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DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

Tuesday 2 February - AGM, 7pm at the College

Friday 26 February - Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch - Brisbane Convention Centre

Friday 6 May - Golf Day

Saturday 11 June - OB Sports Day vs St Laurence's College

Friday 12 August - Vintage Blue and Gold Mass and Lunch for classes from 1940 to 1976

Friday 30 September - Reunion Evening Function at the Cyprian Pavilion

Check the Old Boys website at www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au for further details.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys' Association (OBA) has wholeheartedly supported and participated in the 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of MCA this year. This is especially so for those Foundation Old Boys fortunate enough to reach this 75 year milestone of MCA in 2015. They have observed and celebrated the extraordinary expansion of the College over this time. All MCA Old Boys appreciate how blessed and privileged we were to have the opportunity to be educated by the Marist Brothers and lay staff who shared their charism.



The MCA OBA was honoured to be part of the Diamond Jubilee Dinner with over 900 people celebrating MCA's 75 years at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Saturday 1 August. Of great interest to all MCA Old Boys was the naming of the Champagnat Australian Marist Schools' Rugby selection and the MCA 75 years Cricket selection, 1940-2015. Special guests, former Headmasters, and Foundation students joined with many other Old Boys, Marist Brothers, former Parents and Friends and the current school community to successfully celebrate this momentous occasion. The MCA OBA was delighted that Ashgrove Old Boys were prominently involved. Chief Judge Kerry O'Brien (1967) proposed the Toast to the College, Ray Meagher (1963) was our special guest of honour and Kieran Marsh (2006) was very adept as MC.

On 14 August, the annual Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch was attended by a record 160 people. Most also attended Mass celebrated by Fr. John Begg (1956) in the College Chapel, immediately preceding lunch in the Cyprian Pavilion. The Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award was presented posthumously to John Behan (1948) for his great service to the College. Tom Treston (1947) and Colin Apelt (1946) spoke glowingly of Jack's outstanding dedication to MCA.

The OBA Reunion for class groups from 1975 to 2014 was held on Friday evening, October 2. There was a large contingent enjoying their informal reunions at the Cyprian Pavilion. Thanks to Peter Casey, Dominick Melrose, Jim Gardiner, Anthony Collins, Stuart Laing, Mike Mitchell, Brad Butten, Tom Enright and Mark Kierpal for organising and managing the night so well.

I would also like to thank all members of the OBA Committee for their commitment and hard work which ensured all functions ran successfully. Special appreciation to Kay Wells, MCA Community Relations Manager for her tireless effort and advice to ensure everything runs seamlessly. My thanks also to MCA Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin and retiring Deputy Headmaster Richard Ward for their enthusiastic support of all OBA endeavours. Richard Ward was honoured at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on November 20 with Honorary Life Membership of the MCA OBA for his magnificent contribution to MCA, the Marist Brothers, students, school community and Old Boys since his arrival at MCA in 1979. The OBA offers heartfelt congratulations on your fabulous career and sincere best wishes for a rewarding next stage of your journey, Richard.

Finally, the OBA would like to welcome the Seniors of 2015 as our newest members and wish you well as you enter a new phase of your lives. We know that the friendships forged at MCA will last a lifetime and be a source of good memories throughout the years ahead.

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John O'Hare

President - MCA OBA

FROM THE HEADMASTER

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

Congratulations to the class of 2015, the newest Old Boys! Leaving the "known" for the "unknown" can fill one with a great sense of joy, or trepidation ... or both!

St Marcellin Champagnat spoke of his desire for his Little Brothers of Mary to create, "Good Christians and Good Citizens." In our twenty-first century, in a largely secular Australian society, this almost means be counter cultural.

I'm sure the mothers and fathers of the boys whose names appear in this magazine have sent their sons to Marist College Ashgrove for the reason of wanting a Catholic, Marist education for them. I hope they leave feeling a strong sense of pride in whom their sons have become.

I hope the class of 2015 are, or become, Good Christians and Good Citizens with a positive outlook for the future. Remez Saison wrote, *"A positive attitude brings strength, energy and initiative."*

In her book, "Love Your Life", Domonique Bertolucci believes we should protect our positive outlook.

"If you find yourself drained by someone's negative energy, don't try to reason with them, change their mind or convert them to your own positive way. Instead, breathe deeply, knowing that your time in their company will pass. Everyone is on their own journey and by conserving your own energy in this way you will ensure that you are not dragged down their path."

Good advice. There's nothing gained by allowing someone else's negativity drag to you down.

I'm writing this prior to the World Cup Final, so I have no idea who the winners of the Rugby World Cup will be. I hope the Wallabies can do it ... but they will have to overcome the juggernaut that is the All Blacks. In his book "Legacy - 15 Lessons in Leadership", James Kerr writes about what the All Blacks can teach us about the business of life. His formula?

Honesty = Integrity = Authenticity = Resilience = Performance

"Honesty allows us access to our truest vision of ourselves and, when setbacks occur, gives us strong foundations. Integrity gets the job done. If our values, thoughts, words and actions are aligned, then our word is our world."

Great advice I think.

Congratulations to our newest Old Boys. They have been a largely positive and likeable group. They have done much to reach out to others. A fine Marist trait. Particular thanks to College Captain, Reece Day and Vice Captains, Luca D'Arienzo, Harry Enright, Max Hewett and Rory McHugh who have been worthy leaders.

May the class of 2015 live their lives with Honesty, Integrity and Authenticity.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and St Marcellin,

Peter McLoughlin
Headmaster



CLASS OF 2015

Liam Adams, F
 Kodie Ajax, E
 Brock Alston, R *
 Angus Anderson, E
 Nick Aseervatham, S
 Conor Balaam, D
 Stewart Bannah, E
 Kane Barnard, F
 Simon Barrett, H
 Daniel Beavan, S
 Ben Beikoff, F
 Andy Belcher, F *
 Joe Bertossi, R
 Alex Bilton, F *
 Christian Boucher, E
 Sean Bowes-McKee, E
 Jack Bradford, S
 Jamie Brake, G
 Matthew Bremner, F
 Conor Brice, D
 Tim Brockwell, E
 Lachie Brooks, D
 Hugh Brosnan, D *
 Joshua Brown, E
 Fraser Brydon, S
 Andrew Buck, E
 Sam Burgess, S
 Harry Burkett, D
 Will Butler, E *
 Jordan Cabot, F
 Stirling Caithness, R *
 Andrew Carmody, I
 Patrick Carroll, F
 Patrick Carroll, H
 Luke Casey, E
 Daniel Celegato, D
 Gordon Chau, D *
 Eric Chin, I
 Harry Collier, I
 Latham Collins, G *
 Daniel Cook, D
 Brendan Cooke, R
 Liam Coulson, F
 Cassidy Counahan, I
 Bailey Cox, F
 Edward Cox, S
 Elliot Cox, H
 Daniel Craig, H
 Malik Creed-Mueller, F *
 Henry Crimmins, R
 Jack Cuneo, H
 Ben Curran, I *
 Liam Currie, G
 Josh Curtis, G *
 Liam Dale, G
 Luca D'Arienzo, F
 Alex Darwin, H
 William Davidson, S
 Angus Davis, H
 Reece Day, S
 David de Roquefeuil, H
 Will De Stefani, H
 Dan Decsi, I
 Matthew Delamont, F
 Jack Dobson, S *
 Conor Donaghy, D

Jack Donnelly, G
 Oliver Donohue, I
 Nat Downes, F
 Lachlan Downs, D
 Tom Downs, S
 Callum Doyle, D *
 Henry Drake, E
 Nicholas Earle, F
 Ryan Easterbrook, I
 Lachlan Edwards, R
 Nicholas Ellerby, G
 Izaac Ellings, R
 James Ellings, R
 Calan England, D
 Harry Enright, H *
 Stephen Epping, I
 Michael Fairbairn, I
 Shem Falzon, S
 Stuart Fast, S
 Jesse Fegan, H *
 Riley Fegan, H *
 Zac Fisher, E
 Jack Florian, I
 Stuart Ford, R *
 Ethan Fowler, R
 Charlie Fox, H
 James Fraser, R
 Ryley French, H *
 Michael Gallagher, R
 Ben Garner, F
 Alex Garrahy-Hodgkiss, G
 Louie Garrone, R
 David Garzarella, E
 Ben Geyer, R
 Michael Giaccio, R
 Matthew Gibb, G
 Dominic Girjes, R
 Nicholas Goh, D
 Gavin Gosain, S
 James Gough, I
 Alex Grebenshikoff, I *
 Mitch Greenham, D
 Jacob Grellman, R
 Joseph Grinstead, I
 Ben Grundy, S
 Michael Gurney, S
 Luke Hadenfeldt, F *
 Denzel Haiveta, R *
 Joshua Hamilton, E
 Patrick Harkin, G
 Lachlan Harris, E
 Tim Hayden, S *
 Jack Haynes, E
 Tom Hennessy, D *
 Max Hewett, F
 Kai Holding-McGrath, H
 Jake Holmes, R
 Liam Hooper, F *
 Joshua Howse, S
 Lloyd Hughes, R
 Jacob Huston, H *
 David Jackson, D
 Andrew Jones, E
 Nick Jones, S
 Daniel Jukes, E
 Thomas Jury, D

Dom Kay, E *
 Sebastian Kaye, S
 Mackenzie Kelly, G
 Lachlan Kempf, S
 Rody Kennedy, D
 Thomas Kerwin, R
 Dion Kinivan, I *
 William Kirkpatrick, R
 Jonah Klowss, I
 Gabriel Kopana, G *
 Sam Laffer, F *
 Ben Laing, S
 Cameron Lake, I
 Reece Lardner, D
 Joshua Liversidge, D
 Nathan Lum, S
 Reilly Lundin, S
 Tom Lynch, E
 Jordan Maes, E
 Sean Maguire, E
 Jackson Mair, G
 Ben Malt, H
 Jon Mansell-Ward, G *
 Harry Marles, G
 Jack Marning, G
 Stuart Martin, I *
 Kynan Mateo, S
 Andrew Mather, G
 Brandon McAnally, D
 Liam McEllister, H
 Leith McGhie, F
 Alexander McHardy, H
 Rory McHugh, G *
 Stuart McKinney, G
 Lachlan McKinnon, S
 Campbell McMillan, E *
 Tim McVeigh, H *
 Joseph Merimba, S *
 Cooper Messery, H
 Sam Miranda, D
 Lachlan Mitchell, F
 Campbell Mohr, S
 Patrick Mohun, D *
 Sean Molloy, E
 William Moodie, G
 Liam Moore, F
 Lachlan Morgan, E
 Adam Morris, H
 Liam Mulcahy, H
 Josh Murphy, H
 Nicholas Murray, G *
 Michael Myrteza, E
 Thomas Nance, D
 Josh Neill, G
 Zac Neville, E
 Hugo Oates, F
 Jarred O'Keefe, G
 Nic Olsen, R
 James O'Sullivan, S
 Oliver Patching, D

Aiden Pears, R
 Nicholas Perry, H
 Liam Petersen, S
 Sam Phillips, S *
 Tom Phillips, E
 Julian Politylo, E
 Ambrose Power, R
 William Raddatz, I
 Sam Raleigh, R
 Liam Rees, D
 Alessandro Reggi, D
 Nicholas Reggi, I
 Maddison Reys, I *
 Edmund Robinson, R
 Alejo Ruiz, I
 Joe Ryan, F *
 Alex Ryland, G
 Cooper Rzepka, I
 Abraham Sammut, I
 Markos Santo, H
 Matt Searle, I
 Cameron Shearman, R
 Jesse Silva, H
 Myles Skinner, F *
 Mitchell Smart, D
 Angus Smith, R
 Liam Smith, D
 Zachary Smith, F
 Sam Speakman, G
 Ben Stanford, E
 Mackay Stanley, R
 Jeremy Stanton, G
 Dylan Strelow, D
 Harry Sullivan, H *
 Oliver Suter, G
 Jack Tadina, F
 Sebastian Tan, S
 James Tang, F *
 Lochlan Tapp, F
 Nigel Tatut, D *
 Toby Taylor, F *
 Sam Teevan, E
 Thomas Toop, G *
 Tim Tyrrell, S *
 Ben Vanderbyl, H
 Adam Vasarhelyi, I
 Zachary Wallace, I
 Will Walton, H *
 Thomas Warren, I
 Aidyn Warwick, G
 Keenan Waters, I
 Siebert Wiid, I *
 Liam Wilder, E *
 Cooper Williams, R
 Max Williams, H
 Patrick Wood, G
 Ryan Woollett, R
 Ming Yip, I
 Lachlan Young, H

