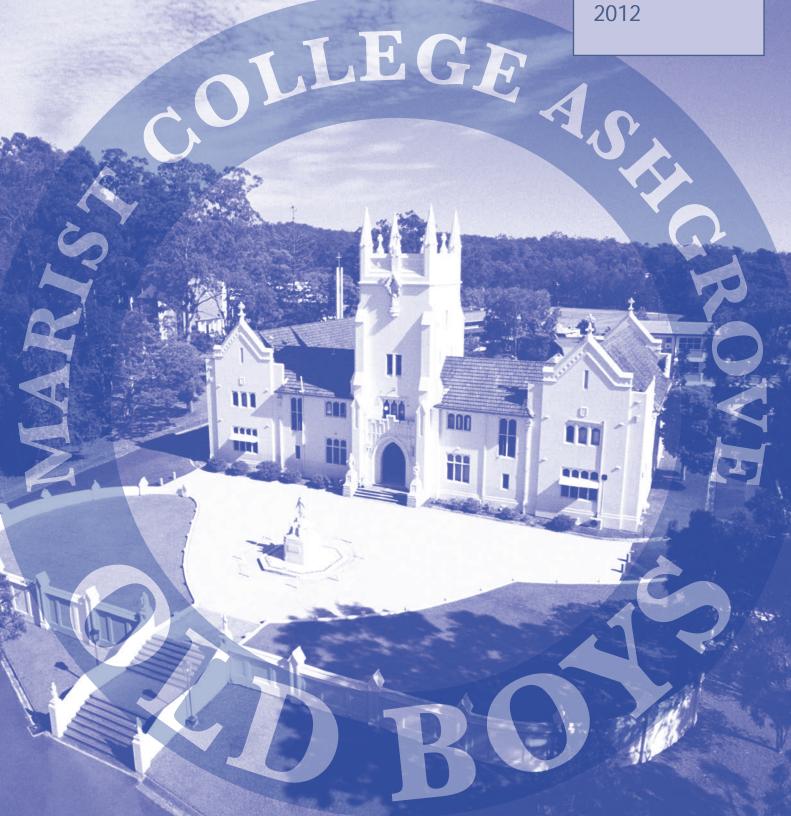
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DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

Tuesday 5 February Friday 19 April

Saturday 1 June Friday 16 August

Friday 4 October

AGM - BOB KEATING ROOM - 7.00pm

ANNUAL GOLF DAY

OLD BOYS' SPORT DAY - MCA v Iona College

VINTAGE BLUE & GOLD LUNCH for classes from 1940 to 1973 REUNION MASS AND EVENING FUNCTION at the Cyprian Pavilion

Check the Old Boys website at www.marash.qld.edu.au/oldboys for further details.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Ashgrovians,

Fellow Ashgrovians

The second half of 2012 has seen a number of successful Old Boys' functions. The Vintage Blue and Gold lunch that groups 40 year plus are invited to, was attended by approximately 70 Old Boys and partners. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. I would encourage any Old Boy who completed their education up to 1973, to consider organising a group from their year to attend next year. The lunch is held on the Friday during Brisbane Exhibition week at the College. The 2013 lunch will be held on Friday 16 August.



The annual October muster was well attended also with groups celebrating 10, 20, 25, 30 and 35 year reunions. The OBA would like to encourage all Old Boys to

this function. While it is used for significant anniversary reunions, it is a great opportunity for former class members to get together and embellish a few good stories. This year we introduced a Mass celebrated by Fr. Pius Jones, College Chaplain, prior to the evening celebrations. This was well attended and it is hoped will expand next year.

The Annual Race Day was held on Derby Day this year. While the numbers were down, a great day was had by those who attended. The committee is working on a strategy to make the day more appealing to members, particularly the younger members.

The OBA has established a website. The website address is www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au. It is hoped that it will be up and running by the end of the year. There will be a login option for members with a variety of services and information available. We also intend to include a number of football tipping competitions on the site to encourage regular visits.

It was with great sadness that on 29 August the Ashgrove community heard of the death of Old Boy Rick Milosevic (1989), while on duty in Afghanistan. Rick attended the College from 1985 to 1989 as a boarder from Quilpie. It was fitting that his final journey was from the College Chapel where a very moving funeral took place. The Seniors from Rick's year are supporting the family and anyone interested in assisting can contact Chris Shay, classmate and OBA treasurer.

As mentioned in the last Ashgrovian the OBA is looking for Year Co-ordinators to assist with updating the OBA data base and help encourage members to attend functions throughout the year. Thank you to those gentlemen who have volunteered to act in this capacity so far. We would also like to remind Old Boys of the Tower Block restoration project. The first part of the project, to replace the roof has recently been undertaken. With current parents financially committed to other projects such as the Br. Alexis Science Centre, any financial assistance that Old Boys can offer will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all members of the OBA committee for their selfless work during the year. Also Kay Wells for all she does to ensure the OBA runs smoothly and Peter McLoughlin for his support with all OBA endeavours.

Finally, on behalf of the Old Boys' Association, I would like to welcome the Seniors of 2012 as our newest members. You will find that over the coming years you will experience the depth of the friendships that has been forged during your time at the College. I encourage you to maintain a connection with your classmates and the College through the OBA and extend a warm welcome to become involved in any capacity.

I wish all families a happy and safe holiday over the Christmas period and a prosperous 2013.

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James Gardiner
PRESIDENT

FROM THE HEADMASTER

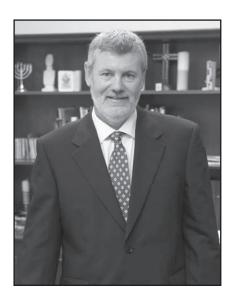
Dear members of the Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys' Association,

In his letter to the people of Galatia, St Paul suggests that we all need to be guided by the Spirit and the fruits of the Spirit:

love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5: 22-25).

I'm extremely grateful to the members of the Old Boys' Association who do so much for the College and the boys through their practice of the fruits outlined above.

Sincere thanks to Jim Gardiner and the committee of the OBA who have the opportunity of mateship as well as generously contributing to the education of those for whom a Marist education would normally be cost prohibitive.



Welcome to the newest members of the OBA, the class of 2012. Congratulations to these boys for their time at the College and their willingness to lead the College family so well this year. Captain Riley Wilkes and Vice Captains Darcy Meehan, Joe Coughlan, Tom Morrissey and D'Arcy Gannon have been very committed to leading the student body with passion and have been excellent role models for the boys.

I'm grateful to all Old Boys who have generously contributed to the good of Marist College Ashgrove in 2012. As Pierre Corneille wrote in 1643, "The manner of giving is worth more than the gift."

2013 will see a huge fundraising drive to restore our beloved Tower Building to its former glory. I hope you will be generous in responding to our call for help.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and St Marcellin

Peter McLoughlin Headmaster

CLASS OF 2012

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Hayden Drew, R Rory Driscoll, F Thomas Duffy, G Shafer Duggan, F Joshua Easterbrook, I Fergus Emmott, G* William Evert, G* Tom Fairweather, G Lincoln Farmer, I Danyon Fitzsimon, E Andy Flanagan, R* Liam Ford, H Callum Francis, E D'Arcy Gannon, F* Matthew Gatty, H Gianmarco Gellini, E Sam Geraghty, D Calvin Gibb, G Sacha Gibbs-McPhee, D* Sam Giltrap, S* Rvan Gleeson, G Riley Glennon, H* Tim Good, R Myles Gorman, R* Tony Guan, E* Douglas Haigh, F Christian Hamilton, E* Dominic Hanrahan, E Harrison Harvey, E Jackson Headley-Magee, D David Hedger, S Brandon Hendry, E Sam Heyward, E Ben Hicks, S* Andrew Hoey, I Jordan Holmes, E James Holtum, G Edward Hooper, S Tom Horn, D Ryan Humphries, S* Patrick Ingram, F Benjamin Jackson, I Edric Joe, H Dominic Jones, R Nathan Jones, G Samira Joseph, H Hiroshi Kado, H* Simon Kave, E Jarrod Keay, R Liam Kelly, F Ben Kemp, H Liam Kennedy, G* Seb Kirkpatrick, R Joe Kneipp, I* Cameron Knox, D* Nicholas Laracy, S Eric Law, G* Henri Lawrence, E Ben Ledingham, S* Charlie Lilley, D* Sam Long, G

