... now the answer came to stay."

SELECTION OF THE CERISE AND BLUE MARIST SCHOOL COLOURS

In April 1872, four Marist Brothers arrived from Europe and first provided Catholic education at St Patrick's Parish in Church Hill, The Rocks, Sydney. 150 years later, in 2022, the Sesquicentenary celebration of Marist education was held. Indeed, in this period the Marist life and work flourished with the Brothers now having worked in every Australian mainland State and Territory.

As the Australian population increased and new cities and towns formed, the Marist schools were welcomed in all regions of Australia. In the early days, for most schools the contract on establishing schools was very focussed on staffing, finance and pedagogy. A number of mature Brothers committed to the Marist cause and gifted in many ways, including their knowledge of Latin, were called upon to suggest mottos for new schools. The incoming Foundation Principal would simply refer to these Brothers for suggestions and the new 'Boss' would simply pick one to his liking and what he thought would be meaning to the new school community. It was thought to be the same with school colours.

Colours became synonymous with a particular school and for most schools' colours, there was a reason for their selection. Initially in Australia, Cerise and Blue were popularly chosen because the Australian Marist flagship, St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill in Sydney (aka 'Joeys') had them and they also looked a nice combination.

There has been some mystery about the selection of the Cerise and Blue colours for St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill. There is strong tradition that Br Emilian, the first Principal chose the colours as early as 1883. His reasons were religious, the blue being the traditional colour of Our Lady and the cerise being associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The origin of the word 'cerise', from the French word for cherry, links it appropriately with Br Emilian and the French Brothers on staff.

Br Michael Naughtin points out that the combination of cerise and blue was well known in the 1880s. The first recorded use of 'cerise' in the English language is given by the Oxford English Dictionary as occurring in the phrase, "in all the glorious grandeur of cerise and blue". ('The Times', November 30, 1858.)

There is another, more peculiar, theory regarding the adoption of cerise and blue as the College colours. James Gray, in 'The Tradition – 100 years of rugby at SJC' (1994) points out that the theory is to be found in the diary of Br Edwin Farrell, the first person to join the Marist Brothers in Australia (in 1872, the year of their arrival in the colony), and a highly respected personality on the staff at St Joseph's during its first forty years. On the day mentioned, he records that an Old Boy of the 1880s, Louis Lefebvre, having just returned from Gallipoli, visited the College in military uniform and during a discussion, told Br Edwin that he had been a member of the cricket committee in 1886 which had chosen cerise and blue as the colours for College teams. What is more, the colours were suggested by the success of a prominent racehorse at the time. It's even more intriguing that the Sydney Cup in 1886 was won by a horse called 'Cerise and Blue'.

Br Edwin did not show any reaction to Louis Lefebvre's surprising disclosure. He was happy to record it in his diary without comment. But when he mentioned it to Br Felix Rogers, the Scot was not so kind in his reaction! 'Doc Felix' was destined to be the College's infirmarian for some 50 years. He had been appointed to St Joseph's upon his arrival from Scotland in 1887 and was a man with a keen interest in history. The Felix account, written probably around 1930, is aware of the theory and dismisses it as a baseless "inspiration in the fertile brain of Lefebvre!" It prefers the traditional, religious interpretation, describing cerise and blue as "Our Lady's colours", 'beautiful, dressy colours, neither glaring nor gaudy but just as becomes a Marist College.'



Br Michael Naughtin writes in 'A Century of Striving, SJC Hunter's Hill, 1881-1981'

"Br Emilian had hoped that the College would be called Sacred Heart College instead of St Joseph's College, but this was not done as there was already a Sacred Heart College at Maitland. He was able to give the Sacred Heart a conspicuous place in the College, by having a large statue of the Sacred Heart, which was obtained from France, erected on a fine pedestal of Pyrmont stone in front of the main entrance to the College. This was done in 1885."

The mystery unravels further with there being a major connection to the original Marist flagship school at St Genis Laval near Lyons in France. Cerise and Blue were their colours! Joeys had also modelled their Chapel on this original Lavalla school. This link is a very positive clue suggesting the adoption of Cerise and Blue at Joey's most probably followed on from where it first began when St Marcellin Champagnat established the first Marist school in 1817 here at the village in France, known as Lavalla.

Marist foundation schools in the subsequent years, such as at Randwick in Sydney, Hawthorn and Kyneton in Victoria, Rosalie in Brisbane, Cairns and Ayr in North Queensland and Thebarton in South Australia would adopt the Cerise and Blue colours. St Patrick's at Sale in Victoria would even change from its Irish foundation colours of green and white at the direction of Br Clement, then provincial and former Headmaster of St Joseph's. The flagship was followed in years past. Less so now!



Joeys 'CERISE AND BLUE' v Marist Ashgrove 'BLUE AND GOLD' in Rugby

HAS BLUE AND GOLD BECOME MORE RECOGNISED AS MARIAN (MARIST) COLOURS?

There are many Marist educational establishments around the world (in 80 countries, to be precise). In the USA for example, where blue and gold are the predominant colours of Marist and other Catholic schools and colleges, current students, alumni and administrators were asked why these colours were chosen. Most fingers pointed in the direction of Notre Dame (Our Lady) University which rose to national prominence in the 1920s, due mainly to the dominant performance of its football teams under the improbably-named coach, Knute Rockne. Its colours were of course, given its name, the colours for Our Lady-blue for truth and gold for light (the full list of virtues linked by some sources to these colours is so long as to be meaningless). But are blue and gold more 'Marist' than other combinations? Among dozens of articles and sites consulted, there was one where this was absolutely confirmed. Marist Brothers College Linmeyer (est 1889), south of Johannesburg has invited the other four South African Marist Schools to join in a fund-raising run on Champagnat Day, June 6, 2022. It specifies that "participants are encouraged to take part wearing THE Marist Blue and Gold colours." The use of the definite article leaves no room for debate, at least not in South Africa where every Marist School has Blue and Gold as its colours!