Key for Name List

* 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

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



Year 12 Ridley House



Front: Mitchell Smart, Tom Hennessy, Nigel Tatut, Alessandro Reggi, Brandon McAnally, Conor Brice, Lachlan Brooks, Conor Balaam, Liam Rees, Conor Donaghy, Dylan Strelow

Middle: Lachlan Downs, Liam Smith, Ging Hei (Gordon) Chau, Joshua Liversidge, David Jackson, Hugh Brosnan, Reece Lardner, Patrick Mohun, Rody Kennedy, Thomas Nance, Nicholas Goh, Calan England, Thomas Jury

Back: Callum Doyle, Samuel Miranda, Daniel Cook, Oliver Patching, Harry Burkett, Daniel Celegato, Mitchell Greenham



Year 12 Ephrem House

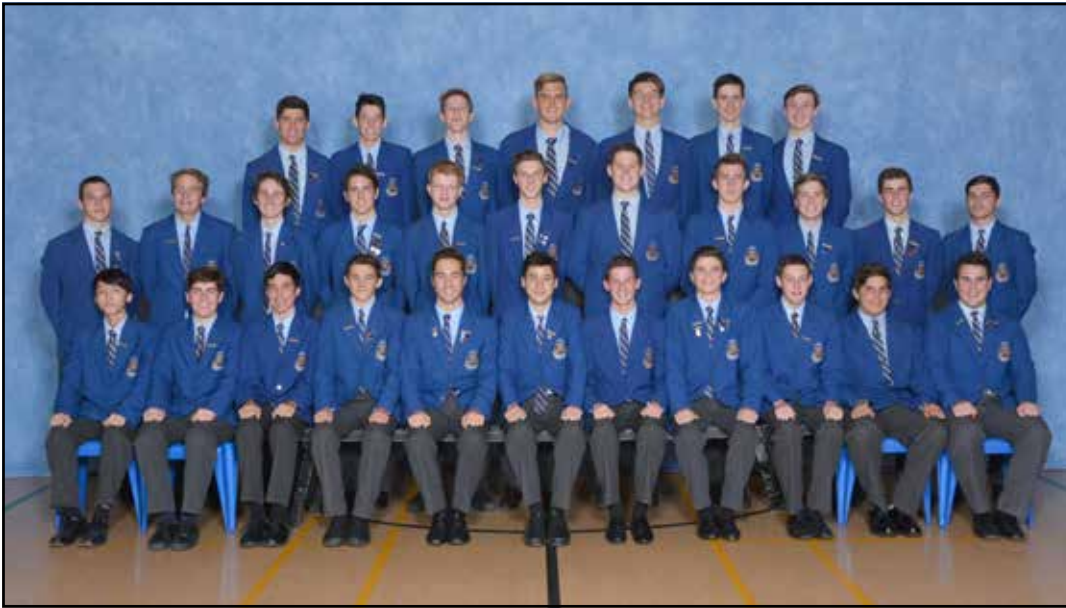


Front: Jordan Maes, Sean Bowes-McKee, David Garzarella, Lachlan Morgan, Andrew Jones, Sam Teevan, Sean Maguire, Andrew Buck, Liam-Jhai Wilder

Middle: Luke Casey, Lachlan Harris, Stewart Bannah, Michael Myrteza, Campbell McMillan, Dominic Kay, Zachary Neville, Thomas Phillips, Daniel Jukes, Kodie Ajax, Joshua Hamilton, Thomas Lynch, Joshua Brown

Back: Sean Molloy, Angus Anderson, Benjamin Stanford, Julian Politylo, Jack Haynes, Zachary Fisher, Christian Boucher, Henry Drake, William Butler, Timothy Brockwell

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



**Year 12 Foley
House**



Front: James Tang, Luke Hadenfeldt, Jordan Cabot, Hugo Oates, Luca D'Arienzo, Liam Moore, Matthew Bremner, Max Hewett, Matthew Delamont, Myles Skinner, Liam Adams

Middle: Lachlan Mitchell, Kane Barnard, Patrick Carroll, Liam Coulson, Leith McGhie, Bailey Cox, Jack Tadina, Zachary Smith, Benjamin Beikoff, Alexander Bilton, Lochlann Tapp

Back: Nicholas Earle, Ben Garner, Samuel Laffer, Liam Hooper, Nathan Downes, Andrew Belcher, Toby Taylor

Absent: Malik Creed-Mueller, Joseph Ryan



**Year 12 Gilroy
House**



Front: Liam Dale, Joshua Neill, Jeremy Stanton, Andrew Mather, Jack Donnelly, Parker Hennessy, Latham Collins, William Moodie, James Brake

Middle: Liam Currie, Nicholas Murray, Jack Marning, Stuart McKinnney, Nicholas Ellerby, Matthew Gibb, Patrick Harkin, Thomas Toop, Alexander Garrahy-Hodgkiss, Oliver Suter, Mackenzie Kelly

Back: Rory McHugh, Samuel Speakman, Gabriel Kopana, Alexander Ryland, John Mansell-Ward, Joshua Curtis, Harrison Marles, Patrick Wood, Jarred O'Keeffe, Jackson Mair

Absent: Aidyn Warwick

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



Year 12 Harold House



Front: Daniel Craig, Jack Cuneo, Markos Santo, Elliot Cox, Cooper Messery, Nicholas Perry, Alexander McHardy, Ryley French, Harry Sullivan, Jesse Fegan, Patrick Carroll

Middle: David de Roquefeuil, Alexander Darwin, Simon Barrett, Maxwell Williams, Timothy McVeigh, Jesse Silva, Jacob Huston, Angus Davis, Kai Holding-McGrath, Lachlan Young, Joshua Murphy

Back: William De Stefani, Riley Fegan, Harrison Enright, Benedict Malt, Adam Morris, Liam Mulcahy, William Walton, Liam McEllister

Absent: Charlton Fox, Benjamin Vanderbyl



Year 12 Ignatius House



Front: Abraham Sammut, Nicholas Reggi, Ming Yip, Eric Chin, Cooper Rzepka, Alejo Ruiz, Joseph Grinstead, Andrew Carmody, Maddison Reys

Middle: Keenan Waters, James Gough, Stephen Epping, Oliver Donohue, Adam Vasarhelyi, Zachary Wallace, Michael Fairbairn, Jonah Klowss, Matthew Searle, Cassidy Counahan, Benjamin Curran, Alexander Grebenshikoff, Ryan Easterbrook

Back: Thomas Warren, Siebert Wiid, Cameron Lake, Harry Collier, William Raddatz, Dion Kinivan, Daniel Desci

Absent: Jack Forian, Stuart Martin

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



Year 12 Rush House



Front: Stirling Caithness, James Ellings, Denzel Haiveta, Ryan Woollett, Cameron Shearman, Lloyd Hughes, Lachlan Edwards, Nicholas Olsen, Dominic Girjes, Jacob Grellman

Middle: Edmund Robinson, Stuart Ford, Cooper Williams, Mackay Stanley, Michael Giaccio, Izaak Ellings, Louie Garrone, Jake Holmes, Brendan Cooke, Aiden Pears, James Fraser, Michael Gallagher, Angus Smith, Benjamin Geyer

Back: Joseph Bertossi, Thomas Kerwin, Brock Alston, Henry Crimmins, Ambrose Power, William Kirkpatrick, Samuel Raleigh, Ethan Fowler



Year 12 Slattery House



Front: Sebastian Kaye, Sebastian Tan, Michael Gurney, James O'Sullivan, Samuel Phillips, Gavin Gosain, Joshua Howse, Sam Burgess, Fraser Brydon

Middle: Jack Dobson, Nicholas Jones, Kynan Mateo, Joseph Merimba, Timothy Tyrrell, William Davidson, Reece Day, Benjamin Grundy, Liam Petersen, Riley Lundin, Jack Bradford, Stuart Fast, Campbell Mohr

Back: Thomas Downs, Timothy Hayden, Nathan Lum, Benjamin Laing, Lachlan Kempf, Lachlan McKinnon, Edward Cox

Absent: Nicholas Aseervatham, Daniel Beavan, Shem Falzon

SONS OF OLD BOYS CONTINUE TO GRADUATE IN HUGE NUMBERS

Following on from the record 33 Sons of Old Boys who graduated last year, yet another 32 completed their studies in 2015.

The ghosts of the 1970's and 80's loomed large as names synonymous with that era such as Casey, Enright, Mohr, Darwin and Harkin stood on the steps of the Carrick Wing in uniform (with their proud fathers and one grand dad) for a final time earlier this year.

The photo reflects the deep roots the Old Boys have with the College and the strong family culture on which the Champagnat tradition is based.

The OBA congratulates our older members on their impeccable blood lines and extends its special welcome to this superb group of young men. We look forward to hearing of great achievements in the years ahead.



Rows 7 and 8: Stuart (1977) and Ben Laing; Scott (1988) and Lachlan McKinnon; Ric (1947), Tom (1981) and Harry Enright; James (1986) and Harry Collier; John (1983) and Ben Geyer; Michael (1980) and Cooper Messery

Rows 5 and 6: John (1986) and Liam Moore; Jeffrey (1982) and Callum Doyle; Scott (1988) and Conor Brice; Michael (1983) and Lachlan Downs; Peter (1982) and Will de Stefani; Pat (1982) and Tim McVeigh; Mark (1983) and Harry Sullivan; Clinton (1983) and Campbell Mohr; David (1980) and Luke Casey

Rows 3 and 4: Gerard (1987) and Liam Peterson; Adrian (1979) and Eric Chin; Paul (1986) and Tom Downs; Alan (1978) and James Brake; Keith (1984) and Jack Donnelly; Gerard (1987) and Joe Ryan; Wilder (1979) and Nigel Taber; Mark (1987)* and Brock Alston

Rows 1 and 2: Scott (1984)* and Campbell McMillan; Gavin (1984) and Alex Darwin; John (1984)* and Sebastian Kaye; David (1988)* and Stuart Ford; Michael (1982)* and Tim Tyrell; Sean (1980) and Patrick Harkin

*Dad absent - but there in spirit.

Also absent: Bob (1985) and Kodie Ajax; Gary (1983) and Tim Hayden; Edward (1981) and Nigel Tatut

BR PETER CARROLL (1976) APPOINTMENT

OBA WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF OLD BOY BR. PETER CARROLL (1976) AS AUSTRALIAN PROVINCIAL

The Old Boys Association extends its gratitude to Br. Jeffrey Crowe who has finished as the Provincial of the Marist Brothers in Australia, a role he commenced in October 2007.

Br. Jeff maintained a close association with Ashgrove during his appointment and was a warm and inspirational leader of the Marist Brothers during difficult times and the merging of the provinces. His fortitude and wisdom will not be forgotten.

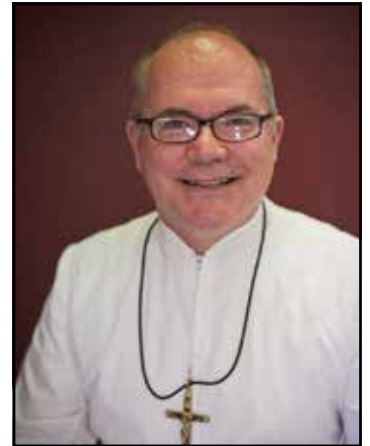
The OBA is also particularly proud of the appointment of one of our own, Br. Peter Carroll (1976), as the new Provincial.

Br. Peter, who was brought up in Bundaberg, after finishing at Ashgrove commenced the Postulancy in 1977 and entered the Novitiate in 1978. He took his first vows in January 1980 and made Final Profession in 1986. During his post-Novitiate period, he completed studies at Macquarie University and post-graduate studies at what is today the Australian Catholic University.

From 1984 to 2012 his ministry was exclusively in secondary school education. He specialised in Religious Education and led these departments in three schools. He then moved into school leadership and spent 15 years as Principal of three Colleges: one in Queensland and two in New South Wales.