Ryan Kelso Low, F

Brayden Lynch, E

Jarrod Mackay, I Luke Mackay, I Jordy Madden, G Padraig Maher, I Tevita Maka, E* Angus McArthur, F* Jordan McCabe, G Hamish McHardy, H Kobi McKerihan, I Lachlan McKinney, G Ryan McPhee, R* Patrick McVeigh, H* Darcy Meehan, E Adam Messina, F Lachlan Michelmore, G Jacob Miley, F* Thomas Milliken, R Kieran Moon, E Francis Moran, F* Peter Moran, F Thomas Morrissey, H* Chevez Morton, H* Gabriele Motta, E Patrick Mulherin, E Thomas Mullins, D Dillon Murphy, D Koji Nakada, R* Sean Neisler, G Jordan Nelson, I Max Neumann, E Patrick Nicholson, R* Thomas Noonan, F Jonathon Notting, S Christopher O'Brien, H Andrew Ogden, H James Oliver, R* Harrison O'Neill, I Andrew O'Rourke, S Connor O'Shea, F Connor O'Sullivan, I George Paterson, H Nick Paulsen, H* Aaron Perrin, H James Peters, I Luke Peterson, S Minh Pham, F* Terry Phelan, S Kieran Pierce, I Joseph Podger, S Angus Porter, F Aaron Poustie, D

Jason Rankin, R Joseph Rasmussen, I Daniele Reggi, D Vincent Reggi, I Eden Richards, E Nick Richards, S Sam Roff, D Nicholas Roose, I Daniel Ryan, H Joshua Ryan, F Jacksen Scriven, F Daniel Sharman, H Liam Sharpe, G Josh Sherry, H Jack Silversmith, S Luke Smart, S Declan Smith, D James Smith, D Reid Stanbury, S Tom Stranks, R Daniel Swanson, H Lachie Symon, S Zachary Tedim, S Michael Teece, I* James Teese, D* Nathan Thomas, D Lloyd Thompson, G* Michael Tofful, D Samuel Toigo, G Josh Tregenza, G Matthew Trubshaw, F Rory Van Den Brink, I Dean Van Heteren-Swemmer, R` John Vercoe, E Ashley Vienna, S Alessandro Vosolo, G Devyn Wanigesekera, I Jack Weller, S* Tim Wengenmayr, G Harry White, F' Riley Wilkes, I Michael Wing, G* Noah Witherdel, S Michael Wood, G Liam Woollett, R Tom Workman, H* Marco Zheng, I*

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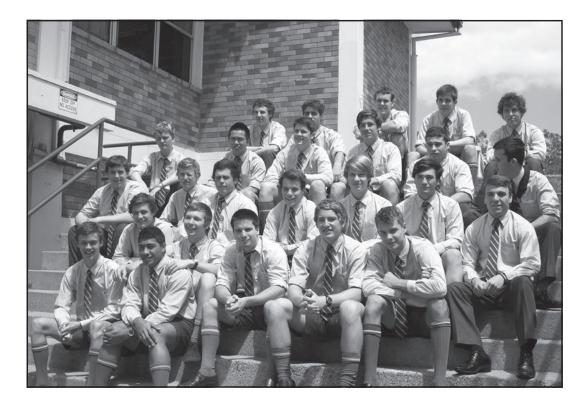
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* beside name indicates boarder. Letter beside name indicates House, e.g. D=Ridley, E=Ephrem, F=Foley, G=Gilroy, H=Harold, I=Ignatius, R=Rush and S=Slattery



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Year 12 Ephrem House





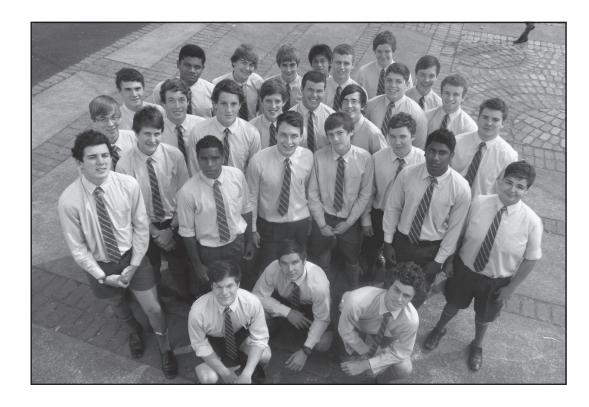
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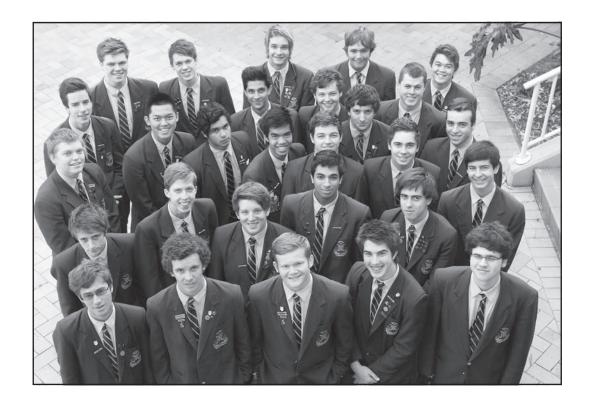
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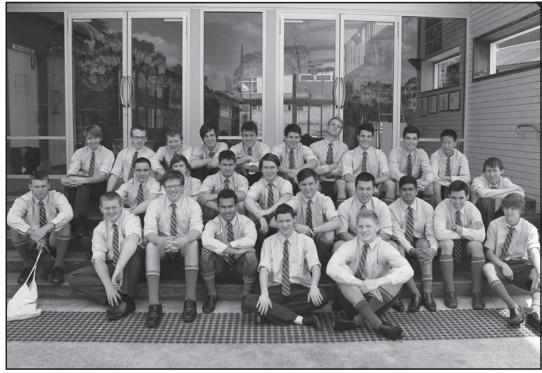
Year 12 Ignatius House





Year 12 Rush House





Year 12 Slattery House



VINTAGE BLUE & GOLD LUNCH 2012

Friday 17 August 2012 saw members of classes from 1940-1972 return to their Alma Mater for the annual Vintage Blue & Gold Lunch. Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin welcomed everyone to the lunch following a tour of the College facilities.

It was a pleasure to be able to welcome you back to the College and look forward to seeing you again next year.

You might like to note next year's lunch for classes from 1940 to 1973 will be held Friday 16 August 2013. Information will appear on the College website.

Some happy faces from the lunch are shown here -















This lunch is a wonderful opportunity for classes from 1940 - 1973 to hold their reunions. Should you wish to discuss this please contact Stuart Laing on 0428 709 733 or email Islaing@bigpond.net.au

65 YEAR REUNION

On Thursday 16 August 2012, six of the remaining nine of the 1947 Seniors met for lunch in the Wine Room at Tattersalls club. The more recent Old Boys might find it hard to believe we had only 17 in the 1947 Senior class.

Sadly Jock Murdoch, Graham Leach and Peter Burla were unable to join us. Graham had intended to come but hospitalization intervened. Peter was one of the first acceptors and was coming from Ettalong Beach, NSW, but became indisposed. Jock is severely disabled. His brother, Peter, considered bringing him but Jock also had time in hospital.



We did swell the numbers to eight. Noel Harris, a strong Marist supporter, represented his brother-in-law and our late class mate, Keith Gillies. In addition, we were delighted that our present Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin, made time to join us.

Not unexpectedly, after 65 years, some were showing signs of age or ill health, but made a real effort to be present. Pat Hanlon had surgery for removal of a kidney only 4-5 weeks prior to the lunch. His son, Mark, enabled him to make a special effort to attend. Bill Earle (thanks to the assistance of his son Arthur) came with his wheelie-walker - and his ever-cheerful disposition. Bill Edge had to rely on his walking stick. Joe Vasta, who came from Melbourne, appeared to be one of the fittest of the group. Jack Jones (School Captain) and I made up the six.