This leads to the obvious question: why and when were blue and gold inextricably linked to Mary? During the first few centuries of the Byzantine Church, Mary was depicted in rather sombre, earthy tones. However, in the year 431 A.D. due to the rise of Mariology and the increased devotion of the Virgin Mary, Mary was elevated by the Church to 'Queen of Heaven, Spiritual Mother and Intercessor'. Only a colour reserved for the most elevated subjects of devotional art would do. And that colour was produced by processing the semi-precious lapis lazuli, in antiquity worth more than gold. Henceforth, it was referred to as Marian Blue and was a deep, rich, aubergine variation, used in depictions of Mary right up to the end of the renaissance. This shade is also known as ultra marine ('over the sea' because lapis lazuli came from Afghanistan). Michaelangelo would ground up lapis lazuli to create the ultra marine that brings colour to the robes of Mary of Nazareth on many Church walls. Gold makes its most common appearance in the form of flat gold leaf, used as the background for, and halos of, sacred and divine figures. The regal and dramatic effect of the original, rich, almost purple Marian blue, highlighted by gold leaf, has softened in our more democratic and secular world to much lighter, more modest sky blue for the Blessed Virgin Mary's robe with a restrained use of gold paint. However, the darker shade can still be seen on the heraldic shields of many Marist schools and colleges.

MARIST SCHOOLS' COLOURS IN AUSTRALIA

Marist College Ashgrove was founded in 1940. It was initially called St Mary's College, so it was important to recognise Mary in selecting its colours. MCA's colours have always been Royal Blue and Gold. Mary, as Queen of Heaven would be appropriately recognised.

Neighbouring Marist College Rosalie was established in 1929 and fittingly claimed Cerise and Blue colours. It was the first Marist school in Queensland and was adjacent to the Sacred Heart Church.

MCA archivist, Kieran Donnelly advised: "Marists had a tradition of pairing Marian Blue and twelve gold stars as a crown for Mary. It has been theorised that the stars apply to both the twelve patriarchs of the tribes of Israel (original people of God) and the twelve apostles (renewed people of God).

Fr John Kilinko (1972) surmised: "I would imagine the Ashgrove Blue certainly has depictions of Mary in art, and the gold the mention of her wearing a coronet of stars. (Revelation 12/1, Psalm 44 and some Feast of the Assumption readings)."

There was a green light for the adoption of Royal Blue and Gold for Ashgrove in 1940 as there would be no clash with any school it would be competing with in Metropolitan Catholic Schools sport. One of the MCSA competition heavyweights then was St Columban's CBC at Albion Heights who wore Sky Blue, Navy Blue and Gold and were easily distinguishable.

The Marist Ashgrove motto, Viriliter Age came into effect in 1958. It took its inspiration from Psalm 30 of the Psalter. In the Latin version, the translation emphasised manliness, 'Act the Man.' The commonly accepted modern translation is 'Act Courageously.'

Knox Grammar was established on Sydney's North Shore in 1928. It was named after John Knox, a 16th century Scottish reformer. It has a similar motto to MCA, which is 'Viriliter Agitur', derived from St Paul's Letter to the Corinthians and commonly translated as 'Doing the Manly Thing! – or the right thing.

Mt Maria College Mitchelton has a proud history that has seen the College evolve to adapt to changing times and colours over the years. Initially set up in 1930 by the Sisters of Good Shepherd, the site of Mt Maria, Mitchelton was made a home for 'wayward girls.' By the early 1970s, the convent was closed. In 1970, Marcellin College was established as a Marist school for boys in Years 5,6,7. Classes grew over the years and the first Year 12 class at

Enoggera graduated in 1976. Their sporting colours were red and white. Two years later due to the rapid growth of Marcellin College and nearby girls' college, St Benedict's at Wilston whose colours were Sky Blue and Royal Blue, Mt Maria Senior College at Mitchelton was formed. The Marist Brothers administered the co-educational schooling till 1993, when the first lay principal was appointed. Mt Maria Junior College at Enoggera then catered for Marcellin Year 8-10 boys and Year 8-10 female students from St Benedict's. Both Colleges amalgamated in 2006 using both campuses. In 2013, Mt Maria became one entity, located on one campus-the site of the original Mt Maria College at Mitchelton. Indeed from the original colours of St Benedict's (Blue) and Marcellin (Red) created the new school colours-Navy Blue and Burgundy.

The Marist Brothers Boys' School in Innisfail was aligned with the Good Counsel Church where the Augustinians presided. It was founded in 1938 and the colours were green and gold in keeping with the Augustinian tradition. Following the merger of the Sacred Heart Girls' School run by the Good Samaritan Sisters, the new school colours became Navy Blue and Grey.

Ayr similarly relinquished its original colours of Cerise and Blue when the Marist Brothers run Edmund Campion College merged with the Good Samaritan Sisters founded St Francis Xavier High School to form Burdekin Catholic High School. Its new colours, White, Blue and Maroon.

St Peter Claver College, Riverview was founded in 1976 and its colours were initially Green and Gold. Blue was added ten years ago for Marian recognition.