Br Peter was first elected to the Provincial Council of the former Sydney Province in 2003, elected to the Provincial Council of the Australian Province when it was formed in 2012 and appointed by Br Jeffrey as his Deputy Provincial at the same time. Over the past two years he has supported the Provincial, assisted with a range of pastoral matters and been involved in the professional standards area.

The OBA looks forward to welcoming Br. Peter back to Ashgrove in the years ahead.



FAREWELL TO RICHARD WARD



When Richard Ward's retirement was announced earlier this year, the OBA Facebook page was flooded with tributes from past students around the world who had benefited from his guidance. All schools regret the retirement of the great teachers who have shaped its history. However, they create a legacy upon which the College will continue to build. The OBA is not so sure in Richard's case. He is, in the true sense, irreplaceable. As an educator who literally spanned the generations over 37 years, and who worked as hard on his first day as his last, we doubt we will ever see the like of him again.

His contribution is immeasurable. Each of Brothers Kenneth (1979-80), Alman (1981-82), Christopher (1983-90), Terence (1991-1996), Robert (1997-2002) and Neville (2003-2008) and then Mr Peter McLoughlin (2009-present) always had Richard's wisdom on which to call. It is beyond doubt Richard's dedication to this great College and the ethos of the Marist Brothers is a critical reason for the integrity and the outstanding reputation Ashgrove enjoys today.

The OBA expresses its profound thanks to Richard for all he has done both for the Marist Brothers, the College and its Old Boys over the last 37 years. We wish him the very happiest of retirements.

1972-2015 - TRILOGY WRAPS UP A 43 YEAR CONTRIBUTION

In January 1972, David Casey, Sean Harkin and Michael Messery (all 1980), a trilogy of gifted 8 year olds, made their way across the Glenlyon bridge for the first time to start Year 4. They had already heard about the magic of the Walkathon. A few weeks later, each of the poor little blighters walked 20 miles (32km) to and from a place no one had ever heard of, suffered blisters until nightfall and then tried to recover their 1 cent a mile sponsorship from the lady up the road. All for Ashgrove! A far cry from the modern day, early morning jog around the Army barracks knowing that grandma's contribution was safely in the bag.

Fast forward more than 43 years, and the three proud amigos were present on Graduation night 2015 to watch Luke Casey, Patrick Harkin and Cooper Messery (2015) move from students to Old Boys. A remarkable link between those crucial middle years of Ashgrove's development and the modern day 75th Jubilee.

There have been some phenomenal changes during that period. New dormitories, the TAS to the AIC, the Draney theatre, the new Science Centre, soccer, a separate primary school, the demise of the Bottle Drive and the September Fair, the advent of a brilliant Music program and, recently, the third swimming pool. However, the tradition of mateship and the Marist ethos has remained rock solid over more than four decades.

The OBA extends its congratulations to Luke, Patrick, Cooper (and their families) on joining the Association and wishes them all the best for the future.



David and Luke Casey, Michael and Cooper Messery, and Sean and Patrick Harkin

DARWINIAN THEORY PROVED CORRECT

When Old Boy Peter Darwin (1965) packed down as hooker in that phenomenal 1965 team, few could believe the family had produced yet a better footballer than older brothers Barry (1951) and Terry (1963). In the next generation, the family churned out Mark (1981), Gavin (1984) and then James (1987) who set the academic and sporting bars even higher. 2015 sees the graduation of the fourth member of the third generation with Alex Darwin (younger son of Gavin) joining his brother William (2013), and cousins Myles (VC 2011) and Oliver (2013) as Old Boys; all of whom proved Charles Darwin correct by being faster, smarter and more agile than their Dads, Uncles and Grandfathers. And there are more on the way in the primary school!

The OBA extends its congratulations to Alex and his family on becoming an Old Boy in Ashgrove's 75th Jubilee year.

ATTENTION: ALL OLD BOYS FROM THE 1940'S TO 1960'S

THE OBA AND THE COLLEGE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE DATA BASE IN RESPECT OF ITS OLD BOYS. WE WANT TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH YOU. USING **OLD BOYS** AS THE SUBJECT ENTRY, WOULD YOU PLEASE EMAIL TO brysond@marash.qld.edu.au THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name, years at Ashgrove, Address, Home Phone, Mobile Phone, email

PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO YOUR COLLEAGUES

BR. ROGER BURKE (1953)

Scoring a century in Sydney grade cricket proved less admirable than entering a religious order for one of Brisbane's Marist Brothers.

Br Roger Burke, was a skilled Queensland cricketer, when he left Marist College Ashgrove, at 19 to spend a lifetime doing "something for God".

In 1954, the now 79 year old left Ashgrove "tearfully" for NSW's southern highlands, where he took on the life as a Marist Brother teaching in schools between Cairns and Canberra.

Last month the retired teacher celebrated 60 years since deciding to enter the Brothers.



Br Burke said the highlight of his religious vocation was his time on "the forefront of trying to bring the Gospel to students".

"I've been given golden opportunities every day to treat students, their parents and staff in a Christ-like way," Br Burke said.

"I thought I've always been doing God's work, particularly in making schools a Christian environment."

Despite entering the Brothers immediately after high school, Br Burke received an Arts degree from the University of New England and a diploma of education from Sturt College, Bathurst.

His love of teaching grew as he received placements in Maitland, Campbelltown, Ayr, Kogarah, Lismore, Cairns, Pearce, Randwick, Gladstone, Hamilton, Solomon Islands, and, in later years, to Ashgrove's Marist community.

Last month Br Burke joined friends and parishioners for a thanksgiving Mass at St Brigid's Church, Red Hill, where the Marist Brother teaches adult faith education, to mark his diamond jubilee.

Jubilee parish priest Fr Peter Brannelly, who works closely with Br Burke, said the diamond jubilarian had "constant faith" and was committed to "wherever he was assigned".

"Drawing back from the classroom Br Roger redirected his energies into adult faith development, co-ordinating the many activities of the Jubilee parish as well as mentoring the seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo in Latin," he said.

Br Burke said he was interested in the new evangelisation and how to "present the same message (of the gospel) but in new and exciting ways".

Congratulations on your 60 years of profession, Br. Roger (Ray) Burke from the OBA.

SWIMMING POOL - MACH III ARRIVES

By 1977, after 30 odd years, the swimming squad were sick of endless training in dark green water in a 25 metre pool only to then be pipped for umpteen years straight by Laurie's at the annual TAS championships. Brother Neil had had enough.

In 1978, a gleaming new 50 metre pool opened with the new phenomenon of clear water which saw Ashgrove reach its rightful position as the dominant competitor in the TAS/AIC battles. Many Age and overall TAS/AIC championships were won during the following decades. Nearly 40 years later, in October 2015, the faithful servant has been replaced by a gleaming new space age complex of 10 lanes with new change sheds and facilities. A new generation of Ashgrovians will now pound out the laps in the same tradition as their older brothers and fathers. Derek's voice will somehow still echo permanently from the complex at a time just before sunrise.

Old Boys are invited to drop by and have a look at the new facilities.

HISTORY COMES ALIVE AT 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER!

A unique event occurred at the 75th Anniversary dinner on 1st August, 2015.

Amongst a moving poetic tribute to Headmasters past, an eloquent toast to the College by the Chief Judge Kerry O'Brien and an entertaining interview with Ray Meagher, came the moment of the cutting of the Jubilee Cake.

Hundreds of years of history came together when Old Boy, Brother Roger Burke, was joined to perform the honours by four headmasters, Ashgrove's oldest living Old Boy, Ray Cottrell (aged 88) and no less than six sons of Ashgrove who attended the College on the very first day in 1940! A moment which set the room alight.

Congratulations to all members of the Ashgrove community who worked so hard to produce such a wonderful event.



TOAST TO MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

PROPOSED BY HIS HONOUR CHIEF JUDGE KERRY O'BRIEN (1967) AT THE 75TH JUBILEE DINNER ON 1ST AUGUST 2015

I have the honour, ladies and gentlemen, of proposing the toast to the College on its 75th Jubilee which happens also, coincidentally, to be the 175th anniversary of the death of St. Marcellin Champagnat.

The legendary former Headmaster of this College, Brother Cyprian, was known to borrow from the words of the poet, Les Murray, and refer to a sharing in the common dish - the dish being the College, and those called on to share being the boys, their families, the past students, the Brothers and the College staff. The College exists for all of them - all had something to contribute, all could enjoy its fruits.

All of us here tonight owe something to the College. In 1980, a College Old Boy, Sir Julius Chan, returned to visit Ashgrove. He had been a good scholar, an outstanding athlete - 3 years in the 1st XV - and was now Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea. He said, as he addressed the boys, "I am an Old Boy of Ashgrove and I am a Prime Minister. Without the first, I very much doubt that I could have become the second". Just as it was with Sir Julius Chan, in one way or another, the College has contributed in some measure to the life of everyone present in this room tonight.

The great tradition of this College is the sense of collegiate family, a sense of closeness and belonging, felt across the whole spectrum of Brothers, staff, parents, students and Old Boys. That tradition may, on occasions, have been tested over the past 75 years, but never has it been extinguished.

Our toast tonight acknowledges the Marist Brothers who built and established this College in the spirit of St. Marcellin; it acknowledges all past Headmasters, from the visionary Brother Ignatius O'Connor to the present Headmaster, Mr Peter McLoughlin; it acknowledges all students, staff and parents - past and present - and it acknowledges the wider Marist community and our many supporters and benefactors.

Ladies and gentlemen, would you all please be upstanding and join in this toast, on its 75th Anniversary, to Marist College Ashgrove.

TOWARDS THE TOWER

by Rupert McCall

(A Tribute to 75 Years of Marist College Ashgrove)

What spirit makes its presence felt? What destiny awaits?
When a Marist representative goes passing through those gates
To soak up all the history, the mystery as well
And extract some kind of meaning from the aura of its spell
In its dawning dedication to enlightenment and learning
In a tale forever telling on a page forever turning
From the magic of its music and the essence of its art
To the academic legacy it leaves within one's heart
In the sporting aspiration of its racquets, balls and bats
From tennis court to swimming pool, the ovals to the flats!
To walk upon this hallowed ground at any given hour
Look up and see its starting point...look up... towards the tower

One sun-blessed day, I ventured through the gardens of the Grove
Viriliter Age!... optimistically I strove
I was searching for an answer - I was honouring a debt
And soon it came to greet me through the people that I met
For I found myself in bushland and in scaling that terrain
I stumbled on the seminary of Father Walter Cain
He was part of something special though he probably didn't know
That tower was the catalyst for brilliant things to flow
For the next hand I encountered shook with dignity and honour
Belonging to the visionary - Ignatius O'Connor
The Brother who began it on that first momentous day
He pointed to the future and, from there, I made my way
In the clearing stood a classroom and amongst the growing crowd
I was met by Brother Cyprian 'The Most Determined' Dowd
He was rolling up his sleeves to get it done with no regrets
Now the boys were playing Rugby and engaging in 'Cadets'!
So I headed for the grandstand where the best supporters barrack
And sitting right beside me there was Brother Peter Carrick!
Art Union tickets in his hand to fuel the famous fight
On his left was Brother Othmar; Brother Geoff was on his right
And their building work unfolded to the war cries and the cheers
It was generously gifted through the sweat of volunteers
From the parents and the patrons, something strong had taken hold
With the spirit and the passion... for the blue and for the gold

In this way, Brother 'Bexy' made his kind and caring mark
From St Mary's onto Marist, forward progress lit the spark
But more than that, the concept of a 'family' was born
To look Alexis in the eye, you knew his heart was sworn
A captain of compassion and an honest grass roots gilder
It was fitting that I then bumped into Brother 'Chris the Builder'!
And my tour around the Primary School was led by the inventor
Then we shot a round of baskets in his new Champagnat Centre!
The name of Terrence Heinrich also shone amongst the Brothers
As a faithful force of nature and a mighty 'man for others'
His mission statement helped to keep my destiny direct
Yes, I walked into the future with a sense of great respect...

The world was ever-changing and technology came quick
So for all the modern resources, I high-fived Brother Nick!
And rightfully acknowledging this well-equipped machine
I remembered Brother Harold on the crest of Tamborine!
Then the ghosts of great tradition came to visit with a gush
There was Ephrem! There was Ridley! There was Slattery and Rush!
From McMahon to Derek Cameron, each blade of turf shone holy
The tune of Kitty Gilroy and the PandF of Foley!
The gallantry of Gubbins had the staff room breathing fire!
The warmth of Mrs Mulvihill! The style of Alman Dwyer!
And as Draney bought the drama to a peak of epic spiels...
I was sure I saw Matt Hayden at the tuckshop with John Eales!