There were no speeches amongst such a small group, sitting around the one table in the delightful surrounds of Tatts Club. Needless to say, there was a lot of reminiscing. Some of the memories were so much better than others. Of course, there were queries about the accuracy of some of the recollections.

When we had our 60 year Reunion we wondered if there would be a 65 year Reunion. We are extremely thankful that the Lord has spared so many of us for another 5 years. Should we now have annual Reunions?

Joe Vasta, Bill Earle and I were pleased to represent the 1947 Seniors at the Vintage Blue & Gold Lunch on the day following our special lunch.

We believe this is the first 65 year formal Reunion of Marist College Ashgrove. We trust it will provide an incentive for each subsequent Senior class to maintain the tradition.

TOM TRESTON

Looking to ORGANISE your next CLASS REUNION?

It is great to see so many successful Class Reunions being organised and held. Many have commented on how wonderful it is to catch up with classmates from years gone by. If you wish to have a dinner/BBQ on the College grounds the reunion needs to be organized through the Old Boys Committee.

This can be done by contacting **Stuart Laing** who will be happy to help with publicity, venue bookings or answer any questions which will help with the organisation of this occasion.

Contact us today! Stuart Laing | M: 0408 050 117 | E: Islaing@bigpond.net.au

RECENT REUNIONS

It's that genuine look accompanied by a smile, the exchange of handshake and "Good to see you Mate", that you see over and over at Old Boys' Reunions. There was no exception for this year with the year groups of 1977, 1982 and 1992.

Head of School Peter McLoughlin mixed with the boys of 1992 to reflect on memories and times they shared during his year as a teacher at the College. Interesting the changes since then as lap tops for students (or even the word lap top) did not exist. The lads of 1972 and 1982 chatted, rambled and joked about the times they had at the College as time passed away ever so quickly, the friendships and camaraderie still very present. Gents of 1974 Michael Scanlon, Peter McGuire and Peter Casey also put in an attendance to show up some of the younger generations and still in pretty good shape by the look of things.

On the night funds were raised by raffling a signed cricket bat by Matthew Hayden and John Eales. Thanks to those who were so kind in supporting. The winning ticket belonged to Michael Scanlon who was quite eager to christen the bat with his sons, all depending on who wins the toss. Funds raised from the raffle will be donated to the College to support bursaries for Old Boys in need of assistance.

With reunions held each year for Old Boys it is noticeable that some things do not change. All reflect on the great times and experiences had and their great admiration held for the College.



CALLING ALL OLD BOYS. CAN YOU HELP? YEAR CO-ORDINATORS FOR THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

We need your help please! We are seeking a person from each year group to be a Year Co-ordinator. The purpose of this is to be a contact person to enable the Old Boys to keep in touch with all our members. This may be by way of helping to update addresses/emails/phone numbers or to get the message out there re special events on the Old Boys' calendar.

If you feel you can help the Old Boys with this then please contact Jim Gardiner, President.

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RECENT REUNIONS





OBSEQUIES

TIMOTHY JOHN APELT 1958-2012.

Tim attended St Finbarr's, Ashgrove, then followed by the rest of his school years at Marist College Ashgrove. After finishing Year 12 in 1975, Tim, and 40 other young men, left home to join the Marist Novitiate at Winston Hills, Sydney. Deciding it wasn't the path for him, he came back to Brisbane and went to UQ where he graduated as a surveyor. Over the next few years he worked as a surveyor, trained as a secondary school teacher and then back to surveying where he spent the remainder of his working life.

Tim was married to Yolanda and they have three young adult children. Apart from his family, his great love was the outdoors. He was an avid bushwalker and ultimately became very involved with orienteering where he later became President of the Toohey Forest Orienteering Club.

After being diagnosed with a rare form of Prostate Cancer he continued working with Land Partners till he had to retire, but during the time of his illness he still continued to run, or walk, until it was no longer possible. During this time he had lots of coffee outings, emails, and support, from his long time friends from his school days at MCA.

Tim died in the Palliative Care Unit at Wesley Hospital 18 months after being diagnosed. The memories of his funeral at St. Agnes', Mt. Gravatt, are something to be treasured. He wrote a lot of the eulogy himself where he praised, amongst other things, the work of the Marist Brothers and of the esteem in which he held them.

(A Post Script:) In the early days when Tim's father, Arthur, became Editor of The Ashgrovian, Tim and his sisters would be coerced - much to their disgust - into collating the magazine by walking around the family table tennis table under the family home)

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of -

- Mark O'Dea (88)
- Nicholas Lee (85)
- Robert (Bob) Esler, father of Mark (69) and Gary (71)
- Brian Begg (61) brother of Fr. John Begg (54)
- Colin (Paddy) Williamson (Boarder from Ipswich 1947)
- Jill McCahon, mother of Matt McCahon (91) and College swim coach 1998-2008)
- Brad Lewis (1982)
- Chris McIvor (Boarder 1971)
- Stephen Kilinko (1970) brother of Fr John Kilinko (1972), parish priest at St. Flannan's Zillmere



OLD BOYS' SPORT DAY
SATURDAY 1st JUNE 2013
MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE
VS
IONA COLLEGE



Come along and welcome back members of the 1st XV teams of 1953, 1963 and 1973 Presentation of players prior to 1st XV Match

LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY ALL SUPPORTERS FROM THE MAIN CANTEEN

ALL VERY WELCOME

RICK MILOSEVIC (1989)

Whilst Ashgrove has had many proud moments in celebrating its strong history of military service of its Old Boys, August 2012 proved one of the saddest. All Old Boys are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of Rick Milosevic (1989). Rick was one of the three soldiers from Gallipoli Barracks who was killed in the attack by the rogue Afghan soldier in Afghanistan on 29 August 2012. Rick attended the College as a boarder from Quilpie for five years. He is survived by his wife and two young daughters. At the request of his family, Rick's funeral was held in the College Chapel on Wednesday 12 September. Fr Pius Jones, College Chaplain, liaised with the family and Gallipoli Barracks in conducting a moving ceremony to honour Rick's life. In a memorable tribute, the boarding community stood shoulder to shoulder with Rick's comrades in the military guard of honour after the service.



Lance Corporal Milosevic, known as Rick to his family and Milo to his comrades, deployed to Afghanistan with the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment Task Group and was from the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment, Queensland Mounted Infantry (2/14 LHR (QMI)) based in Brisbane, Queensland.

Lance Corporal Milosevic was born in Penrith, New South Wales, in 1972. He enlisted in the Army in 2008. He was posted as a Cavalryman to the 2/14 LHR (QMI) in Brisbane in 2009 on completion of his basic training and initial employment training. His potential was quickly identified and he achieved outstanding course results in a short period of time being promoted to Lance Corporal in 2011 and becoming a light armoured vehicle (ASLAV) crew commander. He was a highly-qualified soldier with a strong future.

Lance Corporal Milosevic was a much liked and respected member of the Regiment. His leadership and professional abilities stood out in the unit, on the rugby field and on operations. He was also a devoted family man. He will be sadly missed by his family and comrades.

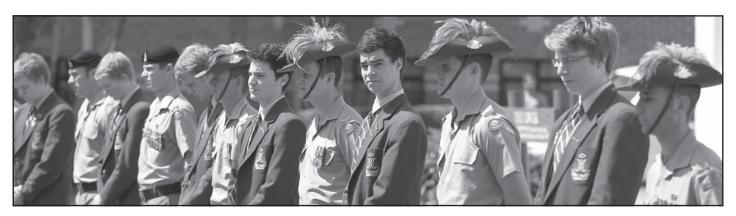
Lance Corporal Milosevic has been awarded the following honours and awards:

- Australian Active Service Medal with Clasps IRAQ 2003 and ICAT
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Australian Defence Medal
- NATO Non Article 5 Medal with Clasp ISAF
- Army Combat Badge
- Return from Active Service Badge

During Lance Corporal Milosevic's service in the Australian Army, he deployed on the following operations:

- Operation SLIPPER (Afghanistan) June August 2012
- Operation KRUGER (Iraq) June September 2010

The OBA acknowledges, with eternal gratitude, the selfless service of Rick to his country. We join with the College community in extending our deepest sympathies to Rick's family.