The relatively newly formed St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville would adopt Rust and Sage.

Trinity Catholic College Lismore was founded in 1911 and Blue and Gold were selected as its colours. The region has maintained these colours in many of its sporting teams eg Cricket, Baseball and Rugby League.

The Marist Schools in the Northern Territory are quite distinctive! Our Lady of Sacred Heart College, Alice Springs is steeped in the Marist tradition and also moulded in that unique Central Australian way. Its colours are a distinctive Claret and Chardonnay.

Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) formed in 1977 and selected Orange (Ochre) and Yellow.

Noarlunga Downs (Cardijn College) in South Australia was founded in 1984 and have Cerise, Blue and Gold.

Marist College Canberra was founded in 1968. The colours Blue, Royal Blue and Sky Blue gave full Marian recognition.

Marist College Kogarah was founded in 1909. Red and White have been incorporated with Marian Blue. The colours Red and White also reflect the local sporting teams including the famous St George Rugby League team which won 11 straight Sydney Rugby League Premierships, 1956-1966.

Marist College Eastwood had similar parallels with their school colours selection. Founded in 1937, Red and Black were originally chosen for their iconic relation to the North Sydney Bears Rugby League team. By 1958, Yellow had been added and today indigenous recognition is very apparent with indigenous murals and flag representing the Wallumettagal people associated with this region (Ryde, Hunters Hill and Parramatta).

The Aboriginal flag was first flown in 1971 and was only recognised as an official 'Flag of Australia' in 1995. The black part of the flag represents Aboriginal people and is orientated at the top when the flag is displayed or flown. The red section of the Aboriginal flag represents the earth and people's relationship to the land and Ochre used by aboriginal people in ceremonies. The circle of yellow represents the sun.

The rationale in selecting colours depends a lot on the availability of colours in expected sporting competition that the schools were joining. In some instances there may have been a connection with the district sporting team colours in that area. There should be no conflict with other schools in their district and was there a connection with other schools elsewhere that should be avoided. There may also be an association of colours with respective religious orders.

Following is a chronological list of foundation of almost all Australian Marist Schools, their colours and mottos.

FOUNDATIONS BY STATE

NEW SOUTH WALES

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1872 St Patrick's, The Rocks	Esto Fidelis	Be Faithful	Green and Gold
1875 St Benedict's, Broadway	Ne Cedite Malis	Do Not Give Way to Evil	Blue and White
1875 Parramatta Marist High	Fortior Ite	Go Strongly	Green and Gold
1881 St Joseph's, Hunters Hill	In Meliora Contende	Strive For Better Things	Cerise and Blue
1883 Villa Maria, Hunters Hill	Contortare Esto Vir	Be a Man	Maroon and Blue
1888 Marist Brothers North Sydney	Virtus Ubique Vincit	Virtue Conquers Everywhere	Navy Blue, Gold
1896 St Vincent's, Westmead	Maior Est Caritas	The Greatest (of these) is Love	Red and White
1898 Marist Brothers, Maitland	Age Quod Agis	Do what you are doing well	Blue and White
1898 St Francis Xavier's, Hamilton	Christus Lux Mea	Christ is My Light	Blue and Gold
1909 Marist College, Kogarah	Finis Coronat Opus	The End Crowns the Work	White, Blue, Red
1910 The High School, Darlinghurst	Servo Fidem	Serve the Faith	Blue and Blue
1911 St Joseph's/Trinity, Lismore	-	In Word and Deed	Blue and Gold
1922 Sacred Heart, Mosman	Virtus Ubique Vincit	Virtue Conquers All	Black, Blue and Gold
1923 St Gregory's, Campbelltown	Quae Seminaveris Metes	What You Sow So Shall You Reap	Maroon, Sky Blue
1923 Marcellin College, Randwick	Aeterna Non Caduca	The Eternal not the Transitory	Cerise and Blue
1926 Red Bend, Forbes	Per Angusta Ad Augusta	Through Difficulty to Greatness	Sky Blue and Navy Blue
1927 Marist Brothers, Broken Hill	Duce Maria	Led by Mary	Blue and Blue
1928 Holy Cross, Woollahra	Virtus Omnia Vincit	Virtue Conquers All	Blue and Gold
1937 Marist College Eastwood	Respice Finem	Look to the Future	Red, Black and Yellow
1938 Marist Brothers/Benedict Jnr, Lidcombe	Respice Stellam	Look to the Star	Maroon and Gold
1939 St Anne's, Bondi Beach	In Nomine Domini	In the Name of the Lord	Dark Brown and Light Brown
1942 Marist Brothers Benedict/Trinity Auburn	-	Truth, Courage, Community	White, Red, Navy Blue
1946 Marist Brothers, Casino	Vitam Praesta Puram	Present a Blameless Life	Blue and White
1950 Marian Catholic College, Griffith	-	The Way-The Truth-The Life	Maroon, Gold