As headmaster McLoughlin called his current troops to order
Every student, every teacher, every parent, every boarder
This mighty Marist Family paid tribute to the theme
For they knew that greatness started with a vision and a dream
And beneath the bricks and mortar lay the secret to success
Pure determination, nothing more and nothing less
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
For to feel this source of humble strength and calm, uplifting power
I turned around and one more time, looked up... towards the tower.

Rupert McCall 2015 ©

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for -

- Peter John Marron (1967) aged 64 years who passed away 14th July, 2015, after a long battle with cancer. Peter was husband of Corinne and father of Jonathan (2000) and Katherine.
- Matthew Little (1979), aged 51 years who passed away recently.
- Paul Burnett (1976), passed away suddenly on 9th July, 2015. Paul was son of Bob (dec'd) and Lorraine and brother of Cathy, Chris (1979) and Susan. Paul is survived by his daughter, Gabrielle and stepson Michael.
- Malcolm Condon passed away peacefully on 15th July, 2015, aged 82 years. Husband of Shirley and father of Anthony (1976), Greg (1977), Elizabeth, Peter (1981), John (1983), Paul (1983), Mary and Ann.
- Ann Patricia Johnson. Passed away peacefully on 9th June, 2015 aged 90 years. "Pat" was wife of Wallace (dec'd) and mother of Jim (1968) and Ralph (1972). Wallace and Pat were the proprietors (50's-70's) of the Elita Theatre, corner of Stewart Road and Waterworks Road Ashgrove.
- Brian Ozanne whose Requiem Mass was held at St. Finbarrs Church, Ashgrove on the 6th July, 2015. Brian was a Foundation student (1940) whose sons Michael (1973) and Stephen (1978) also attended MCA.
- Dorothea MacKintosh late of Arinya Road Ashgrove who passed away peacefully on the 19th August, 2015 aged 94 years. Wife of John (dec'd) and mother of Paula, John (1968) and Michael (1972).
- Bertrame L'Estrange who passed away peacefully on the 7th September, 2015, twelve days from her 93rd birthday. Bertie was wife of Rex (dec'd) and mother of Mary, David (1966) and Jane. Grandsons Ben L'Estrange (1994) and Thomas L'Estrange (2003) also attended MCA.

Bertie was a faithful longtime Parishioner of St. John's Wood - The Gap Parish and a great volunteer for the College in the 50's, 60's and 70's. A truly, passionate Ashgrovian who resided across the road from the swimming pool, Bertie was constantly in tune with the sounds and movements on the College campus.
- Maureen Rowan, late of Dorrington, passed away peacefully on 11th September, 2015, aged 96 years. Maureen was wife of Marty (dec'd) and mother of Cecilia, Patricia (dec'd), Philip (1965), Greg (1967), Christopher (1969), Paul (1971, dec'd), Clare (dec'd), Carmel and Leo (1975).
- Father Joe O'Mara (1959) passed away on the 12th August, 2015. His funeral was held at the Hawthorn Parish Church, VIC.
- Paul Gregory Burke (1980), aka "Mouse", died peacefully 21st September, 2015. Paul was born, 14th July 1963 and raised at The Gap by Kevin (1949) and Beverly (dec'd). Paul was also a nephew of Br Roger Burke (1953) Des (1955) and Brian Burke (1949).
- Cecilia Eileen ("Poss") Evert passed away peacefully on the 14th September, 2015 aged 80 years. Dearly beloved wife of Vince (1950 College Captain) dec'd and much loved mother of Vince (1973), Janice, John (1976), Therese, Helen, James (1979), Mary, Geraldine, Monica, Justin (1994) and Mother-in-law and Grandmother of their families. Several grandsons have attended MCA, including Sean Coughlan (2010 College Captain), Nick Coughlan (2011 College Vice-Captain), Joe Coughlan (2012 College Vice-Captain). Poss' funeral was held at St. Patrick's Church, Winton on Tuesday, 29th September.
- Claire Tenison-Woods passed away peacefully on the 24th September, 2015 aged 89 years. Claire was a long term resident of Mareeba Road, Ashgrove and married to Jack for over 64 years. Mother of John (1968), Helen, David (1976) and Judith.
- John Burton (1974), son of Jack and Monica, and brother of Denis (1976) and Darren (1983). John's funeral service was held on the 20th October, 2015. John was Open Swimming Champion and TAS Swimming Captain in 1974.
- Barry Day (1964) passed away suddenly on Friday, Oct 23, 2015. Barry's younger brother Geoff Day (1971) also attended MCA.
- Steve Calder, aged 63, passed away on October 29, 2015 after a long illness. The Courier - Mail reported Steve's phenomenal achievements with Rugby League as well as being a "man of considerable integrity and kindness". Steve leaves wife Sue and his children, Nathan (1996), Nicky, Gabrielle and Brooke.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PAUL JOSEPH COMERFORD (1953)

Paul Joseph Comerford was born on 8th September, 1936, and was the second of four children born to Joseph and Maude Comerford of Nobby. His father was one of the pioneering farmers on the eastern Darling Downs. Paul attended the Nobby State School for his early primary education, and was sent to the Marist Brothers College at Eagle Heights at Tamborine in 1946 as a boarder. In 1947 he transferred to the Marist College at Ashgrove for the Scholarship year. He completed his secondary education at Ashgrove, sitting for the Senior examination in 1953. During his time at Ashgrove he was very active in sports, playing in the 1st XV Rugby team and the 2nd XI Cricket team.



Paul returned home to Nobby at the completion of his education at Ashgrove, and joined his father on the farm. He did a course of training in welding, which enabled him to construct or modify various machines and equipment used on the farm. Paul was one of the pioneers on the Darling Downs to tackle soil erosion.

Paul also played Rugby Union for Queensland from 1956-1959. Paul died suddenly in his home on 26th July, 2015. Paul is survived by his wife Margaret, four children (Mathew, Anne, Peter and Catherine) and grandchild, Elsie.

FATHER LIAM HORSFALL (1944)

The OBA joins with all Old Boys in recognising the recent passing on Saturday 8th August 2015 of one of our very oldest of Old Boys, Father Liam Horsfall SVD. Liam was a Divine Word Missionaries priest, who attained legendary status as the Chaplain at St Patrick's Shorncliffe where the College Chapel is named after him.

Liam attended as a boarder in 1942 (Junior) to 1944 (Senior) when MCA was relocated to Eagle Heights. A true all-rounder, in 1942 he was first in Arithmetic, second in Bookkeeping and third in Chemistry. He was in the Open Football team and placed in the U16 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards at the MCA Third Annual Athletic Meeting on the 20th September 1942.



Liam ultimately took up his first vows in 1949 leading to a brilliant and fulfilling life dedicated to the service of others. Many years were spent in India helping the poorest with Mother Theresa. Liam passed away eight days short of his 88th Birthday.

DAN FLYNN (1940-41) - FOUNDATION DAY STUDENT

Dan was born on the 19th October and passed away peacefully on the 12th July, 2015.

Dan Flynn was a man committed to his faith and a proud Ashgrove Old Boy. Like a true Ashgrovian, he showed his commitment by his actions.

Dan grew up in Betheden Terrace starting school at St Finbarr's and moving on to Ashgrove in Year 3 as a Foundation Day student on January 30, 1940. When the school relocated to Eagle Heights during WW II, Dan returned to St. Finbarr's and in 1944 attended St James' CBC, Spring Hill to sit the scholarship examination.

Dan retained his ties with Ashgrove and was a keen tennis player joining with Marist Old Boy legends Ray Cottrell (as his doubles partner), Kev Row and Jock Murdoch to form a formidable combination in Catholic Lawn Tennis competition.

Dan used his financial expertise working tirelessly for the Catholic Archdiocese Development Fund and gave freely of his time to many organisations including the advisory board of Mt St Michael's for many years.

Dan leaves Loretta, his wife of over 50 years and his children Elizabeth, Bernadette, Danny (1982) and Mary.



Visit the OBA website for complete vale. <http://www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au/index.php/vale>

ARTHUR APELT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE JACK BEHAN

Firstly, I thank the Committee for inviting me to make this presentation to our late school mate, John Ernest Behan (Jack to his school mates).

The Arthur Apelt Award is no doubt the most prestigious award of our Old Boys Association. It recognizes the wonderful contribution which Arthur made, particularly in the earlier years of the Association. In years to come, when recipients of the award have been forgotten, Arthur will be remembered each year on the presentation of this Award. And so he should be.

I intend to give you a summary of Jack's early life, his time at the College, and his involvement in the OBA. We are delighted that Arthur's brother, Colin, also an Old Boy, is here to tell you, as a close associate, of Jack's professional life.

Jack was born on 26th November 1930. His parents were Harold and Frances Behan. Harold (called Paddy) was the managing partner in Thos. Behan and Sons. That partnership owned a sheep property, "Bilbah Downs" at Emmett, C.Q. To locate the property, think of a position in C.Q. where Isisford is about 34 miles to the north east, Longreach about a further 100 miles north, and Emmett itself about 20 miles south east, being on the road to Blackall. Emmett was comprised of a post office and telephone exchange, a general store and the railway station.

Sadly, Jack's mother died when he was only 6 months old. His paternal grandmother came to Bilbah and looked after Jack and his two sisters until 1944 when they went away to boarding school. Up until then, schooling was by way of correspondence. Work was posted weekly from the Department of Education, arriving in Emmett, on Wednesdays. The assumption was that the work would occupy the children for the whole week. However, Jack showed his outstanding academic ability at this early age as he generally had it completed and ready to be posted by Friday. Of course, this then enabled him to undertake work on the property. With a shortage of labour in the war years, there was much for him to do and he relished the work, particularly riding horses.

Jack went firstly as a boarder to St. Brendan's Yeppoon where he did Scholarship in 1944 and Sub-Junior in 1945. Boarding conditions at St. Brendan's were said to have been positively spartan, and even dangerous, as there was an outbreak of diphtheria which led to students being sent home as the result of some deaths. Being the war years, there was even danger at home as a U.S. Bomber crash landed on "Bilbah".

Jack came to Ashgrove in 1946 (his Junior year) and completed Senior in 1948. He produced an absolutely outstanding result. At that time, the first 25 students in the whole of Queensland were awarded "Open Scholarships" to U.Q. Jack and Bob Thorpe were in that 25. Needless to say this was an amazing achievement for a young College. A friend remarked that Jack found Ashgrove both character building and a hard core academic College. Jack himself has been reported as saying that the years at Ashgrove were "all a boy could wish for." He was a Class leader in his Senior year, there were no Prefects then. He has left an unusual mark at the College. As those of us who had "Cyp" as Principal would remember, he was one not to tolerate idle hands. After the road from the Tower Block leading up to the classrooms was sealed, a decision was made to plant some trees beside that road. Jack and his mate, Jimmy Bauer, volunteered (or were "volunteered") to dig one of the holes to plant a tree. As you all know, the College is not built on rich, alluvial soil, but on granite, if not solid rock! I assume their only tools would have been a crowbar and a shovel. Anyhow they managed to dig down about 1.5 m. It was not an acorn they planted but they must have found some good soil for the hole because the tree is now a mighty one. Jack played in the front row of the First XV, the first year Ashgrove entered the Rugby field.

He decided to enrol in the Faculty of Engineering with a view to a career in Civil Engineering. He joined the University regiment and in his second year at uni. he was involved in a serious accident whilst engaged in regiment activities, suffering concussion and a spinal injury. Exams were deferred whilst he had a year at home recovering. He became a partner in the family property and worked



1972 OBA Committee Meeting

Left to Right: J. Behan (Sec.), W King, Br. Cecil, H. Gilroy (Pres.), Br. Alexis, B. Lindsay, P. Schreck, A. Apelt.

PRESENTATION TO LATE JACK BEHAN (continued...)

there for a few years. He returned to uni. in 1959 and graduated with Honours in 1962, with a Masters Degree in Engineering two years later. He became a staff member of the Department of Civil Engineering at UQ in 1963. I do not know whether it was a result of Br. Cyprian saying "John, the Marists would like to educate your son", but something led to the decision of the family to shift to Glenlyon Drive in 1963.