HAVE YOU GOT YOUR COPY OF CONVENIRE?

Everyone's talking about Convenire, Marist College Ashgrove's lovely new cookbook!

Its 420+ pages are bursting with tempting culinary ideas beautifully photographed in colour, as well as stunning images of the Ashgrove campus. With more than 250 recipes for every gastronomic occasion, Convenire is a great kitchen resource, as well as a gorgeous souvenir of the College and a perfect gift. It's as beautiful as it is useful, so even if cooking isn't your thing, Convenire will look great on your coffee table ... or even in your board room!

With Graduation coming up, Convenire is a great way to remember your family's years at the College and a useful gift for sons and daughters who are leaving home for university or work. Many of Convenire's recipes and stories were contributed



At more than 420 pages, Convenire has culinary ideas for any occasion and is a great souvenir of the College.

by Past Parents and Old Boys, providing a link with days gone by for today's students and families, and maintaining the College's rich heritage.

With a broad range of recipes and stories and a magnificent design, Convenire also makes a great personal and corporate gift. Christmas shopping couldn't be easier! And it's a gift to the College as well, as all funds raised by Convenire sales go directly to the Marist College Ashgrove Foundation.

Convenire is a bargain at only \$49.95 and check out the other Convenire merchandise: aprons (\$20.00), coffee mugs (\$5.00) and shopping bags (\$10.00). A package is available for \$75 and P/H in Brisbane/Gold Coast/Sunshine Coast is \$12 and all other paces in Australia \$16.

Convenire is always available at the Main Administration and Junior School offices or call (07) 3858 4586. The Finance Office will be staffed from 9.00am to 3.00pm even after school finishes on 27 November.



Convenire is on Facebook! Please 'like' our page to receive Convenire news, updates and recipe ideas. Don't forget to share our page with your Facebook friends to spread the word about Convenire.

MARCELLINS TUCKA VAN (MTV) A BBQ FOR THE HOMELESS AND VISITORS TO THE NEW FARM PARK AREA EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

Marist in partnership with the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre, Brunswick St, New Farm provide an evening meal each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30pm. The structure of this BBQ is very similar to the Wednesday night BBQ run by the school which is staffed by the students.

MTV night has been set up for the Old Boys and other members of the Marist Community. The opportunity is for the connectedness of the wider and extended Marist family. This engagement and encounter integrates Marist with reaching out to other communities, and gives life to the wider Marist Family.

Meet at the College bus stop at 4:45 to leave by 5pm. We will return to the College, usually, by 7pm. If you would like to volunteer you may contact Mrs Liz Spry on the MTV email address mtv@marash.qld.edu.au or search for and request to join the group 'Marcellin's Tucka Van' on Facebook.

CHAMPAGNAT TRUST BURSARY APPEAL

"I beseech you also, my very dear Brothers, with all the affection of my soul, and by all your affection of me, to act in such a manner that holy charity may always abide amongst you."

St Marcellin Champagnat

The Champagnat Trust was established in 2005 for the purpose of providing bursaries to families in need a way for their son to be educated in the Marist tradition. Bursary recipients are selected on the basis of financial need.

Applications for bursaries are offered each year for Years 7 to 12 day boys and boarding.

We seek your help and donation as an Old Boy to assist the Trust to further extend the bursary fund.

Donations to the Champagnat Trust are fully tax deductible.

The Trust is administered by the Marist College Ashgrove Foundation under the patronage of Old Boys, John Eales AO and Mathew Hayden AO.

Kindest Regards
Wayne Hansen
Marist College Ashgrove
Foundation and
Champagnat Trust Manager
Old Boy 1972

James Gardiner President Old Boys' Association Old Boy 1980



Marist College Ashgrove Title: First Name:	YES! I want to help give to the Champagnat Trust Bursary Appeal Please accept my donation of □\$200 □\$100 □\$50 □\$500 OR my choice □I enclose my cheque/money order OR □Please charge my credit card:
Surname:	
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Year of Leaving College (Old Boys) Four easy ways to donate to this appeal Phone credit card donation to 07 3858 4584 (9am-5pm weekdays) www.donation.marash.qld.edu.au Post coupon in the enclosed envelope to Marist College Ashgrove PO Box 82, Ashgrove West 4060	☐You can help the College save money by authorising us to contact you by email about future College appeals and events. To do so simply fill in your email details: Email Address ☐Please send information on how I can include Marist College Ashgrove in my Will. ☐I have already provided for Marist College Ashgrove in my Will.
Fax coupon to 07 3858 4563	All gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. A receipt will be sent to you shortly.
	Champagnat Trust Bursary Appeal



CHAMPAGNAT TRUST

SPORTS LUNCH Friday 22 February 2013

Come along and enjoy the company of Co-Patrons, John Eales and Matthew Hayden, Vince Sorrenti (MC) and Mal Meninga along with our usual first class guest speakers and entertainers.

CO-PATRONS





JUST ONE OF OUR SPECIAL GUESTS



AND THE MC & ENTERTAINMENT



Planning has commenced for the 2013 Champagnat Trust Sport Lunch to be held at the Brisbane Entertainment and Convention Centre on Friday 22 February 2013

We would be delighted if you would like to join us for this special lunch to raise funds for The Champagnat Trust. Money raised from this luncheon will directly assist boys from financially strained families to access a Marist College Ashgrove education

Platinum tables of 12 are available at \$5000
Contact Peter McWhirter on 0412 732 143 for further details
or

contact Kay Wells (3858 4586) or wellsk@marash.qld.edu.au for bookings for tables of 10 for \$1500 or \$150 per ticket

If you are unable to join us on the day and would like to help The Champagnat Trust by donating an auction item or raffle prize please contact Kay Wells. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Tables will sell quickly so your completed booking form, along with payment will secure your booking.

Marist tradition challenges us to care for all people. Established in 2005 The Champagnat Trust honours and expresses those traditions by providing bursaries for boys from families experiencing financial difficulties. Champagnat Trust bursaries enhance and celebrate the diversity of the College community and generate opportunities for students to make friends with boys from all walks of life.

All proceeds from the Luncheon go to The Champagnat Trust Bursary program.



Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch Friday 22 February 2013 Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

- BOOKING SHEET -

For preferential reserved seating at The Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch, please print off this sheet & return with payment to:

Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch Bookings Marist College Ashgrove PO Box 82 Ashgrove Qld 4060

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Please return this form with your payment. Credit card payments can be made by completing the "Payment by Credit Card" section above. Cash payments should be handed in personally at the Finance Office so that a receipt can be issued.

Coach - Mick Heenan (90) and Anthony Mathison (98), Forwards Coach, in coaching University Premier Grade Rugby Union to the premiership defeating Sunnybank, 46-20.

Mick Talbot (69) - Specialist Coach for University Premier Colts who are also Premiers.

Coach - Shane Arnold (99) and Captain Jono Ellis (2006) of GPS Premier Grade, Liam McWhirter (2005), Liam Ferguson (2002), Scott Malolua (2011), Dan Gorman (2005), Alex Toolis (2009), James Herbert (2008) eliminated by Sunnybank 30-27 in semi-finals.

Referee - Rohan Hoffman (89)

- Assistant Referee Premier Grade G.F. Uni v Sunnybank
- Reserve Grade Grand Final Referee Uni v GPS
- Referee Major Semi Final, Premier Grade, Uni v Brothers.

Stephen Meehan (1983) - after a successful stint with Bath (UK), appointed as assistant coach with the Western Force in the Super XV competition.

Josh McKinnon, a 2009 Marist Ashgrove Old Boy, a GPS Rugby player since 1998 and his dad, Richie a GPS Rugby player since 1995 and Golden Galloper since 2003, were selected for Australia at the ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships which were held from 6th -12th August, 2012 in Ottawa, Canada. The ITF World Championships involve 70 countries and over 1500 competitors. Josh competed in Seniors and won Bronze in sparring and Richard also won Bronze in his division in sparring. Congratulationss to father and son on a great achievement.