1953 Marist College Peshurst	Agnosceret et Diligere	To Know and To Love	Green, Red, Yellow, Gold
1954 Marist Daceyville/St Michael's	-	Love, Learn, Dream	Navy Blue and Sky Blue
1955 St Pius X, Tighes Hill	Vinco Per Mariam	Through Mary I Conquer	Royal Blue and Navy Blue
1956 St Francis de Sales, Leeton	Virtute et Constantia	Courage and Perseverance	Blue and White
1961 Marist Pagewood/ Champagnat Catholic College	Christus Regnat	Christ Reigns	Black and Gold
1962 St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas	Esto Fidelis	Be Faithful	Green and Gold
1962 Marist Brothers Queanbeyan	Aeterna Praestant Caducis	Eternal Rather than Fleeting	Blue and Gold
1964 Marcellin Jnr College, Coogee	Aeterna Non Caduca	The Eternal not the Transitory	Cerise and Blue
1965 McAuley Catholic College, Grafton	-	To Know Wisdom	Navy Blue, Maroon
1974 Holy Family Primary, Parkes	-	In Praise, Love and Trust	Green and Gold
1981 John Therry Catholic College, Rosemeadow	Recta Sapere	To Love and Relish What is Right	Green, White and Black
1985 All Saints College, St Peter's Campus, Maitland	-	Integrity	Blue and Gold
1986 Mt Carmel College, Varroville	Ite in Veritate	Walk in Truth	Red, Gold, Dark Blue, Mid Blue
1986 Bede Polding College, Windsor	-	Called To Bring Peace	Navy Blue, Maroon
1988 St Ignatius School, Bourke	-	Truth and Co-Operation	Green and Gold
1998 John Berne School, Lewisham	-	Hope Always	N/A-Special School

VICTORIA

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1893 Marist College, Bendigo	Christus Vita Nostra	Christ is our life	Blue, White and Gold
1893 Assumption College, Kilmore	Quae Supra Quare	Seek the Things that Are Above	Royal Blue, Sky Blue and Gold
1922 St Patrick's/Catholic College, Sale	-	Peace Among Nations	Blue and White
1925 St John's, Hawthorn	Intende et Regina	Set Out and Reign	Cerise and Blue
1926 Marist Brothers, Kyneton	Servabo Fidem	I Will Serve the Faith	Cerise and Blue
1930 St Joseph's, North Fitzroy	Sapientia et Gratia Aetate	Wisdom and Grace	Blue and Gold
1950 Marcellin College, Camberwell/Bulleen (1963)	Virtute Ad Altissima	Integrity to the Full	Gold, Maroon and Light Blue
1951 Notre Dame, Shepparton	-	To Seek, To See, To Respond	Maroon, Pale Blue and Green
1951 Marist-Sion, Warrugal	-	Truth, Charity and Constancy	Dark Green, Gold and Light Blue
1955 Galen College, Wangaratta	-	Faith, Integrity	Maroon and Pale Blue
1957 Redden/Samaritan College, Preston	Fortis et Fidelis	Strong and Faithful	Black and Gold
1962 La Valla, Traralgon	-	Strong Minds-Compassionate Hearts	Blue, Navy Blue, Yellow, Gold
2020 St Patrick's Primary, Kilmore	-	In the Footsteps of the Lord	Dark Blue and Light Blue

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1897 Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park	Virtus Ubique Vincit	Virtue Conquers All	Light Blue, Dark Blue
1897 Marist Brothers, Alberton	Christus Regnat	May Christ Reign	Maroon and Blue
1931 Marist Brothers/Tenison College, Mt. Gambier	-	Constancy of Purpose	Black, Blue, Navy Blue
1943 St John Baptist/Kilmara College, Thebarton	Omnia in Christo	All Things in Christ	Cerise and Blue
1967 Sacred Heart Jnr College, Mitchell Park	Virtus Ubique Vincit	Virtue Conquers All	Light Blue, Dark Blue
1984 Cardijn College, Noarlunga Downs	-	See, Judge, Act.	Cerise, Blue and Gold

QUEENSLAND

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1929 Marist Brothers, Rosalie	Age Quod Agis	Do What You Are Doing Well	Cerise and Blue
1930 St Augustine's, Cairns	Tolle Lege	Take Up and Read	Cerise and Blue
1938 Marist Brothers/Good Counsel, Innisfail	-	One Spirit in Christ	Grey, Navy Blue
1940 St Marys/Marist College Ashgrove	Viriliter Age (1958 -) and Posuerunt Me Custodeum (1940-1957)	Act Courageously	Royal Blue and Gold
1942 St John the Baptist, Eagle Heights	Posuerunt Me Custodeum	They Made Me Caretaker	Blue and Gold
1953 Burdekin Catholic High School/ St Francis Primary, Ayr	-	One in Christ	White, Blue, Maroon
1970 Marcellin/Mt Maria, Enoggera/Mitchelton	-	Strong Mind-Compassionate Heart	Navy Blue, Burgundy
1978 St Peter Claver College, Riverview	-	Concern, Love, Justice	Green, Gold and Blue
1982 Trinity College, Beenleigh	-	In God We Trust	Red White Blue
1987 St Joseph's, Murgon	-	Nurture, Respect, Faith	Red and Blue
1987 Mt Maria College, Petrie	-	Lead By Example	Sky and Navy Blue, Maroon
1990 St Thomas More Primary, Sunshine Beach	-	In Truth and Love	Black, Red, Gold
1996 Marist College, Emerald	-	The Truth Will Set You Free	Blue, Maroon, Yellow
2004 St Teresa's College, Noosaville	-	Dare the Dream	Rust and Sage
2020 Carmel College, Thornlands	-	Let Your Light Shine	White, Maroon

ACT

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1968 Marist College Canberra	Servo Fidem	I Serve the Faith	Blue Royal Blue Sky Blue