Before he graduated, he started to take an active interest in Old Boy activities. Janet remembers Jack being involved with one or more dinners at "Coolden", a reception lounge at New Farm. In the last couple of years, someone gave me an invitation to an Old Boys Dinner at "Coolden", I cannot recall the date, as I passed this on to the College archives. My recollection is that Jack's name appeared on the invitation as Secretary. He was Secretary for the lengthy period 1966 - 1972. He had been Treasurer in 1960. He was President of the Association in 1961 and again in 1964. Janet recalls Jack recounting this story of the Archbishop's attendance at a dinner at "Coolden". According to Jack, the Old Boys had dutifully bought a bottle of wine for the Archbishop from which he had only one glass, whilst the Old Boys drank cask wine, eyeing the bottle with envy.

What must be remembered about the fledgling Association is that, in those very early days, there were no facilities at the College to hold functions, Jack was one of the small group actively struggling to establish this association when we were all "young" Old Boys, most with young families, and all studying or establishing themselves in life. Nevertheless, apart from the "Coolden" dinners, Jack was involved with an event at the Bellevue Hotel and what we believe was the first Dinner Dance for the Association at 29 Murray Street. He was certainly one of the pillars on which our Old Boys Association has been so successfully built.

I cannot say who conceived the idea of an Old Boys Newsletter which has now become our high quality Ashgrovian, a publication of which any past pupils association would have been proud. What we do know is that it was Jack's baby in the mid 1960s. Jill tells me that Arthur was becoming more active in Old Boys activities at that time and he was so impressed with the effort Jack was putting into the publication that he commenced to help Jack. When Jack's back caused him a lot of trouble, he handed over the responsibility of The Ashgrovian to Arthur (and family!). Jack's son, Chris remembers the method of production. Type out the material on the waxed sheets, roneo each page (probably 100 times or more) on the Gestener machine (a very messy job), collate the 8 or 10 (perhaps more) pages into little bundles, staple, address all the envelopes, and place a complete copy in each envelope. Chris says his whole family, and others, were involved in the process which took place at the College in the old two storey building (was it the Grade 7 Dorm and Science lab?) about where the Chapel now stands. Arthur, Jill and the Apelt family followed this method of production of The Ashgrovian for some years.

Jack and Janet also attended Old Boys' Dinners held in Miles. On one occasion they took the children and the family dog. They also had an important passenger, Br. Cyprian. All were chatting away merrily until they left Toowoomba behind. Cyp then said "I must say my office". He took out his breviary and silence remained for the next hour.

In about 1973, Jack had to terminate his active participation in the Association, he was taking a year's Sabbatical overseas. He was given Life Membership of the Association in 1975. He was made an Affiliate of the Marist Order in 1991. He continued to be involved with the College through his family. In 1975 Janet was asked to take on the role of Secretary of the P and F and with Jack's encouragement, she did so for two years. The Amberley accident in 1975 led to a very turbulent time for all at the College. Jack's son, Chris attended the College from Year 4 to Year 12 in 1976. Jack's grandson Hugh, completed Year 12 at the College in 2013.

In now asking Colin Apelt to speak, I commend to all Old Boys, a very worthy recipient of The Arthur Apelt Award, the late John Ernest Behan.

Tom Treston



Colin Apelt (1946) presenting the Arthur Apelt award to Chris Behan (1976) and Mrs Janet Behan. Janet's husband John R.I.P. (1948) is this year's recipient.

2015 MCA SPORT RESULTS

Cricket	Volleyball	Swimming	Cross-Country	Rugby	Football	Chess	Basketball	Tennis	Track & Field
1st XI Premiers	1st VI 5th	Opens 2nd	Opens 2nd	1st XV Runners Up	1st XI 8th	1st IV 3rd	1st V 6th	1st IV 2nd	Opens 2nd
2nd XI Premiers	2nd VI 3rd	16 years 2nd	16 years 2nd	2nd XV Premiers	2nd XI 3rd	Senior A 5th	2nd V 2nd	2nd IV 6th	16 years 1st
3rd XI Premiers	3rd VI 5th	15 years 4th	15 years 7th	3rd XV Premiers	3rd XI 3rd	Senior B 2nd	3rd V 6th	3rd IV 2nd	15 years 1st
4th XI Premiers	11A 5th	14 years 3rd	14 years 1st	16A 2nd	4th XI 5th	Int. A 1st	11A 5th	11A 3rd	14 years 2nd
	11B 7th	13 years 1st	13 years 3rd	16B 3rd		Int. B 1st	11B Premiers	11B 2nd	13 years 2nd
		12 years 1st	12 years 3rd			Junior A 5th			12 years 2nd
10A Premiers	10A 3rd			15A Premiers	10A Premiers	Junior B 2nd	10A Premiers	10A Premiers	
10B 2nd	10B 2nd			15B 3rd	10B 4th		10B Premiers	10B 2nd	
10C 4th	10C 2nd			15C 6th	10C 5th		10C 2nd		
9A 4th	9A 2nd			14A 5th	9A 7th		9A 3rd	9A 5th	
9B Premiers	9B 8th			14B Premiers	9B 2nd		9B 4th	9B 4th	
9C 5th	9C 4th			14C Premiers	9C 2nd		9C Premiers		
8A 5th	8A 4th			8A Premiers	8A 3rd		8A 6th	8A Premiers	
8B 4th	8B 2nd			8B 3rd	8B 4th		8B 2nd	8B 5th	
8C 6th	8C 1st			8C Premiers	8C Premiers		8C 3rd		
7A Premiers	7A 2nd			7A Premiers	7A Premiers		7A 5th	7A 7th	
7B Premiers	7B 5th			7B Premiers	7B 3rd		7B 4th	7B 5th	
7C 2nd	7C 4th			7C 3rd	7C Premiers		7C Premiers		
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Stop Press: MCA wins AIC GOLF Aggregate on November 2, 2015.

VINTAGE BLUE AND GOLD LUNCH

On Friday August 14th, 2015 160 people attended the Annual Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch at the Cyprian Pavilion and Mass which preceded Lunch .

Fr. John Begg, MCA Old Boy from the mid-fifties celebrated Mass and was assisted by Br. Roger Burke (1953). Three former Headmasters participated in the Eucharist held in the MCA Chapel of Our Lady and St. Marcellin. Br. Alexis read the Epistle and Prayers of Remembrance while Br Neville supplied the musical accompaniment. Geoffrey Joy (Br Phelan) and current Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin were also integral to the solemnity of the occasion. Janet and Susan Behan, Jill Apelt, Jeannine Treston and David L'Estrange (1965) provided the Prayers of the Faithful. Tom Quain (1965) and Robert Keating (1965) assisted with the Offertory Procession

Wayne Hansen (1972) provided an abbreviated Tour of the College to members of the Class of '65 who attended in such good numbers, while eight Foundation students and our oldest living Old Boy, Ray Cottrell (1946) were also present. Kay Wells, MCA Community Manager organised the day splendidly while Matt Tarlinton's catering team provided a sumptuous meal.

In presenting the 2015 Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award to John Behan (1948), Tom Treston (1947) who was the inaugural recipient in 2014 provided wonderful detail of John Behan's early life, his time at the College and with the OBA. Arthur Apelt's brother, Colin Apelt (1946) then spoke of his close association with John. Both John Behan and Colin worked together in the Civil Engineering Department at UQ for many years. John's wife Janet, son Chris (1976) and other family members accepted the award on John's behalf. John had unfortunately passed away in 2003. John's grandson Hugh (2013) also attended MCA and is the son of Chris and Susan.



Presentation to Behan Family



Rosalie Old Boys

FOUNDATION DAY STUDENTS CAP OFF SENSATIONAL 75TH JUBILEE

On 14th August 2015, eight of the original 'Sons of Ashgrove' returned to the College to create some iconic photos for its 75th Jubilee. Denis Tarte, Colin Apelt, Alf Cruden, Brian McGrath, William Ridley, Don Whittington, Brian Cannon and John Walpole were each present with Brother Ignatius O'Connor on January 30, 1940. As humble and humorous as always, they remain our living history of the College. Bravo Gentlemen.



ASHGROVE LEGENDS - 30 JANUARY 1940

Denis Tarte, Colin Apelt, Alf Cruden, Brian McGrath, William Ridley, Don Whittington, Brian Cannon and John Walpole

1965 CLASS REUNION

Thirty-two boys turned up for Year 4 in 1957. Another one hundred and thirty-one joined or passed through this cohort's ranks by the time it had reached its use-by date in 1965 - with sixty completing Senior that year. To remember all of those one hundred and sixty-three students after fifty years would be a difficult task for most; to try to reconnect with all of them after so long was always going to be an impossible task. And so it proved to be. But that was Tom Quain's initial challenge. And he had remarkable success - with some help from Bob Weimers, Damian Carroll, Bob Wood, Trevis McKewen, Keith Sayer and Bryan Dollar.

Of the total cohort of one hundred and sixty-three students, fifty-one could not be contacted. Tom called them our 'lost sheep'. Sadly fourteen of our number had passed away. Our deceased Old Boys and their families were remembered in our prayers at the Mass celebrated by Fr John Begg sm before the lunch.

Of the ninety-one past students tracked down and contacted by Tom and his team, forty were able to attend the Blue and Gold Vintage Old Boys' Lunch held on Friday 14 August.

1965 was the silver jubilee of the College. I suspect none of the boys who started in 1957 were aware that our last year at St Mary's College Ashgrove would coincide with its 25th anniversary. Twenty-five years is not a long time in a school's history. But seventy-five years is! Those of the 1965 cohort lucky enough to reach this milestone can now witness and celebrate the remarkable growth and development of the school over that time. And most of us I am sure would now ponder how lucky, in fact privileged, we were to have had the opportunity to be educated by the Marist Brothers in those bucolic times, in those hallowed grounds.

Whilst the education we received at the College may have endured over those years, the buildings did not. But for the iconic white-tower building no other building has survived from our innocent 1957 days. Of course education is more than mere bricks and mortar. It's also about the students and the teachers who populate them. This is the real reason for a class reunion: it's the people who inhabited the same space with you at the same time all those years ago; and then re-exploring those connections of the past and interpreting them in the present.

Robert Wong who had flown in from Singapore best summed up the mood of the group at the presence of Geoff Joy (Br Phelan) and Br Alexis: "I was blessed to meet (them) for the first time after 50 years, both imparted their dedications as mentors and their important roles inspired me to seek further education after school and moreover as wonderful people who were awesome to me. A big Thank you." Robert, showing off some of the Aussie slang he picked up in Australia signed off his email, "Rip a cheer mate".

Geoff Joy was our principal in 1965. He was undoubtedly the star attraction for the '65ers such was the esteem in which he was universally held. It was unfortunate (for him) that his mobility was restricted by a knee injury - soon to be fixed by knee replacement surgery. This injury meant there was no exit-strategy from the constant stream of Old Boys who came to his table to renew his acquaintance and 'pay homage' for all that he did for them and the College. Some of those visitors - with courage not evident at their time at the school - were able to mimic to Geoff his distinctive mannerisms of that time. Of course Geoff enjoyed every moment and so did Kate, his wife, who had accompanied him to the reunion.

Dennis Bryant appraised the get-together in an email to his former classmates: "As a relative newcomer to the College in late '64 I thought I would be flat out remembering or being remembered. I had a great time catching up with as many of you as possible and being reminded about things, such as my boxing debut with Bryan Dollar. Ashgrove certainly changed my life and my outlook. I hope we can stay in touch more often than a 10-year reunion. Thank you all for the company, the reminders and the all round friendship."

Time stood still for those few hours. It was over before it was just beginning. So many questions left unanswered, so many connections left to re-explore. Did Brian Barber really mean he had a secret life as a ventriloquist for the past forty years? How did Rex Sun leave his Hong Kong family, secure accommodation and live on his own in Atthow Avenue, Ashgrove whilst completing Senior, unbeknown to any of his classmates or the school administration? How was it that Charlie Kramer, from Madang PNG, was born in Brisbane and spent the early years of his life with the Divine Word Missionaries at Marburg Queensland? And how did Murray Crockett develop from scrawny to brawny, leaving the College an eight-stone height-challenged rake and then transmuting into a 100+ kilogram giant?