Alex Rokobaro (2007) and Bryce Hegarty (2010) have both been signed by the Melbourne Rebels Super 15 Rugby franchise for the 2012 season.

TENNIS HISTORY REPEATS FOR THE GERAGHTY FAMILY

The 1970's was a golden era of tennis at Ashgrove. Many great teams and individual talents dominated the Courts during that decade.

One of the best was Steve Geraghty (1979). With a golden back hand and glorious passing shots, Steve was the College Singles Champion in 1978 and 1979.

During 2012 Steve and his wife, Cath, had four sons at the College, all of whom love their sport.

Thirty three years after Steve's second title, lightning struck twice when their eldest, Sam, after a successful season in rugby with the 1st XV, won a hard fought tournament to take out the College singles Championship. Unlike Wimbledon or Flushing Meadows, the Ashgrove champion usually only gets one, or at best two, shots at the title.

The OBA congratulates father and son on this remarkable achievement. The OBA believes it is the only instance of a father and son winning the same individual trophy in any sport. It may not be the last, as there are three more Geraghtys to come.

Triathlon Australia has launched an ambitious program aimed at producing our first men's Olympic champion either at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games or beyond. A new generation emerged at the I.T.U. Series Grand final in Auckland where Novacastrian Aaron Royle won the U-23 world title, leading home four Australians in the top 11. Ryan Fisher (2008), aged 21 years finished fifth and was the next best placed Australian. Ryan will take another step at elite level at the Noosa Triathlon on November 11, 2012. Ryan graduated from Marist College Ashgrove in 2008. STOP PRESS: Ryan Finished second at Noosa. Well Done!

AGM NOTICE

TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2013 IN THE BOB KEATING ROOM AT THE COLLEGE AT 7PM

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM OBA SECRETARY, DOMINICK MELROSE E: dom@royalchefselection.com

THE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION HONOURS MARGARET KEETELS ON HER RETIREMENT FROM TEACHING

Younger Old Boys and their parents will fondly remember Marg Keetels who retired at the end of 2011 after 21 years at the College - the last nine as Deputy Head of School - Teaching and Learning.

In addition to the Marist Brothers, the College has always been blessed with lay teachers who devoted much of their professional lives to the best interests of the thousands of boys who spent their formative years at Ashgrove.

From 1991 to 2011, Marg attacked her many roles with unrelenting passion. Each year, Marg would engage with the boys and demand they achieve their very best. No boy passed through the College without being the subject of her impassioned plea for excellence or her maternal care for their personal development. The outstanding academic results over many years is directly attributable to the love and the skill Marg brought to her role.

The OBA Committee has unanimously agreed to recognise one the College's great modern educators by providing a permanent bursary in her honour. From 2012, one of the annual Old Boys bursaries will be named the "Margaret Keetels Bursary". The bursary is means tested and allocated, at the Headmaster's discretion, to a boy (usually a boarder) who would otherwise be unable to attend the College.

Marg told the Ashgrovian

"After 21 years at the College, it has occurred to me in retirement that thousands of the young men I taught are now members of the Association. The fact the Old Boys has seen fit to honour me by providing a young man with the educational opportunity he would otherwise be denied by attending this outstanding school brings with it great humility. I would sincerely like to thank the Old Boys Association for this honour".

The Old Boys Association wishes Marg, and her husband Bob, the very best in retirement and many happy years with their grandchildren

OLYMPIC MEMORIES - ANDREW GRANT (2001)

Congratulations to Andrew on representing his country at the London Olympics in volleyball. The Australian team performed creditably and below appears a summary of some of Andrew's memories from this wonderful experience. Among the many supporters at the Games were his proud mum and dad, Ronnie and Geoff.

- Arriving at the Olympic village a truly amazing place, soaking up the atmosphere and receiving team uniforms
- Seeing the flags from different countries hanging from all the apartments
- The strong security presence
- The excitement, emotion and honour of walking in the Opening Ceremony and being present for the lighting of the Olympic flame, an experience that definitely did not disappoint
- Walking past Sir Paul McCartney after the Opening Ceremony
- The disappointing game against Bulgaria, ranked 9th in the world
- Our effort against Italy which saw the match go to five sets and Italy winning by the minimum 2 points
- Playing for pride against Poland, ranked 3rd in the world and Gold medal favourites and winning the match 3-1 but unfortunately not progressing to the next round
- Facilities to keep the athletics well feed including snack carts scattered around the village, the barbecue area near the Australian team residence and the main dining hall about the size of four football fields and able to seat 5000 people including a McDonald's for those who had completed their competition!
- Being selected for a drug test!
- Attending the Athletics, USA men's basketball, watching Usain Bolt win the men's 200m final and relay, women's beach volleyball and seeing Brittany Broben win Silver in the women's 10m diving

Finally my sincere thanks to family, friends and supporters for their congratulations and best wishes. I feel very proud to be an Australian and an Olympian.



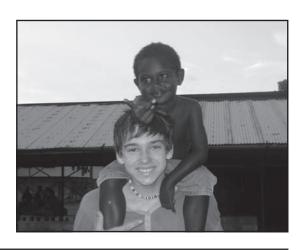


MARIST SOLIDARITY IMMERSION PROGRAMME

Ben Hayter (Year 11 Gilroy) and his new friend, Anthony, experienced real Marist Solidarity at St Dominic's, Vanga Point in the Solomon Islands over the September holidays. The Marist Solidarity immersion program has received constant support from the OBA over the past four years.

The program offers Year 11 students the opportunity to be in solidarity with other Marist communities in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Our pilgrims visit Santa Teresa Alice Springs; St Michel Vanuatu; St Dominic's Vanga Point in the Solomon Islands and two communities in Cambodia.

Our pilgrims (fifteen students and five staff) to Cambodia leave on the 23rd November.





OLD BOY JOHN MURDOCH THE "HAPPY BUS" DRIVER Meet the "happy bus" driver who has so captured the imagination of his passengers that, to date, more than 2000 people "like" him on Facebook.

"I love the job, I say 'Good morning ladies and gentlemen, welcome aboard the happy bus'.

"I tell people a smile costs nothing to create and, when you have it, you look priceless," he said.

Mr Murdoch's determination to put a smile on each passenger's face has brought him a nomination for a 2012 Pride of Australia Community Spirit Award. On any typical day, the driver of four years greets his passengers with positive messages. And he says it rubs off. The proud, married father of two has received 87 commendations from commuters who contacted TransLink and a Lord Mayor award since he took on the role.

On Facebook dozens of people have thanked the driver, commonly seen on the routes 385, 412, 444 and 598, with requests his bus be specially labelled. "I tell passengers there is so much doom and gloom around these days, what's wrong with feeling happy for a while?" Mr Murdoch said. "There are days when I come to work not overly happy, but as soon as I open up those doors it's automatic."

The former high school teacher and employment consultant said he had a new lease of life after he almost died in 1994 in a head-on collision on the Warrego Highway, on the way to Ballymore after he was picked to be in an A-grade rugby union referee squad. "My heart stopped three times on the way to Royal Brisbane (and Women's) Hospital," Mr Murdoch said. "The priest who had been there for 14 years said I was the only one to survive his final rites ritual."

He said his attitude had spread to other bus drivers from the Toowong depot.

"People are seeing buses differently now than they used to ... they find the drivers are more pleasant, less scary. It has a rub-off effect."

WILLIAM HANSEN (2005)

William Hansen (2005) is playing semi professional rugby for 2 years in Scotland for Falkirk Rugby Club in the RBS Scotland A Championships. Falkirk is on top of the ladder after 9 rounds.

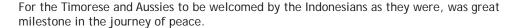
Will was College Captain in 2005. Since leaving the College he has played Premier Grade rugby for Norths in the Brisbane competition. He has completed a Bachelor of Arts and a Graduate Diploma in International Relations and worked for Tourism Queensland for two years prior to taking up his rugby contract.