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1913 St Ildephonus, New Norcia	Vitam Praesta Puram	Obtain For Us a Blameless Life	Black and Blue
1948 St Joseph's, Northam		Fidelity	Blue and Gold
1954 St Joseph's Subiaco	Vitam Praesta Puram	Obtain For Us a Blameless Life	Purple and Gold
1954 St Francis Xavier/Catholic College, Bunbury	-	To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God	Green Red White
1965 Marist/Newman College, Churchlands	-	Shine Through Discovery	Royal Blue, Sky Blue

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1979 Ltyentye Apurte Santa Teresa	-	A place of learning for all	Orange (Ochre) and Yellow
1982 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Alice Springs	-	Justice Peace Love	Claret and Chardonnay

MARIST SISTERS-NSW

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1960 Cerdon College, Woolwich, Sydney	In Omnibus Christus	In All Things Christ	Royal Blue

MARIST FATHERS-NSW

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1931 St John's College, Woodlawn	Tenete Traditiones	Hold Fast to The Traditions	Green Red Gold

MARIST FATHERS-TAS

Year, School and Location	Latin Motto	English Translation	Colours
1959 St James Marist/1972 Marist Regional College, Burnie	-	Love The Truth	White Blue Navy Blue

A SNAPSHOT OF SEVERAL BRISBANE COLLEGES

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SCHOOLS

Many Christian Brothers' Schools wear the 'Blue and White' sporting colours as a tribute to Our Lady. In Brisbane, before Nudgee College existed, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace (est 1875) wore the colours that Nudgee wears today-Blue and White. Nudgee was formed in 1891 when the boarders were sent there from the City.

A popular story, known as 'The Battle of the Colours' is basically a foundation myth, where it is claimed that whoever won the first ever footy match between the two schools in 1918 when the GPS Association was established, would determine who got to wear the Blue and White! Many at Nudgee claim they won, but there is no evidence whatsoever that such a match with such high stakes was ever played. In fact, Terrace changed its colours to the diametrically opposite Cardinal (Red) and Jet (Black) in 1924. It was a commonsense decision then as Terrace was moving away from the standard of the day which had been a 'Sunday Best' for formal school attire.

The Depression was rearing its ugly head and a standard uniform would be much cheaper. Nudgee followed suit (no pun intended!) as did other prominent schools at the time. Nudgee opted for the St Patrick's Blue and White in honour of the Christian Brothers devotion to the BVM. The particular Blue was very carefully selected as the Christian Brothers at the time were very pro-Irish, hence no desire for a royal blue or navy blue that would suggest a respect for English colour.

Christian Brothers' Colleges throughout Queensland such as St Edmund's Ipswich, St Mary's Toowoomba, St Patrick's Gympie, St Patrick's Mackay, Our Lady's Mount in Townsville and Mt Carmel, Charters Towers included Blue and White in their colours.

In Brisbane, it was necessary for the other Christian Brothers' Colleges to choose alternative colours to avoid clashing in competition sport. Many have queried why St James' College at Fortitude Valley, and established in 1868 wore Maroon and Gold and not Blue and White at their inception? Simply, St James' was under lay administration for the first 25 years of its existence, and was not handed over to the Christian Brothers until 1893, largely because of the major economic depression of the time and the Government's refusal to pay staff wages. St James' motto is 'Faithful Forever'.

St Laurence's College at South Brisbane was established in 1915 and competed creditably in the GPS Association for ten years, from 1918-1927. Its original colours were green and white as a nod to Ireland and there were some matching uniforms with other schools at St Patrick's Day Marches and Sports Days. A white outfit was worn with a green sash for marches. There was a train of thought that Lauries looked too much like BBC who wore green, white and black. The decision was accepted for Black and Gold to be the new SLC colours in 1937. Both Lauries and St Columban's mottos are the Christian Brothers' "Facere et Docere"-To Do and To Teach.

St Columban's at Albion Heights (est 1928) selected the colours Navy Blue, Sky Blue, Gold and have retained those colours when they relocated to Caboolture in 1996 as a co-ed school. St Patrick's Shorncliffe was founded in 1952 and fittingly adopted Green and Gold. Its motto is "Certa Bonum Certamen"- Fight the Good Fight. St Edmund's situated at Ipswich 1892, still retains the Blue and White colours. Its motto is "Possunt Quia Posse Videntur"-They Can Because They See They Can.

Nudgee Junior College was founded in 1938 as a Boarding School for Primary School students and aligned with the Nudgee senior school. Its colours were therefore also Blue and White. In 1995 it became a day school only and then in 2015 became Ambrose Treacy College. Green which signified the Irish roots was added to the Blue and White. The motto, "Signum Fidei"-Sign of Faith was retained. This was also the Nudgee senior school motto. The motto of Gregory Terrace remains "Servire Deo Sapere"- To Serve God is to be Wise.

The Blue and White combination of colours was not as prevalent in the Christian Brothers' Colleges in the other states of Australia compared with Queensland. Though St Edmund's College, Canberra (est 1954) maintained the tradition and chose White, Blue, Gold as its colours.

OTHER QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC BOYS' COLLEGES

Downlands Sacred Heart College was founded by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 1931. The name Downlands came about because the school was being established on 'The Downs.' The first suggestion was for it to be called 'Downslands,' but thankfully someone at the time said – "that doesn't sound right!" The Bishop of Toowoomba at the time, James Byrne located the site for the boys' school. His offsider and Vicar General, Monsignor McKenna in writing to Fr Fleming MSC and addressing 'colours' said:

"Might I suggest a wish in this regard, as I am keenly interested, and I suggest that instead of Green and Gold, which would be very beautiful, a Royal Blue and Red(Blood). I am of the opinion that these colours would be very distinctive and would at the same time, mark the two special devotions of your society-Devotion to the Sacred Heart and to Our Blessed Lady. I am very pleased to learn that you have adopted the name 'Downlands'. I consider it very appropriate and unique in the circumstances. Downland's colours became Cardinal Red and Royal Blue and the motto remains "Fortes in Fide" – Strong in Faith.