Geoff Joy wrote to our class after the lunch and effectively put his thoughts of our era into context:

"I write to say thanks for tracking Kate and me down and gently urging us to come to the reunion.

It was a wonderful experience for me at the Old Boys lunch last Friday to meet again with so many of you from the halcyon days (they were mainly joyous times) of fifty years ago. It was also marvellous for my wonderful wife Kate to meet ex-students I have referred to over the last 31 years.

In 1965, I was a neophyte Headmaster and you treated me kindly. That we had a staff of only 15 Brothers and 3 lay teachers for 770 students (including 200 boarders) in 1965 (these were pre any direct state-aid days) presented many challenges, but the spirit of endeavour and cooperation of staff, students and parents was contagious.

The support of your parents was phenomenal in helping in so many ways. The grandstand at the oval is a monument to the work of your parents.

I have fond memories of a community striving to be Christian in the Catholic tradition, and of purposeful action in study, sport, YCS, cadets, drama club, music etc etc.

1965 CLASS REUNION (continued...)

No doubt you have many and varied memories of those now far off days.

A friend of mine here in Canberra recently said to me that as you get older three of your faculties start to go. He continued: 'The first to go is your memory'. Then after a pause, he said: 'I have forgotten the other two.'

I hope I can preserve my memories of Marist College Ashgrove of the 1960s for they are pleasant memories due in great measure to the positive spirit of the students. You certainly did not discourage me from being a 'schoolie.' After my 10 years at Ashgrove I spent the next 34 years in the administration of schools and Catholic schools diocesan systems.

I will be having right knee replacement surgery on 3 September next. Hopefully, I will become more mobile than I was last Friday.

Like St Paul in his letter to the Philippians, I thank my God every time I think of you and when I pray for you I pray with joy because you helped make my job energising and, yes, enjoyable.

Kate particularly enjoyed your descriptions of my mannerisms!!!

*God bless
Geoff Joy (aka Phelan)"*

Each graduating class at any school has its own special memories of their time together. Each is unique to their class year and cannot be replicated. It is the students and the teachers who help make it so. But it is also the character and culture of the school. Our education at St Mary's College Ashgrove was underpinned by the Christian values imparted to us in the Marist way. Was this an ingredient in the mix of special memories of the 1965 graduating class? To me - on reflection - it made all the difference.

Fifty-year class reunions mean that all attendees are approaching the northern end of their sixties, with most having retired or about to do so. We have come a long way but hopefully we've got a long way to go. Whilst it is easier to get older than it is to get wiser RW Emerson reminds us, "It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them." Rightly so! We might not have got to that stage. This time! There does seem to be a greater resolve to get together more frequently than each decade. What a better way to do this than to meet at the annual August Vintage Blue and Gold Old Boys' Lunch held on the second Friday of Brisbane's RNA Exhibition.

David L'Estrange (1965)



RECENT REUNIONS - OCT 2ND, 2015

Over 200 Old Boys from 2014 to 1975 attended the informal reunion evening on Friday October 2 at the Cyprian Pavilion. In particular, support was massive from the 1975, 1985, 1995, 2000 and 2005 classes and many enjoyed the pre-function tour of the College by Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin. Thanks to Anthony Collins, Dominick Melrose, Peter Casey, Stuart Laing, Jim Gardiner, Brad Butten and Tom Enright for organising and managing the night so ardently and successfully.



RECENT REUNIONS - OCT 2ND, 2015 CONTINUED...



Reunion - Class of 1995



Reunion - Class of 2000



Reunion - Class of 2005

CONGRATULATIONS AND NEWS



The Fr. Tom Maloney trophy honours a great commitment to Second XI Cricket. It serves to recognise the success and the many years that Fr. Maloney dedicated to the Marist Cricket Program as Coach of the Second XI Cricket Team. Donated in 2012 by the OBA, this magnificent trophy is awarded to a player who displays the highest standard of sportsmanship and represents the College with distinction. The 2015 recipient is Joe Ryan. This year Joe showed his resilient character by fighting off injury and overcoming setbacks to lead a fierce Bowling attack that was relentless during every opening spell. A passionate cricketer, Joe showed excellent leadership within the group and always tried to improve himself for the benefit of the team, which was displayed in his approach to training and focus on game day. Joe's best quality and one that would make Fr. Tom proud was his respect for the traditions of the game, his opposition and his team mates. Congratulations Joe Ryan.

SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS BOOKEND BRILLIANT 75TH YEAR

Nothing is valued higher by an Ashgrovian than the true, combined team effort which brings home the ultimate prize. All members of the team, with their varying degrees of talent, are valued contributors. The 75th Jubilee year resulted in stunning victories in the big two whole of school events -- swimming and athletics. Team efforts which make all Old Boys proud.

Even though only winning two of the year groups in each competition, the depth of the team, the spirit and determination across the board and the presence of many sons of Old Boys meant the titles returned to Ashgrove (in Athletics for the first time in 10 years). The OBA congratulates our young champions --not just for the victories -- but the way they went about it.



In an historic first, the captain (Campbell Mohr) and vice captains (Lachlan McKinnon and Harry Enright) of the First XV Rugby and captain of the First XI football (Seb Kaye) were all sons of Old Boys.

Charlie Cameron (2011) played brilliantly for AFL's Adelaide Crows and kicked 2 goals, including the last goal to seal their semi-final win over the Western Bulldogs, 16.13.109 to 14.18.102 before over 60,782 at the MCG on the 12th September, 2015. Unfortunately Hawthorn ended the Crows season the following weekend before 70,879 at the MCG. The Crows had lost their coach tragically earlier in the season.



Congratulations to Tom Marr (2014) on winning the Men's 18-24 Year Age Group World Individual Bodsurfing Title in California in August 2015 at the 39th Annual World Bodsurfing Championships. Tom becomes the first old boy to win an individual world title.

CONGRATULATIONS AND NEWS CONTINUED...



Scott Maloula (2011) was a premiership winner in Souths Magpies Premier Grade Rugby Union Grandfinal win. Scott had a fantastic 2015 season as Souths defeated Brothers, 35-33 in the minor semi-final; then defeated UQ, 'Red Heavies' 33-32 in the nail-biting preliminary final and then Easts 39-12 in the Grand Final. Scott played halfback and the former Australian Schoolboy kicked 6 goals from 7 attempts to help Souths regain the Hospital Cup.

Brendan McKibbin (2002) and Gerard Leyden (1998) were the previous Ashgrove Old Boys to raise the Hospital Cup as premiership winners when Brothers defeated Souths in 2009.



Congratulations to Jared Stegman (2006) who is the Captain and Quarterback of the national American Football team, known as the Australian Outback. The Outback recently had a successful tournament in the International American Football World Championships held in Ohio, USA. Jared led Australia to a 3-1 record to place a very credible 5th amongst the international sides. Jared has since returned to Sweden where he plays for Uppsala in the national league. The College community congratulates Jared who now joins Rugby's John Eales (1987), Chilla Wilson (1944) and Des Connor (1953) as the only Old Boys to have captained Australia at senior level in their chosen sport. It is a magnificent achievement.



Jordan Farina (2009) was the hero as Moreton Bay Jets claimed a 2-1 victory over Brisbane Strikers in a thrilling NPL Queensland Grand Final at Wolter Park on September 13, 2015. The Strikers had equalized in the 85th minute, but, two minutes later, Farina sent the home crowd into raptures when his free-kick evaded everyone as it bounced through the pack and into the back of the net. The Jets will represent the state in the NPL national finals series.



Congratulations to Old Boy, Emile Victor (2007) who is forging ahead...working in the Space Industry in the UK.

Marist College Ashgrove gave him a great education... going on to Software Systems Engineering at UQ.

Currently, he is in the space industry in the UK, working for Airbus Defence and Space on the ExoMars Rover project. He is involved with telemetry and telecommand software for 'Bruno', the ExoMars Rover with his job as Graduate On-Board Software Engineer, ExoMars Rover Vehicle Team.

Here is a Youtube Link on 'How to Build a Satellite' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8J0iA7EH9CM>

MCA 75 YEAR CRICKET SELECTION

Performances and higher honours after school were the main selection criteria for most of players selected. Despite there being many outstanding candidates the wide range of accredited selectors, coaches, and advisers finally settled on the ultimate 15 after an exhaustive process of consultation.

1. Matthew Hayden (1988)
2. John Connolly (1969) Wicket Keeper
3. Gary Hayden (1983)
4. Lachlan Thompson (2011)
5. Raymond Burke (1953)
6. Andrew Greig (2003)
7. Alex Cusack (1997)
8. Robert Toovey (1971)
9. Peter Selwood (1978)
10. Peter Mc Phee (1980)
11. John Dieckmann (1995)
12. Dale Roberts (1992)
13. Greg Dux (1964)
14. Stephen Hamill (1976)
15. Jack Beath (2014)

CHAMPAGNAT AUSTRALIAN MARIST SCHOOLS RUGBY SELECTION

In this selection of 26 players, St. Joseph's College Hunters Hill (Joeys) and Marist College Ashgrove each have eleven representatives; Marcellin College Randwick have two, Marist College Canberra and Marist College Rosalie have one.

*N.B. All 26 players have played Test Rugby for the Wallabies.

The "Dream Game" is a Rugby match made in Heaven! This Australian Marist Schools Rugby selection in a mythical Bledisloe Cup match against Sean Fitzpatrick's N.Z. Marist Schools selection!

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| 1. Stan Pilecki - LH Prop (Rosalie) | 16. Don Furness (Randwick) |
| 2. Chris Carberry (Joeys) | 17. Declan Curran - TH Prop (Joeys) |
| 3. Jake Howard - TH Prop (Joeys) | 18. Bill Young - LH Prop (Joeys) |
| 4. Steve Williams (Joeys) | 19. Bob Wood (Ashgrove) |
| 5. John Eales (Ashgrove) | 20. Mick Barry (Ashgrove) |
| 6. Ted Heinrich (Joeys) | 21. Barry Honan (Ashgrove) |
| 7. Sam Scott-Young (Ashgrove) | 22. Pat Howard (Ashgrove) |
| 8. John O'Gorman (Joeys) | 23. Daniel Herbert (Ashgrove) |
| 9. Des Connor (Ashgrove) | 24. Paddy Batch (Ashgrove) |
| 10. Kurtley Beale (Joeys) | 25. David L'Estrange (Ashgrove) |
| 11. Brendan Moon (Ashgrove) | 26. Tony Daly - Shadow Prop (Joeys) |
| 12. Ken Wright (Randwick) | |
| 13. Matt Burke (Joeys) | Coach: Br. Henry |
| 14. Joe Roff (Canberra) | Manager: Br. Cyprian |
| 15. Terry Curley (Joeys) | |

HYPOTHETICAL ANALYSIS BY BARRY HONAN

Recently a selection panel has spent a great amount of time in deliberation mode before naming an Australian “Marist Schools Rugby Selection”. What selection of any national team at any level and in any sport has not come into its share of contention?

Along with 10 others from Marist Ashgrove, I have been named in the squad of 26. I am honoured and humbled at the thought of even being considered. I have no intention of making comment on the deservedness of any of the 26 players selected. Rather, I would simply like to share a few thoughts that come to mind.

One of my favourite sporting quotes is “ABILITY determines what you are capable of while MOTIVATION determines what you want to do and ATTITUDE determines how well you do it” I would like to add - “CIRCUMSTANCE determines the opportunity you have to do anything”. In the 26 member squad selected there are 11 from St Joseph’s College Hunters Hill (Joeys), 11 from Ashgrove and only 4 others from all the other Marist Schools throughout the country. There is no doubt that talented athletes who were fortunate enough to play in powerful rugby teams from MCA and Joeys and being guaranteed the benefit of excellent coaching had a head start in their post school rugby careers. At Wallaby level, before professionalism and the introduction of Super Rugby, the same situation would have existed with players from states other than QLD and NSW trying to make the national team. However, having mentioned this, there is no denying that Joeys and Ashgrove have been two of the really great Australian rugby nurseries and that Australian rugby would be much the poorer without their existence. Marist College Canberra which has actually produced 4 Wallabies, and 30 Australian Schoolboys recently staked a fair claim to join the two senior powerhouses .