TOUR DE TIMOR

A team of Former Marist College Ashgrove mates from The Gap, and one of their dad's, recently returned from Timor having completed the gruelling Tour De Timor Mountain bike challenge, deemed he toughest race of it's type in the world. Over 6 days the race covered 600 km of the roughest mountain roads in 46 degree heat. Last year Paul Stone ,28, his brother Michael, 35, and their dad Gary, 59, competed in the race, through the eastern districts of Timor. This year President Jose Ramos Horta arranged for Michael, who has been Tour Director since 2009, to organise for the tour to cross into Indonesian West Timor and link up with the enclave of Oecussi in ride for reconciliation. Having served previously in Timor with the Army, Paul invited two mates - David Rae and Matthew Schofield to join him.

Gary, who is a chaplain in the Army and the founder of the humanitarian NGO Friends and Partners with East Timor, said the best part of the ride for him was to see East Timorese soldiers and police, stopping their bikes on the ride to stop to talk to Indonesian police and soldiers they recognised from the years of Indonesian occupation. The theme of Tour de Timor has been "peace begins with us".







TERRY GARDINER (1981) - 1981 CONTINUES TO SHINE IN THE LEGAL WORLD

The succession of successful lawyers from the 1981 year reached another milestone on 18th October 2012 when Terence Gardiner was sworn in as a Magistrate at the Southport Court. Terence joins other Ashgrove Old Boys as Magistrates including Chris Callaghan (74), Michael Brett (74), Tasmania, and recently reappointed Wally Ehrich (61) and Jim Herlihy (61). Other Judges from Ashgrove in District or Supreme Courts are Kevin Row (46), Brian Ambrose (51), Con McLoughlin (41) Martin Moynihan (58) and Kerry O'Brien (67).

The OBA passes on its best wishes to Terence upon his appointment and wishes him every success in his new role.

CLASS OF '77 HITS THE SPOT FOR CHAMPAGNAT INSTITUTE AND ST MARCELLIN PRIMARY IN FIJI.

After nearly 12 months in the pipeline, the Class of '77 Champagnat Institute Project, has had its first major project success, with the delivery and installation of 50 computers to the classrooms of the Champagnat Institute at and St Marcellin Primary School (SMPS) at Vatuwaqa, Suva, Fiji.

The computers sourced by old boy Ron Todd, with the help of the Tropical North Queensland TAFE, were packed, shipped, installed with software and then networked for the Institute. The cost of shipping, software and computer installation were met by the generous donations from the Class of 77.

Br Kees Van der Weert, Co-ordinator of Marists Brothers in Fiji, has expressed his gratitude to the Ashgrove community and hopes that this may be only the start of an ongoing partnership between the Class of 77 and the Institute. The computers replaced a small number held at the school and are several generations ahead of those that were replaced. It is estimated that the computers will have a life cycle of between 3 to 5 years.

If anyone would like to provide any support or would like to become involved in any of the future support projects for the Institute, please feel free to contact Andrew See.







75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY-2015 ANNOUNCEMENT

To mark the arrival of the Marist Brothers in Australia 140 years ago (1872), the Old Boys Association together with the College Foundation, will in 2015 announce a Qld Marist Schools Rugby Union Team, a NSW/ACT Marist Schools Rugby Union Team and a "Champagnat" Australian Marist School's selection to coincide with the upcoming 75th Anniversary of MCA.

A Selection Advisory Panel comprising John Eales, Pat Howard, Barry Honan, John Connolly and Alex Pope from the Marist Family Qld and Jake Howard, Ted Heinrich, Terry Curley and Matt Burke from the Marist Family in NSW/ACT together with independents Geoff Shaw (ARU) and Andrew Slack has been formed. Assistance will also be provided by Br. Alexis Turton and Br. Roger Burke from the Marist Brothers Community.

The teams will then be submitted to the Headmasters of Marist College Ashgrove (Peter McLoughlin, chairman) St. Joseph's College Hunters Hill, Marcellin College Randwick and Marist College Canberra.

Also, the 2000-2009 Marist College Ashgrove Team of the Decade will be announced.

"The Ashgrovian" will provide updates as to the progress of the selection process over the next few issues before the teams are finally announced in 2015. The OBA welcomes and encourages reader's input by nominating prospective candidates from all Marist Schools. To assist, we will be listing some of the schools' nominations in coming editions.

To whet your appetite we've asked the Ashgrove Team of the Century (2000) to dust off their Rugby boots, stretch the "hammies", apply the linament and strapping and play a few trials against the best ever Terrace, Nudgee, Lauries, and other Barbarians from whom the "Edmund Rice" Qld Christian Brothers Schools Rugby Selection was recently made. Running Rugby please!

Let us have your thoughts and recommendations as soon as possible. Please email Kay Wells at wellsk@marash.qld.edu.au or John O'Hare from the Old Boys Association at jonnohare55@hotmail.com

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - TEAM OF THE CENTURY

Greg DUX (1964) Prop

Christiaan KNAPP(1989) Hooker

Michael CRANK (1977) Prop

Sam SCOTT-YOUNG (1984) Flanker

Robert WOOD (1965) Lock

John EALES (v.c) (1987) Lock

Des RIDLEY (RIP) (1950) Flanker

Michael FLYNN (RIP) (1966) No. 8

Des CONNOR (c) (1953) Halfback

Barry HONAN (1964) 5/8

Brendan MOON (1976) Wing

Bob HONAN (1961) Inside Centre

Daniel HERBERT (1990) Outside Centre

Pat BATCH (1969) Wing

David L'ESTRANGE (1966) Fullback

Daniel HEENAN (1999) Reserves

Paddy KNAPP (1955)

Anthony HERBERT (1983)

Mick BARRY (1960)

Bryan KASSULKE (1952)

Patrick HOWARD (1990)

THE TEAMS

TERRACE		NUDGEE
Chris HANDY	Front Row	Tony D'ARCY
Mark McBAIN	Hooker	Michael FRENEY
David DUNWORTH	Front Row	Kevin RYAN
Damien FRAWLEY	Second Row	Duncan HALL
Mark CHISHOLM	Second Row	Michael PURCELL
Tony SHAW (c)	Flanker	Rocky ELSOM
David CROFT	Flanker	Hugh McMENIMAN
Brendan NASSER	No. 8	Mark LOANE
Tony PARKER	Half Back	James O'CONNOR
Michael LYNAGH	Fly Half	Paul McLEAN
Digby IOANE	Wing	Junior PELESASA
Michael COOK	Centre	Elton FLATLEY
Jimmy FLYNN	Centre	Ross HANLEY
Michael BROAD	Wing	John FOGARTY
Bruce COOKE	Full Back	John O'NEILL
Liam GILL	Reserve	Glen PANAHO
Bill CAMPBELL	Reserve	Voy OXENHAM

ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

Dan CROWLEY Front Row Andy PURCELL (St Mary's Toowoomba) Neville COTTRELL Hooker Damien REIDY (St Patrick's Shorncliffe) Neil BETTS Front Row Brad TRONC (St Patrick's Mackay) Bill McLEAN Second Row Shane NIGHTINGALE (St. Columban's)

EDMUND RICE BARBARIANS

Mark CONNORS Second Row Rod McCALL (St. Columban's)

Jason KELLY Flanker Richard BROWNE (Nudgee College)

Sean STANLEY Flanker Tim DODSON (Gregory Terrace)

Brendan CANNON No. 8 Laurie LAWRENCE (CBC, Townsville)

Cooper CRONK Halfback Ben LUCAS (Gregory Terrace)

John MULVIHILL Fly Half Graham CRONK (St. Patrick's Gympie)

Peter HYNES Wing Drew MITCHELL (St. Patrick's Shorncliffe)

Anthony GRIGSON Centre Dave LOGAN (St. Columban's)

Greg MOLONEY Centre Wendell SAILOR (St. Patrick's Mackay)

Darren FREE Wing Brian FORD (St. Columban's)

Tyron MANDRUSIAK Full Back Jeff McLEAN (St. Edmund's, Ipswich)

EDMUND RICE TEAM

Dan CROWLEY	Loosehead Prop	St. Laurence's College	
Nev COTTRELL	Hooker	St. Laurence's College	
Neil BETTS	Tighthead Prop	St. Laurence's College	
Rod McCALL	Lock	St. Columban's College	
Bill CAMPBELL	Lock	Gregory Terrace	
Tony SHAW	Flanker	Gregory Terrace	
Mark CONNORS	Flanker	St. Laurence's College	
Mark LOANE	No. 8	Nudgee College	Reserves
Jimmy FLYNN	Half Back	Gregory Terrace	Brendan CANNON - Hooker - St. Laurence's College
Paul McLEAN	Fly Half	NudgeeCollege	Tony DARCY - Front Row - Nudgee College
Drew MITCHELL	Left Wing	St. Patrick's College, Shorncliffe	Damian FRAWLEY - Lock Flanker - Gregory Terrace
Michael LYNAGH	Inside Centre	Gregory Terrace	Dallas O'NEILL - Flanker - Nudgee College
Elton FLATLEY	Outside Centre	Nudgee College	Rocky ELSOM - Flanker - Nudgee College
James O'CONNOR	Right Wing	Nudgee College	Tony PARKER - Half Back - Gregory Terrace
John O'NEILL	Fullback	St. Mary's and Nudgee College	Damien SMITH - Wing/Centre - Clairvaux College

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE IN INTERSCHOOL SPORT 1940-2012

INTRODUCTION

Marist College Ashgrove (MCA) celebrates 75 years in 2015. It is with great pleasure that we record much of our sporting history, achievements and results.