Villanova College was established at Whinstanes in 1948. The Augustinian community there maintained the Green and Gold tradition of their schools when they voted in Australia's colours of green and gold. It was reported that the Australian cricket team was the first national sporting team to don the green and gold back in 1899 even though they weren't officially established as Australia's sporting colours until 1984. Up to then, it was quite confusing to non-Australians that green and gold was preferred to the Australian flag's red, white and blue palette. Amusingly, legend has it that Fr Kieran O'Shea voted for Green and Gold as they were also Kerry (Ireland) colours! Villanova moved to its Coorparoo site in 1954. Its motto *Vincit Veritas-Truth Conquers*. St Augustine's in Manly Vale, Sydney would become Green, Gold and Red. The community there added the red to distinguish from Villanova.

Iona is an island off the west coast of Scotland where in circa 6th century, St Columba established a monastery after leaving Ireland and used it as a missionary base for converting Scotland to Christianity. It became a significant place of Christian pilgrimage during medieval times and still is today. Archbishop James Duhig's dream was for a school called Iona College. Iona College, Lindum was established in 1958.

The crest of the school was chosen through a collaboration between Oblate Father Long (Foundation Headmaster) and the Coadjutor Archbishop of Brisbane, Archbishop Patrick Mary O'Donnell. Patrick O'Donnell and Tim Long were schoolmates at the Jesuit Secondary College in Limerick, Ireland. Fr Long chose the O'Donnell coat of arms for the crest of the school. While this gesture honoured his friend, it also cemented a bond between the Archbishop, who would succeed Duhig, and Iona College for the future.

The colours of the school were based on Fr Long and Archbishop O'Donnell's old high school- Mungret College- in Ireland. Its colours were black, white and a little red. It was likely Fr Long dropped the red in deference to St Joseph's Gregory Terrace colours in Brisbane. The Latin motto of the school "In Hoc Signo Vinces" is a Latin phrase meaning "In this sign you will conquer." The motto is in fact an explanation of the school crest which is part of the O'Donnell coat of arms given to the school by Archbishop O'Donnell.

Padua College at Kedron was established in 1956 by the Franciscans. The College name was given by the Franciscan Friars after St Anthony of Padua. Its motto is "Deus Meus et Omnia"- My God and My All. Padua's colours are Brown, Gold and White. Brown is the colour of what St Francis of Assisi called 'mother Earth'; Gold 'brother sun' whose heat and light make all things grow and flourish; and White symbolises the Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liberates us from the darkness of evil.

De La Salle College at Scarborough was founded in 1955. DLS colours were Scarlet (Cardinal), Blue, Gold. It joined with Frawley College, Soubirous College (est 1951) and St Bernadette's to become Southern Cross College in 1995. The De La Salle motto was "Quid Vult Deus"-What God Wants. The Southern Cross College motto is Seek the Light and its colours became Blue, Red, Green and White.

BRISBANE CATHOLIC GIRLS' COLLEGES

All Hallows School, Fortitude Valley was founded in 1861 by the Sisters of Mercy. Its colours are Blue, which represents fidelity (faithfulness) and White (silver) represents purity. In the 1970s the "Rust" cardigan, beret and blazer became entrenched. In 1973 there was felt a need to replace the older, dark brown with a "lighter" colour. Whether this was a crazy 1970s fashion mistake or because of the availability of materials or an aberration, it became entrenched in the 1990s when the uniform was reviewed and the committee regarded "Rust" as tradition and it has therefore remained! All Hallows School motto, "Dieu et Devoir" is French "For God and Duty". French was taught at AHS when the motto was introduced in 1912, not Latin!

Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne was founded in 1916 by the Sisters of Good Samaritan. By 1919, Archbishop Duhig, who had formally watched over developments at Lourdes Hill, decided that the school and its pupils needed a badge. As the story goes, Archbishop Duhig walked into the senior classroom, took up a piece of chalk and wrote on the 'green blackboards' the words "Respice Stellam, Voca Mariam- Look to the Star and call upon Mary." It was a quote attributed to St Bernard of Clairvaux and no doubt the diplomatic Archbishop may have drawn upon it as a tribute to Mother Bernard. He then drew a star with an inner circle, added palm leaves and the monogram AM (Ave Maria) and so was born the motto and badge. The colours in the badge were those that became the school colours, Purple, Mauve and Silver!

Both Mt St Michaels, Ashgrove (est 1929), run by the Sisters of Charity and Loreto College, Coorparoo (est 1928), run by the Our Lady of Loreto Sisters (IBVM) acquired their present colours in the post 1960s. Most of the Catholic Girls Secondary Colleges participated in their annual interschool athletics titles which were hosted at Marist College Ashgrove in the 1960/70s. In this period, a number of Colleges changed their sporting colours and became more easily recognised. For example, MSM changed from their Dark Blue and White to Navy Blue, White and Gold while Loreto became Royal Blue and Gold, where previously Grey. The MSM motto is "Fide et Amore" – In Faith and Love. The Loreto motto is "Cruci Dum Spiro Fido" – While I Live, I Believe in the Cross.