A look through the team selected reveals that 19 of the 27 players are from the pre-professional era as are the Coach, Br Henry (Joeys) and the team manager, Br Cyprian (Ashgrove). Now the professional era has only been around for 20 years and rugby in Australia and in Marist schools dates back a lot further than that so the larger pre-professional player pool would quite reasonably contribute to the imbalance. The selectors themselves were mostly players prior to 1995 when professionalism in rugby became a reality but this would have to be the case as involvement in the game over both eras would surely have to be a necessary prerequisite to sit on the selection panel.

A similar Marist selection referred to as the Sean Fitzpatrick NZ Marist team is in the wings. Fitzpatrick is obviously the captain of this team which begs the question as to who would lead the Australian team? John Eales first comes to mind but a strong case can be made for another Ashgrovian in Des Connor who captained both the Wallabies and the All Blacks during his illustrious career.

Enough about selection and lets consider a hypothetical Bledisloe Cup battle between the two international Marist teams. Assuming the Kiwi selection mirrors the Australian one then the majority of players would be from the earlier era mentioned and therefore it would only seem fair that the game be played in the manner of that era and under the laws of that time. Professionalism and the “Use It or Lose It” Law came into being in the same year and both have had profound influences over time on the way the game is played. Prior to 1996, scrums rarely collapsed or resulted in penalties. Scrums were over within less than 20 seconds and were not used for resting players, substitutions or lectures by referees. There was only one referee which thankfully meant less stoppages because a lot of technical transgressions that would now be keenly sighted by sideline adjudicators would go unnoticed. Backlines opposed backlines far more frequently because as much as 40% of possession was from setplays. Breakdowns provided a greater chance of attacking success because indeterminate rucks and mauls resulted in possession to the team driving forward which in turn meant less players in the defensive line.

Under these conditions, I would back the Aussie Marists. Combine Connor’s accurate service with the skill and creativity of Beale and Wright and then add the speed, power and rugby brains of Burke, Roff, Moon and Curley and I believe it would be too much for any Kiwi Marist back division to handle. But as we all well know, the backs have to get the ball first. Howard and Carberry are two of the really great scrum technicians and would expertly manage that phase of play. Just looking into the face of Stan “The Man” Pilecki would be enough to terrorise even the toughest Kiwi opponent. Eales would insure quality line-out ball and he would also make sure Scott- Young’s sledging would be tempered but still be a match for the verbal barrage expected from the undisputed king of the sledge - Sean Fitzpatrick. Williams, O’Gorman and Heinrich would have a fair dinkum battle on their hands but hold their own against anyone the Kiwis would put up.

What about me and the others sitting on the reserves bench as the interchange? There was a time replacements were allowed only for injury but not now in the professional game, so rather than sit back and enjoy an Aussie Marist victory along with the thousands of hypothetical Aussie supporters in the hypothetically overcrowded arena, we’re all chomping at the bit for our legendary coach and manager to give us the nod to enter the fray!

Perhaps the saying is true and this is the mystical game we’ll play in Heaven!

THE BLUE AND GOLD V MEN IN BLACK - A 75 YEAR RIVALRY

In 2015 Marist College Ashgrove (MCA) celebrates its 75 year Diamond Jubilee, while St. Laurence's College South Brisbane (SLC) celebrates its Centenary, having been established in 1915. The challenge of reflection on this healthy interschool rivalry between these two great sporting powerhouses is immense, and while the memory of early Rugby encounters may be somewhat clouded in the mists of time, there is no doubting that men of great worth have successfully advanced from these spirited encounters largely because the players have prided themselves on living the values of Rugby - passion, integrity, discipline, respect and teamwork on and off the field.

Early History

MCA joined the Metropolitan Catholic Schools' Association (MCSA) in 1940, MCA's foundation year, when Rugby League was the designated football code. SLC was already established as one of the MCSA heavyweights, following the MCSA formation in the early 1930s.

SLC was for a time a member of the GPS Association which was formed in 1918, but dropped out in the late 1920s following a decision by the GPS Association that each school must have a turf wicket and a football oval. SLC did not win a premiership but won a GPS event in 1919 (U16 Long Jump) and their athletes were placed every year from 1924 to 1927 inclusive. In 1928 the GPS Association returned to Rugby Union.

With the outbreak of World War 2 and the Japanese threat to Australia, MCA relocated to Eagle Heights, Mt. Tamborine between 1942-44. Following the completion of WW2, MCA returned from the mountain and contests with SLC resumed in earnest. The template was set - hard fought contests with a sense of fair play and respect for your opponent and the game, and this has continued to the present day.

Rugby League Years

All matches between 1945-1952 were annual home and away fixtures, but not all matches were played on location at each College.

The first match in 1945 was played on MCA's "sodden home ground", while in 1949 the first match was at SLC home ground which was Hawthorne Park. In 1950, the second round match was played after weeks of rain and "the Ballymore field was a quagmire, and what a hard fought game it was against the Black and Golds". In 1951, the last year of League between the two schools, honours were even with a 8-5 score to MCA, then an 8-3 scoreline to SLC for a joint premiership.

Rugby Union

The Metropolitan Secondary Schools' Sports Association (MSSSA) replaced the Metropolitan Catholic Schools' Association (MCSA) in 1952, and in 1953 rivalry resumed in the sport of Rugby Union. Most of the early match summaries between MCA and SLC refer to "hard even games" and generally on "ovals heavy with mud".

Mid-fifties recorded references such as "in a gruelling match," "after much hard play against the Blacks", and "a really good open game".

MCA and SLC played a 6-6 draw in the second round of 1955 which was the first ever draw between the two great rivals. In 1956, the TAS replaced the MSSSA, and in 1958 SLC recorded its first Rugby win over MCA on its homeground, which was wet and muddy. "The Saints" forwards won the ball consistently and their speedy backs capitalised on this advantage". "A very big crowd gathered for the return match at MCA, which is said

Curtain Raiser Teams

BRISBANE EXHIBITION GROUND
TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 2, 1959

6.30 p.m. — ASHGROVE MARIST BROTHERS' COLLEGE
v. ST. LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

Referee : Mr. G. Gauld

Touch Judges : Messrs. J. Power and J. Minter

ASHGROVE MARIST BROTHERS' COLLEGE	ST. LAURENCE'S BROTHERS' COLLEGE	
(Colours : Blue and Gold)	(Colours : Black Jersey, Double Gold V, and Monogram S.L.C.).	
Full-back :	Full-back :	
(1) M. BARROS	(1) M. KERWIN	
Three-quarters :	Three-quarters :	
(2) T. POLLOCK	(2) L. TWEEDIE	
(3) F. LANE	(3) W. PEARSON	
(4) D. KAESE (Vice-Captain)	(4) A. TOBIN	
(5) P. CHAN	(5) R. GILBANK	
Five-eighth :	Five-eighth :	
(6) C. CRAVEN	(6) D. KING (Captain)	
Half-back :	Half-back :	
(7) M. BARRY	(7) L. LAWRENCE	
Forwards :	Forwards :	
(8) R. GREMAN (Captain)	(8) J. NUSS	
(9) A. MADSEN	(9) R. CRONIN	
(10) S. O'RIELLY	(10) J. HURLEY (Vice-Captain)	
(11) R. HENZELL	(11) R. MARSH	
(12) T. RODGERS	(12) B. FLANNERY	
(13) J. TURNER	(13) J. BLACKBURN	
(14) W. CURRIE	(14) V. LUCKUS	
(15) P. CALLAGHAN	(15) M. BOHLSCHIED	
Reserves :	Reserves :	
Forwards :	(—) A. Cailton (—) D. Brown	
(16) P. O'Donnell	(18) J. Taylor	(—) K. Taske (—) R. Hoffman
Backs :		
(17) B. Honan	(19) K. Gabriel	

Curtainraiser to Qld - British Lions - MCA v SLC 1959 teams

THE BLUE AND GOLD V MEN IN BLACK

- A 75 YEAR RIVALRY (CONTINUED)

to be one of the best matches ever seen on the College oval. Halftime Ash 11, SLC 8. The second half proved to be exciting, but MCA just had the edge on the SLC team which never gave up.

In 1959, both Colleges played a curtain-raiser for the Qld v British Lions game, and the MCA match report reads:

"This game was the best the team had played this season. During the second half the SLC side began to show speed and form but the defence proved too tight".

In 1960, with MCA 8-6 up - "A hushed crowd watched as SLC attempted a penalty goal minutes from fulltime. SLC forwards played very well and as the score indicates, MCA just scraped home".

In 1961 the MCA 1st XV "played its best game of the season to defeat SLC, 11-9".

But in 1962, the MCA 1st XV "were brilliantly outplayed by SLC, who defeated MCA 20-3. The SLC five-eighth was allowed to run and they always had the overlap".

"Bright, open football" described the rest of the decade with match recordings occasionally stating, "This was a rugged game" such as in 1964.

In 1967, SLC 13, Ash 8. "Being 10 points down in as many minutes was a major task for any team to recover from. MCA produced many great efforts to bridge the gap but SLC were sufficiently drilled in their plays to make the most of each opportunity."

In 1972, MCA would make amends. "A virtual grand final with both teams undefeated. Tension and a blustering wind were pointers to a tough, unspectacular game. Defence on both sides was magnificent. The winning factor was the relentless pressure applied by the forwards and inside backs and with the score 6 all with a minute to go, MCA scored the matchwinner."

Sadly in 1973, the match set down for Runcorn was washed out. Fortunately the theme of both schools' Firsts, "courageously repelling attacking raids with desperate last ditch defence" was common in their memorable performances each year till the next premiership decider of 1982.

"The TAS premiership was decided in this match between MCA and SLC. Played in muddy, wet and slippery conditions, MCA led 9-0 at halftime. SLC came back strongly in the second half. Only magnificent defence of the MCA backline enabled MCA to finish the winners".

In 1984, MCA and SLC recorded only their second ever drawn match, 7-7.

Between 1985 and 1990, home and away matches were introduced, with grand finals to determine the premiers in 1987-1990.

MCA saluted SLC for its 1987 final win at Villa Park: "SLC was a well tuned outfit and deserve congratulations" and in 1988 "SLC conclusively proved it was the best team in the competition".

In 1989, MCA showed great courage, tenacity and spirit to win against the odds in the last Grand Final that would be played in interschool competition. SLC had won two earlier encounters and this was not forgotten: "Congratulations to SLC for their standard of play and sportsmanship throughout the 1989 season".

Between 1990 and 1996, matches were extraordinarily close with the third and final draw (10-10) in the first match of 1990, to the amazing 1993 successful SLC



1966 Ash v SLC at SLC main oval (Gair Oval). Mater Hospital in background



1980 Ashgrove left winger encounters SLC cover defence

THE BLUE AND GOLD V MEN IN BLACK - A 75 YEAR RIVALRY (CONTINUED)

*Curtainraiser to Second Test (Bledisloe Cup)
New Zealand 22 - Australia 9*

e Fourteen QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION *Saturday, June 1,*

CURTAIN RAISERS — EXHIBITION OVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1957

12.30 p.m.

MARIST BROS'. COLLEGE
Ashgrove

v.

ST. LAURENCE'S COLLEGE
South Brisbane

Referee : Mr. D. Hunt

Linesmen : Messrs. R. Nye and
J. Kerkow

MARIST BROS.

(Colours : Blue and Gold)

- (1) P. MAHONEY
- (2) A. BARKER
- (3) K. CRAVEN
- (4) R. LARACY (V.-Capt.)
- (5) B. COPLEY
- (6) D. KAESE
- (7) B. DAWSON
- (8) B. KNAPP
- (9) J. O'CONNOR
- (10) L. O'REILLY
- (11) R. MULLEN (Captain)
- (12) N. MORRISON
- (13) D. CURRIER
- (14) P. CALLAGHAN
- (15) B. WILSON

Reserves :

- (16) L. ALLEN
- (17) G. PAFF
- (18) T. SWANTON

v.