All of the premierships listed are worthless unless they are based on the spirit of sportsmanship. Ideally we would hope for hard fought contests with a sense of fair play, with respect for your opponent and the game, and with loyalty, courage and the values of tradition. At MCA, tradition, teamwork, team spirit, success and whole hearted participation translates to a legendary spirit of pride, commitment and loyalty that we cherish.

Br. Ignatius, Foundation Headmaster set the criterion in the Foreword of the 1941 "Blue and Gold" school magazine:

"Our scholastic results were particularly gratifying and set a splendid standard for the year.

We record in brief our sporting activities, all undertaken for one end, the complete development of our boys."

REVIEW OF MCA SPORT, 1940 - 2012

1. METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (MCSA)

1935-1951. In 1940 MCA would join St. Laurence's, St. Columban's and Rosalie, St. James who were already members of the M.C.S.A.

It was difficult to make an immediate impression as during MCA's foundation years, 1940-41, our numbers were too small and then during the War Years, 1942-44, we had the military occupation of MCA when the College was evacuated to improvised headquarters at Eagle Heights (Mt. Tamborine.)

In 1940, MCA did not take part in a regular school competition but were well catered for with regard to sport, "with enjoyable matches contested in a keen friendly spirit which provided happy contacts with other Schools and Colleges", according to the "Blue and Gold" (1940).

By 1941, boarder numbers had doubled and day boy enrolments had also greatly increased and MCA was now testing the water with the heavyweights of the M.C.S.A.

St. Columban's C.B.C. at Albion Heights provided this record of its meetings with MCA in its 1941 Annual Magazine where St. Columban's and St. Laurence's divided the spoils of 1941 interschool victories.

"The 1941 football season began with bright prospects for the College, as most of last season's players had returned to school and the season proved the most successful in the history of St. Columban's. The A grade Team carried off the coveted Premiership while the 7 stone Team were Champions in the C grade.

A grade v Marist Brothers' College

When the NSW Rugby League team came to Queensland for their first match in the state this season, we were privileged to play the curtain-raiser to this great match against the Marist Brothers' College, Ashgrove

Our backline was not as formidable as it might have been but owing to determined efforts on the part of our "pigs" Ashgrove was held back stoutly........".

C grade – St. Columban's, Undefeated Premiers of 1941.

"The next match against Marist Brothers' Ashgrove was one which resulted in feelings of both joy and sorrow: joy for not having lost and sorrow for not having gained a victory. In short, the result was a draw, 3-3. This occasion is worthy of note as it was the only one in which the opposing team – Ashgrove – equalled our score. The remaining matches resulted in defeats for the opposing teams and each College was forced to drink the bitter dregs of defeat."

St. Columban's won all 3 trophies (Senior, Junior and Aggregate) at the Annual Athletic Meeting of the Metropolitan Catholic Schools in September 1941. Amazingly in the Senior Shield Marist Brothers Ashgrove competing for the first time finished equal third.

St. Columban's 61, SLC 30, Ashgrove 25½, St. Mary's Ipswich 25½.

CRICKET – U14. ST. COLUMBAN'S v MARIST BROTHERS' ASHGROVE.

"We won the toss and elected to bat. Only one of our batsmen got more than 20, but in spite of that we obtained a total of 129. Fresh from a score of 252 against Rosalie, we did not think this very marvellous...."

While the Ashgrove, 1941 "Blue and Gold" Magazine was most content that the students were well catered for as regards the major sports, it did record modestly and humbly, "On Ascension Thursday we competed for the first time in the Metropolitan Schools Tennis Competition. We were runners-up in the aggregate points. Our congratulations are extended to the winners, St. Laurence's, their second successive win".

It was in 1945, after the return from the mountain, that Ashgrove was able to make an immediate impact in the MCSA competition as can be seen from the following competition results:

SENIOR CRICKET

1935	St. Columban's	1943	Rosalie
1936	St. Columban's	1944	Rosalie
1937	Rosalie	1945	Ashgrove
1938	Rosalie	1946	Ashgrove
1939	St. Laurence's	1947	Rosalie and St. Laurence's
1940	Rosalie	1948	Ashgrove
1941	St. Laurence's	1949	Ashgrove
1942	No competition	1950	Ashgrove

In the M.C.S.A. football (Rugby League) competition from 1945 to 1951, Ashgrove finished at the top of the points table each year, sharing that position in 1951 with St. Laurence's.

METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (MCSA) 1945-1951 (N.B. Ashgrove result in brackets, ().

YEAR	RUGBY LEAGUE 1 st XIII	TENNIS 1 st IV	ATHLETICS	SWIMMING	CRICKET 1 st XI
1945	Ashgrove	Ashgrove	St. Laurence's (2)	Rosalie (2)	Ashgrove
1946	Ashgrove	(3)	St. Columban's (3)	St. Columban's (3)	Ashgrove
1947	Ashgrove	(3)	St. Columban's (2)	St. Columban's (3)	Rosalie = SLC (3)
1948	Ashgrove	St. Columban's (3)	(2)	Rosalie (2)	Ashgrove
1949	Ashgrove	(3)	St. Columban's (3)	(2)	Ashgrove
1950	Ashgrove	Ash = St.Mary's Ipswich	Ipswich (Snr.) Toowoomba (Jnr.) (3)	(2)	Ashgrove
1951	Ashgrove = St. Laurence's	Ashgrove	Ashgrove	No carnival Health reasons (Poliomyelitis outbreak)	Ashgrove

2. METROPOLITAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (M.S.S.S.A.): 1952-1955.

In 1952, the MCSA was succeeded by the MSSSA of which the foundation members were Ashgrove, St. Peters, Villanova, Rosalie, St. Laurence's and St. Columban's. The leading figures of the foundation were Br. Cyprian of Ashgrove and Mr. W.C. Schneider of St. Peter's. The State school sector was represented by Industrial High, Cavendish Road High and Wynnum High but all withdrew when the State High Schools Association was formed.

Those joining the association would compete in CRICKET, TENNIS, SWIMMING and ATHLETICS and in winter, RUGBY UNION. One of the aims in founding the Association was to replace Rugby League with Rugby Union and to break away from some restrictive rules, especially concerning the weights of players. The Rugby League competition was based on the weight of the boys and not on their age and boys did desperate things to "make the weight" to get in particular teams e.g. "sauna" themselves down to correct weight! Rugby Union was graded by age not weight, and was therefore much fairer and more sensible. Thus Br. Cyprian began a Rugby tradition at Ashgrove that would echo proudly through the years, right up until the present day.

Ashgrove's record with the MSSSA (1952-1955) in Rugby Union 1st XV resulted in undefeated premierships in all those years!

In Cricket, the 1st XI were Premiers in 1953 and 1954 and Runners-up to St.Peter's in 1955. Unfortunately all games against schools in the MSSSA competition in 1952 were dogged by rain and no games against MSSSA schools were possible in the early part of the year.