Brigidine College, Indooroopilly was founded in 1929 and run by the Brigidine Sisters. Its colours are Green, Navy Blue and Gold. The badge used by all Brigidine Schools includes the cross of St Brigid. The motto, "Fortititer et Suaviter"- Strength and Gentleness which are the virtues so characteristic of Brigid of Kildare. As the shamrock is associated with St Patrick, the simple cross made from rushes is associated with St Brigid.

Stuartholme School, Toowong was founded by the Society of Sacred Heart Sisters (Sacre Coeur) in 1920. The motto is 'Cor Unum'- One Heart. Their colours Red, represents the Sacred Heart and Gold signifies the Flame of Love. Blue is for Our Lady.

St Rita's Clayfield was founded by the Presentation Sisters in 1926. Its colours are Brown and White. St Rita of Cascia, Italy is the school's patron saint who represents impossible causes eg loneliness, marriage difficulties, sterility, abuse victims, widows etc. The motto is appropriate, "Virtute Non Verbis"- Actions Not Words.

Mt Alvernia, Kedron was founded in 1956 by the Missionary Franciscan Sisters. Its sister school, Padua started in the same year. They also have the same motto, "Deus Meus et Omnia" but Mt Alvernia's colours are Grey and Maroon.

Siena College at Sippy Downs, (est 1997) is co-ed and named after St Catherine of Siena. Its colours are Black and White which feature prominently in the majestic cathedral in Siena, Italy.

COLLEGES OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS IN BRISBANE REGION

St Peter's Lutheran College, Indooroopilly was founded in 1945, is co-ed and has Maroon and White as its colours. The SPLC emblem features the Martin Luther white rose underneath an upside down cross of St Peter, which is how he was crucified. Its motto is "Plus Ultra"- Further Beyond.

St Paul's School Bald Hills was founded in 1961 as an Anglican boys' school. It became co-ed in the 1980s. It was named after St Paul the apostle and bears the same name as St Paul's School in London, UK. St Paul's motto is "Fide et Literis"-By Faith and Learning. Its colours are Cardinal Red and Bottle Green.

The Southport School was founded in 1901 and is an Anglican boys' school which has modelled its colours from Marlborough College in Wiltshire, England when Foundation Housemaster Charles Thorold introduced a replica blazer in 1908. Over the years the original blazers multitude of colours has reduced to Maroon, White and Navy Blue. Its motto is "Palman Qui Meruit Ferat"- Let him who deserves the palm of victory bear it. Marlborough College was founded in 1813 and is the most expensive school to attend in the association of British independent schools. It is now co-ed and has Catherine Middleton (Duchess of Cambridge) and Princess Eugenie of York as alumni.

St Hilda's Southport was founded in 1912 and is an Anglican day/boarding school for girls. Its colours Red, Yellow and Blue. The school was named after the seventh century Abbess of Whitby, St Hilda who was said to have turned serpents into stone, and three stone serpents are the emblem of the school's crest. Its motto is "Non nobis solun"- Not for ourselves alone.

Anglican Church Grammar School was also founded in 1912. The first Principal, Canon Morris based much of the school's ethos on its patron saint, St Magnus, a Norseman Earl. The Viking Christian martyr personified the manly Christian virtues which Morris so much admired. The Viking tradition is also reflected in the school coat of arms with its shield and battle axes symbolising Viking courage and incorporating the school motto "Alis Aquilae"- On an Eagle's Wings. The school colours of Blue and Grey were chosen and accepted by Morris who disliked flashiness of any kind and saw symbolism and meaning in the restrained colours.

St Margaret's, Clayfield (est 1895) and St Aidan's, Corinda (est 1929) Anglican Girls' Schools both have Navy Blue, White and Brown as their colours and their mottos are "Per Volar Sunata"- Born to Fly Upwards.

Clayfield College grew out of Brisbane Boys College which was founded in 1902 at Clayfield. BBC moved to its present location at Toowong in 1930 as it had outgrown the Clayfield campus. Subsequently in 1931, Clayfield College was founded on BBC's former site, as the primary school department of Somerville House. The secondary school at Clayfield was established in 1935 and Clayfield College was separated from Somerville House. Clayfield's motto is "Luceat Lux Vestra"- Let Your Light Shine and its colours are Green, Gold and Blue.

Somerville House was founded in 1899 as the Brisbane High School for Girls. The original colours were Yellow and White, taken from the school at Dalgelly, Wales where Miss Eliza Fewings had also been Principal. In 1912, it was decided to change the colours to Navy Blue and Green. In 1918 Somerville House transferred to the newly formed Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association and in 1920 the school moved from Wickham Terrace to its present site on Mater Hill, South Brisbane. Its motto is "Honour before Honours".

The BBC founder was Mr AW Rudd who was Principal for nearly thirty years. Initially the BBC colours were green and black. It was reported that Rudd chose the colours because green reminded him of his Irish father and black provided a contrast. Rudd, on the other hand, wrote that the explanation was simple and quite prosaic. He said that he had no thought of school colours when the school started in 1902, but some months later, when he was shopping in Melbourne he saw school colours displayed in a soft goods store. "I chose a roll of colours that I liked, green and black, with fine white lines....." The PMSA purchased the College in 1919 and white was added as a distinct colour. In the 1934 College magazine, it was suggested that green represented youth and growth; white, purity of mind and heart; and black represented the ever present shadows in life. Its motto is "Sit Sine Labe Decus"- Let Honour Stainless Be.