ST. LAURENCE'S

(Colours : Black and Gold)

- (1) R. HOFFMAN
- (2) W. McAUSLAN
- (3) T. HANDRAN (V.-Capt.)
- (4) D. O'DONOVAN
- (5) L. TWEEDIE
- (6) T. CUMNER
- (7) K. McNAMARA
- (8) G. ARNOLD (Captain)
- (9) B. HAMBRECHT
- (10) B. ROGERS
- (11) J. DICKIE
- (12) G. BAXTER
- (13) P. FITZPATRICK
- (14) W. WILCOX
- (15) J. ARNOLD

Reserves :

- (16) A. CUMMING
- (17) P. PRENTICE

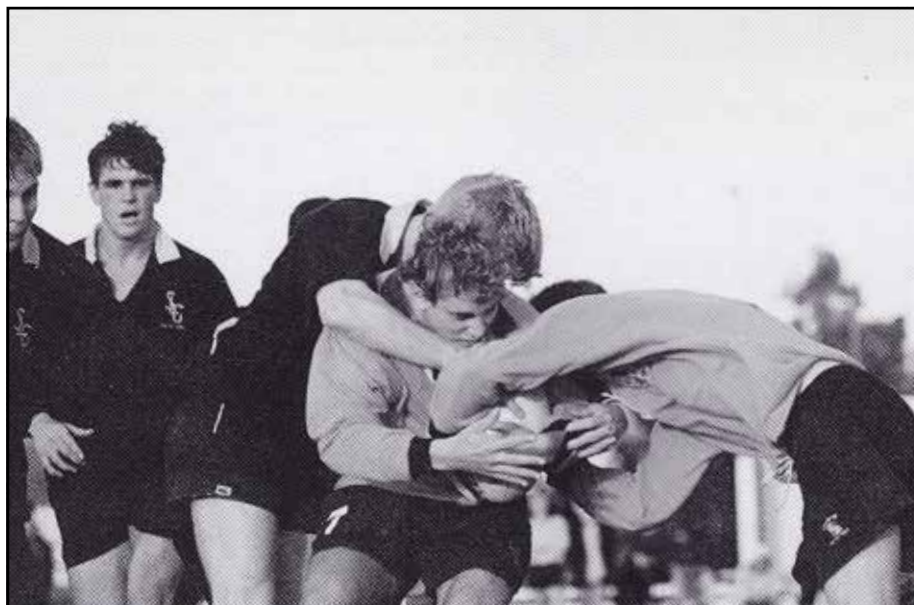
penalty from the sideline, two minutes from the end and MCA securing its only wins in 1994 and 1996, both 12-6. MCA would then regain the ascendancy in 1997-1999 while the Men in Black returned the compliment in 2000 and 2001 in the newly formed A.I.C. competition which began in 1999.

In 2002, SLC and MCA celebrated their 50th year of Rugby between the great adversaries. This has continued right up to the present. In 2006, MCA "scraped over the line in a nail biter, while in 2008 SLC led 21-nil at halftime and held off a fast finishing MCA, 21-17.

In 2010, this was repeated by a single point. Currently MCA has managed to reverse that trend from 2011-2015.

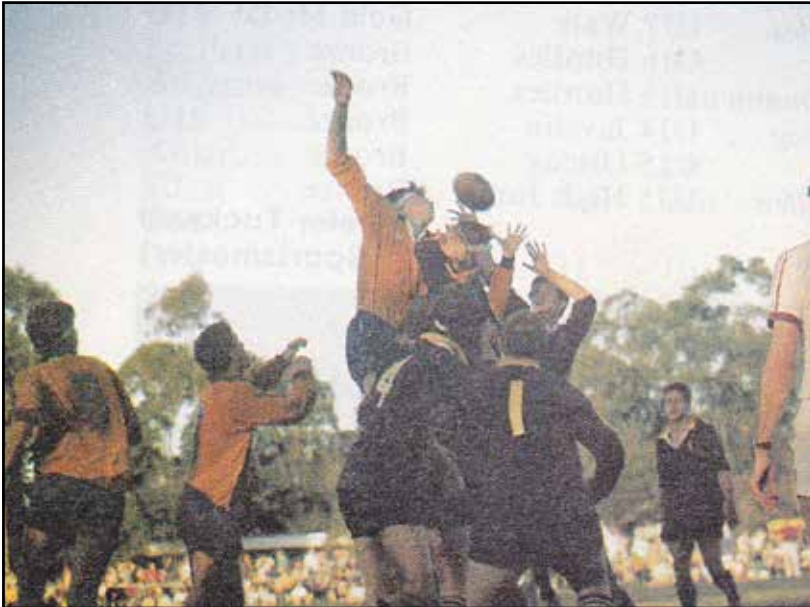
2012 was the 60th year of Rugby Union between the two Colleges and MCA welcomed SLC past and present at a special commemoration prior to the match. "St. Laurence's is always a big occasion and this year was no different. In a dour affair, it took a spirited whole team effort to overcome a tough SLC outfit by 21-13."

So in 75 years of football rivalry, the SLC and MCA "Firsts" have met over 90 times in competition in both Rugby codes. Long may these games continue, for they are so special, and they have become such a great sporting tradition for both Colleges. Bring on 2016!

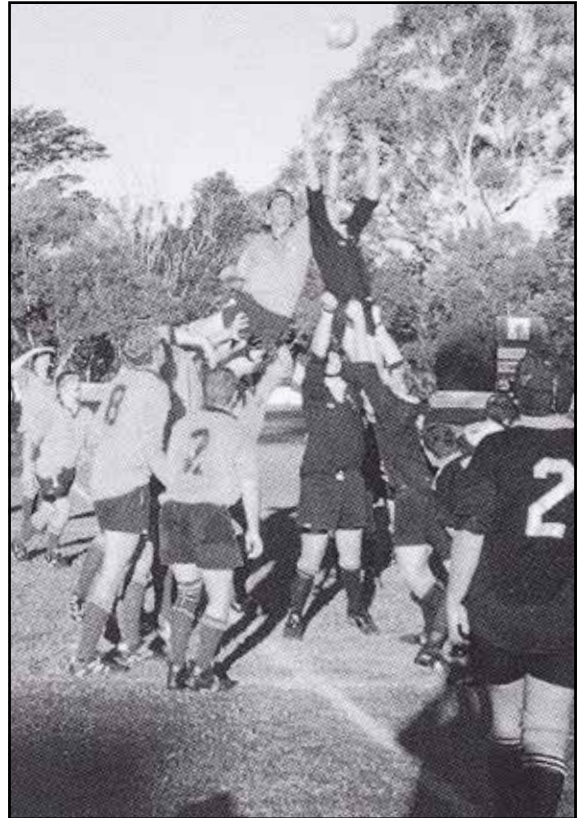


1994: MCA v SLC - Support arriving from both sides!

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1987: MCA v SLC lineout contest



1997: Ashley Elphinston contested line-out after line-out against the second St Laurence's match at Ashgrove

HONOUR ROLL OF NATIONAL FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH COLLEGES

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

Rugby Union - Wallabies

John Eales (C)
Des Connor (C)
Chilla Wilson (C)
Paddy Knapp
Barry Honan
Bob Honan
Mick Barry
Alex Pope
Robert Wood
David L'Estrange
Michael Flynn
Paddy Batch
Brendan Moon
Nigel Kassulke
Sam Scott-Young
Anthony Herbert
Daniel Herbert
Pat Howard
Graeme Bond
Daniel Heenan
Brendan McKibbin

Rugby Sevens

Richard Graham, (Commonwealth Games Bronze Medallist, 1998)

Wallaby Coaches

Des Connor
John Connolly

Referees

Andrew Cole
Rohan Hoffman

Rugby League - Kangaroos

Bob Honan
Wayne Stewart

ST. LAURENCE'S

Rugby Union - Wallabies

Neville Cottrell (C)
Neil Betts
Bill McLean (C)
Laurie Lawrence
Mark Connors
Brendan Cannon
Dan Crowley

Referees

Barry Leask
Paul Marks
Ian Smith

Rugby League - Kangaroos

Bill Tyquin (C)
Tom Tyquin
Cooper Cronk

THE BLUE AND GOLD V MEN IN BLACK - A 75 YEAR RIVALRY (CONTINUED)

RESULTS OF “FIRSTS” MATCHES BETWEEN MCA AND SLC

METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION (MCSA) RUGBY LEAGUE				
1945	ASH	17-0	ASH	39-0
1946	ASH	6-2	ASH	20-7
1947	ASH	32-0	ASH	23-8
1948	ASH	28-0	ASH	8-5
1949	ASH	11-5	ASH	33-3
1950	ASH	9-2	ASH	8-2
1951	ASH	8-5	SLC	3-8

METROPOLITAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION (MSSSA) RUGBY UNION				
1952	NO MATCH PLAYED			
1953	ASH	23-0	ASH	21-0
1954	ASH	12-8	ASH	22-6
1955	ASH	15-3	DRAW	6-6

THE ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS (TAS)				
1956	ASH	24-14	ASH	10-0
1957	ASH	6-0	ASH	16-3
1958	SLC	3-14	ASH	25-11
1959	ASH	11-3		
1960	ASH	8-6	ASH	10-6
1961	ASH	11-9		
1962	SLC	3-20		
1963	ASH	33-6		
1964	ASH	23-9		
1965	ASH	21-3		
1966	ASH	23-8		
1967	SLC	8-13		
1968	ASH	15-0		
1969	ASH	24-0		
1970	ASH	18-5		
1971	ASH	30-3		
1972	ASH	10-6		
1973	WASH OUT			
1974	ASH	17-8		
1975	ASH	22-6		
1976	ASH	32-3		
1977	ASH	17-3		
1978	ASH	15-6		
1979	ASH	10-0		
1980	ASH	18-15		
1981	ASH	20-0		
1982	ASH	9-7		
1983	ASH	14-9		

THE ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS (TAS) (CONTINUED)				
1984	DRAW	7-7		
1985	SLC	4-6	SLC	4-13
1986	SLC	12-13	ASH	24-16
1987	SLC	4-16	SLC	0-19
1988	SLC	3-29	SLC	0-27
1989	SLC	3-8	SLC	6-14
			ASH	12-6
1990	DRAW	10-10	SLC	6-7
1991	SLC	0-6		
1992	SLC	3-6		
1993	SLC	17-19		
1994	ASH	12-6		
1995	SLC	13-20	SLC	8-16
1996	ASH	12-6		
1997	ASH	27-5	ASH	65-7
1998	ASH	13-6	ASH	11-3

ASSOCIATED INDEPENDENT COLLEGES (AIC)		
1999	ASH	29-10
2000	SLC	17-23
2001	SLC	25-30
2002	ASH	37-17
2003	ASH	23-21
2004	ASH	30-24
2005	ASH	53-12
2006	ASH	13-12
2007	ASH	26-9
2008	SLC	17-21
2009	ASH	35-10
2010	SLC	17-18
2011	ASH	55-26
2012	ASH	21-13
2013	ASH	61-12
2014	ASH	43-12
2015	ASH	36-3

TOUCH CHALLENGE

MCA v SLC

75 Year Rivalry

St Laurence's College issued Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys with the challenge of a Touch Rugby Game on June 13 as the main curtain raiser to the SLC v MCA 1st XV match at Runcorn to celebrate St. Laurence's 100 year Jubilee and MCA's 75 year Diamond Jubilee.

The 10 a side match was officiated by Test referees Andrew Cole (1977 - ASH) and Paul Marks (1992 - SLC).

Both teams featured a cross section of Old Boys, with MCA captained by former Wallaby Test player, Alex Pope (1961) while SLC were captained by former Wallaby Mark Connors (1992). Brad Free, Tyron Mandrusiak and Damien Mc Inally were impressive inclusions in the SLC team.

It was wonderful to see the spirit of teamwork from both teams, not to mention the extraordinary skill level displayed by all players. The famous MCA team spirit that has underpinned all our sporting teams from the very beginning came through again with MCA prevailing 4 tries to 3 in a most exciting contest. 25 years earlier, the Old Boys from both Colleges played a similar spectacle to commemorate the previous milestone jubilees.

The MCA Old Boys Touch Team featured Alex Pope (1961), Ben Webb (1991), Peter Diezmann (1970), Pat Casey (1972), David Miles (1992), Mick Macionis (1999), Cameron Locke (1999), Andrew Jones (1999), Lloyd Jones (2003), Chris Rynders (2003), Oliver Jones (2005), Rhys Jones (2007), Pat Meehan (2007), Pat Trubshaw (2007), Pat Selwood (2008), Tim O'Brien (2009), Dylan Jones (2009) and Darcy Meehan(2012).



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.

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