In Athletics, Ashgrove in 1953 won its first MSSSA Annual Athletic meeting, reversing the 1952 result where Industrial High was successful. Ashgrove would be Runners-up to Industrial High in 1954 and St. Laurence's in 1955.

In Swimming, Ashgrove who was second to St. Columban's in 1953, would win its first ever All School competition in 1954 over St. Columban's and Industrial High. In 1955, Ashgrove would win Swimming for the second successive year.

Our representative Tennis teams did not do so well in MSSSA competition, mainly because of stronger opposition. The bitumen laid courts of 1955 would bear fruit at the start of the next decade with a trifecta of A grade premierships.

METROPOLITAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORT ASSOCIATION (M.S.S.S.A.)

YEAR	RUGBY UNION	ATHLETICS	SWIMMING	CRICKET	TENNIS
1952	Ashgrove	Industrial High (2)	?	No competition (Rain)	(4)?
1953	Ashgrove	Ashgrove	St. Columban's (2)	Ashgrove	(3)?
1954	Ashgrove	Industrial High (2)	Ashgrove	Ashgrove	(4)?
1955	Ashgrove	St. Laurence's (2)	Ashgrove	St.Peter's	(4)?

N.B. Ashgrove result in brackets, (), ? unsure.

3. THE ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS (T.A.S.): 1956-1998.

In 1956, the MSSSA was reorganized and replaced by the TAS – The Associated Schools.

The foundation members of the TAS were Ashgrove, St. Laurence's, Rosalie, Villanova, St.Patrick's and St.Peter's.

In 1961, St. Columban's and De La Salle Scarborough would join the TAS. St. Paul's Bald Hills would be the ninth school, entering in 1963.

In 1985, there was a major change in the organization of the TAS with several schools being admitted bringing the total membership to thirteen. The four extra Colleges were Iona, Redeemer Lutheran, John Paul and St.Edmund's Ipswich.

These increased numbers forced the introduction of the Blue and Red Competitions in most TAS sports.

4. In 1999 the Associated Independent Colleges of Queensland (AIC) commenced their inaugural year of competition. They were a group of eight independent schools, all former members of The Associated Schools (TAS) competition, which had been expanding rapidly and including nearly any new private school in Brisbane. Consequently the level of competition was declining. The 8 member Colleges in the AIC were mainstays in the top division of the TAS competition and included St. Laurence's, Iona, Marist Ashgrove, Padua, St. Edmund's, St. Patrick's Shorncliffe, St. Peter's Lutheran and Villanova.

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There are three trimesters of sport. During the trimester, each school plays a single round robin against all other schools and premierships are awarded to the teams with the most season points.

Apart from the current 10 official sports, there is also (and has been) an interaction with sports such as A.F.L., Golf, Hockey, Cycling, Weightlifting, Water Polo and Lifesaving.

From the statistics, there are some amazing winning sequences that should be acknowledged:

1. Rugby: MCA won the first 10 1stXV premierships (1952-1961) and then seven premierships from 2001-2007. The closest any other school has approached these marks was SLC, 1990-1993.

Total 1stXV premierships, 1952-2012 for MCA 38. SLC 12. MCA has been Runners-up on 17 occasions, Third, 3 times and Fourth, twice.

2. Cricket: Ashgrove was undefeated in MCSA & MSSSA competition from 1948-1954 but 1952 was rain affected and the competition premiership may not have been able to be claimed by the dominant Ashgrove 1st XI. Similarly wet weather affected the 1971 result for Ashgrove. The 1971 Ashgrove 1st XI were frustratingly undefeated in six out of the eight competition games, when the TAS committee declared the 1971 1st XI season "No Competition," as fewer than half the games were played, preceding the last fixture! Ashgrove won a record 5 TAS premierships between 1976-80 and currently Ashgrove has won 4 straight AIC Premierships 2009-2012. There are several instances of schools finishing undefeated runners-up due to weather!

e.g. For Ashgrove 1986, 1991 and 1992 was particularly character building, all undefeated and missing by 0.09 of a point (1986), 2.8 points (1991) and 3.26 points (1992).

Total 1st XI premierships 1945-2012 for Marist College Ashgrove = 30, Iona = 9, SLC = 7.

Ashgrove has also won the AIC Aggregate Cricket every year from 1999-2011. Villanova won the 2012 Aggregate.

3. Athletics: St. Laurence's won 7 aggregate titles between 1955-1961. MCA won 5 titles, 1978-1982, were runners-up to SLC in 1983, then followed 6 more titles from 1984-1989. Iona won 6, 2006-2011

Total Aggregate Premierships 1945-2012, Ashgrove = 18, SLC = 14, Iona has won 12 since 1995.

4. Swimming: St. Laurence's won the first twelve TAS titles (1956-1967) and were runners-up to St. Columban's in 1968, then won the next 5 titles 1969-1973.

Ashgrove won 6 titles from 1987-1992 and 7 titles 2005-2011.

Total Aggregate Premierships 1954-2012 Ashgrove = 19. SLC = 19.

5. Tennis: Villanova has been the most dominant school at Tennis, winning 7, 1st IV titles 1975-1981, losing to D.L.S. in 1982, then winning 4 titles 1983-1986. Ashgrove has won 5 from 2007 – 2011 and 3 straight, 1960-1962.

Total 1st IV Premierships 1956-2012, Villanova = 28, Ashgrove = 12, SPLC = 5.

Ashgrove won the last 4 TAS Aggregate Premierships (1995-1998) and every AIC Aggregate title, 1999-2012.

6.Cross-Country: Cross-Country was introduced as a TAS sport in 1975. Iona won 5 Aggregate titles from 1997-2001.

Total Aggregate Premierships (1975-2012), Ashgrove = 15, Iona = 9

7. Basketball: Basketball was first introduced to Ashgrove in 1968 by then Sportsmaster Br. Terry Curley and the College played in a Secondary Colleges Basketball Association. It became a TAS sport in 1975. St. Peter's won 9 straight 1st V titles from 1985-1993. Total 1st V Premierships, Ashgrove = 15, SLC = 13.

8. Volleyball: Volleyball was also introduced as a TAS sport in 1975. St. Peter's won 4, 1st VI titles, 1976-1979, as had Villanova 1991-1994.

Total 1st VI Premierships 1975-2012, Villanova = 9, Ashgrove = 8, SPLC = 9.

9. Soccer: Teams would play in different divisions of the I.S.S.A. competition in the early eighties while Soccer or Football as it is preferred to be called became an official TAS sport in 1989. Ashgrove won the inaugural 1st XI title then managed four straight titles 2008-2012, the best winning sequence to date of any school.

Total 1st XI Premierships, Ashgrove = 11, SLC = 3, Padua = 3, Villanova = 4.

10. Chess: Interschool Chess has been played since the 70's but the AIC only began awarding premierships in Chess in 2004. First IV Chess Premiers were:

2004 Iona, 2005 SLC, 2006 SLC, 2007 Padua, 2008 Padua, 2009 SLC, 2010 Ashgrove, 2011 St. Edmund's......, 2012 Ashgrove. Ashgrove was also aggregate champion in 2010 and 2012 and third in 2011.

11. Lifesaving: Lifesaving was an official TAS sport, 1975-1980, then discontinued, St. Paul's won all 6 titles. Ashgrove entered the competition in 1976, was third in the Aggregate in 1977, 1978 and achieved second place in 1979.

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The Old Boys' Association also congratulates the College on its sustained success and encourages all students to continue to have pride in wearing the Blue and Gold and continue to perform in a manner that upholds Marist College Ashgrove's fine sporting traditions. Viriliter Age!

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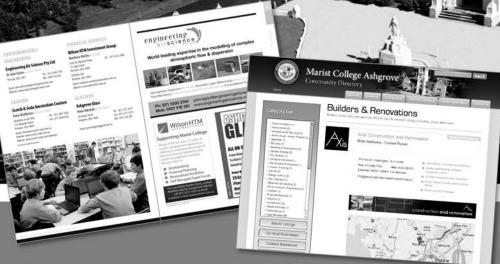
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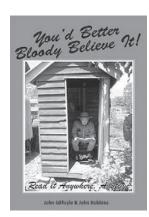
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