Moreton Bay College began as the Moreton Bay Girls High School in 1901. In 1944, it was given to the Methodist Church and then in 1979 the Presbyterian and Uniting Church took over the administration. Its colours are Maroon and Gold with pink often used to represent sporting teams. Its motto is "Fortitudine et Spe"- With Courage and Hope.

John Paul College, Daisy Hill is an ecumenical Christian co-ed College founded in 1982. The founding Principal selected the school colours simply. Burgundy was chosen to represent Queensland. (Many outside people would call the colour Maroon!) Blue was chosen to represent the open spaces and skies of the area at the time and Cream was chosen as it was an appropriate background colour on which to highlight the Burgundy and Blue. Its motto is "Unity. Christ. Learning."

PRIVATE SECULAR SCHOOLS IN BRISBANE REGION

Ipswich Grammar School was the first boys' independent school in Queensland. It was founded in 1863, shortly after Queensland was declared a separate colony from New South Wales in 1859 by Queen Victoria. Maroon was officially named Queensland's state colour by the Qld Governor in Council on November 13, 2003 because of a long held but informal tradition of using maroon to represent Queensland, especially with Qld sport. IGS chose Maroon and White for its academic colours and the closely aligned Red and White for sport. Its motto is "Labore et Honore" – To Work Hard with Honour.

Ipswich Girls Grammar School was established in 1892 and has Navy Blue, Pale Blue and White as its colours. Its motto is "Omnia Superat Diligentia"- Diligence Overcomes All.

Brisbane Grammar School was founded in 1868. BGS has two sets of colours. The first was introduced by Mr T. Harlin Headmaster 1869-1876, were Red and Gold and have become associated with academic pursuits. Mr R. H. Roe, Headmaster 1876-1909 introduced the Sporting colours of Oxford Blue and Cambridge Blue. Its motto is "Nil Sine Labore"- Nothing Without Work.

Brisbane Girls Grammar School was established in 1875 and chose Royal Blue as its colour so as to be somewhere between its sister school, BGS's Dark Blue/Light Blue. Its motto is "Nil Sine Labore- Nothing Without Labour.

Toowoomba Grammar School was founded in 1875. The school colours were originally Blue and White but in 1901, changed to Blue and Gold to be the same as the town's colours.

BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOLS

Brisbane State High School was the first State Secondary School established in Brisbane. The year 1913 is generally taken as the start, but the BSHS name was first applied in 1921. It moved to its current site at Musgrave Park, South Brisbane in 1925. Its motto is "Scientia est Postestas"-Knowledge is Power and its colours are Navy Blue and Cerise, although the last line of the State High war-cry is "High School-High School Blue-Red-Blue!" It has long been suggested that the founding Principal in 1921, Mr Isaac Waddell, affectionately known as "Duck" was responsible for selecting the colours and based it on the Booroodabin Bowls Club, Newstead which was known as "The Bool!" The Booroodabin Bowling Club was founded in 1888 under the patronage of Lord Lamington, who went on to become the Qld Governor, 1896-1901. The first club president was Sir Thomas McLlwraith, who in 1888 was having his second stint as Qld Premier at the time. It remains Qld's oldest Bowls club.

Commercial State High School was established as a department of the Central Technical College at 2 George Street, City between 1911-1914 and received status as a State High School in the 1920s. State Commercial High School was located elsewhere in George Street in 1949 and closed in 1962. The school's motto was "Onward with Honour" and its colours were Navy Blue and White.

Industrial State High School also opened as a department of the Central Technical College, and moved to Edward Street, City in 1946. Industrial High was for boys only and its sports colours were Maroon and Grey. It also closed in 1962. The Central Technical College became the QIT in 1965 and then in 1987 became the QUT.

Wynnum State High School was established in 1942. Its motto is "Semper Fidelis"- Always Faithful which is also the Stewart family motto, prominent in Glenlyon House, Ashgrove. Wynnum's sports colours are Green, Grey and Black.

Cavendish Road State High School was established in 1952 and they competed with Commercial, Industrial and Wynnum State High Schools in MSSSA sport (1952-55) as respected rivals of Marist Ashgrove. Their colours were Green and White and their motto was 'Nil Sine Pulvere, Nil Praeter Optima'"- Nothing without Effort, Nothing but the Best.

Kelvin Grove State High School opened in 1961 and closed in 2001. Its motto was "Scientia ad Sidera"- Knowledge to the Stars. Its colours, Red, Green and White are the colours featured on the Italian flag, which recognized the populous Italian community residing in the area at the time. In 2002, Kelvin Grove SHS would continue as Kelvin Grove State College.

IN CONCLUSION

In most cases, School Colours are selected for a reason and are worn proudly. The School Mottos work best if they possess a moral or spiritual significance. Of the many schools mentioned in this article, all surpass expectations on doing their utmost to encourage students to aim high and live up to high ideals and consequently become great citizens and in most cases good Christians. Marist College Ashgrove and all other Marist schools continue to enjoy their wonderful mutual association with all schools who have that great aim of benefiting their students and assisting others. The MCA OBA also thanks the many schools mentioned for readily providing such interesting snapshots of their own school's archival history and working so co-operatively with MCA. Unfortunately, because of space restrictions, it was necessary to limit the information provided by schools in this article. After 150 years since the first Marist school at The Rocks in Sydney in 1872, the Marist charism definitely continues in the 60 schools of Marist Schools Australia and the 'Ashgrovian' respectfully acknowledges all other schools and teachers involved in the most noble profession of all, the education of young people.





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