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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 1 February, 2022
AGM, 7:00pm at the College

Saturday 30 April, 2022
Old Boys Sports Day (v SLC)

Friday 20 May, 2022
Super Reunion Weekend
Champagnat Sports Lunch at the Convention Centre

Saturday 21 May, 2022
Super Reunion Weekend
Old Boys Reunion Day at the College (v Padua)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear fellow Old Boys,

Welcome to the second edition of the Ashgrovian for 2021.

The second half of the year has seen your Old Boys' Association resume our traditional events which had been cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. We are truly fortunate to have been able to hold these events which reinforce the strong traditions of the College and the ties that bind all Old Boys who have passed through the gates.

On Saturday 12th June, the Reunion Day was held, the day after the Champagnat Sports Lunch. The two events were capitalised upon by the many Old Boys who came to town. Both were a huge success. The Reunion Day was held in the Cyprian Pavilion overlooking the 1st XV's final match of the season against St Patrick's College. We saw a huge turnout. Our current 1st XV played their part and were victorious. A highlight of the day saw the 1st XV head over to sing their victory song to an adoring pavilion full of past students across the generations. It was a tremendous day with Old Boys reuniting with mates from their days at the College in a relaxed atmosphere. We look forward to next year's event to be held on Saturday 21st May, 2022.

At the Reunion Day celebrations, we also presented honorary life membership of our Association to two great servants of the College in Graham Lawson and Peter Murdoch. This is the highest honour the Old Boys' Association can bestow on anyone who is not a past student. Both gentlemen have dedicated most of their teaching careers to educating the very many Marist Ashgrove boys that have passed through the College during that time. They are well deserving of this honour. Thanks also to Peter Anderson (1983) and David Meehan (1977) who spoke so well about Graham and Peter respectively.

On 17th September, we were able to again hold the annual Golf Day at Keperra Golf Course. This was a very well supported event with 70 Old Boys teeing off, enjoying the day and playing a great course. Thanks to Peter Casey who organised the event.

The Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch is always very special. This year was no different. On 22nd October, 140 Old Boys who had graduated from at least 40 years ago gathered for a Mass in the Chapel, followed by a tour of the renovated Tower and then a nostalgic luncheon in the boarders' Dining Room. Our great friends who have passed were honoured and remembered. We were also able to belatedly present Jack Laracy's family with our highest honour, the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award. This was in appreciation for Jack's lifetime of contribution to the College and Old Boys' Association. Sadly, Jack (1953) passed away in July but his spirit filled the room.

In an Olympic year, special mention should be made of two high achieving Old Boys who have contributed so much to this event over recent years. Michael Bohl (1979) coached swimmers to another four Olympic individual medals taking his total to twelve individual medals across the last four Olympics. Pietro Figlioli (2001) appeared at his fifth Olympics in the sport of water polo, twice for Australia and there times for Italy - the most recent as Captain. Pietro has a Silver and Bronze medal from the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games. These appearances are in addition to Pietro's two world titles (including one as Captain). All Old Boys are very proud of their achievements.

Most importantly, we continue to rebuild our database of all Old Boys through the recently constructed Old Boys' Hub. Once completed with everyone's contact details updated, the Association will be able to stay in touch with all our members in a far more efficient way. However, we do need everyone to register, so if you haven't already, please go the link on page 5 and do so. It only takes a minute but will allow us to complete this project.

Please also follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn if you haven't already done so at "Ashgroveoldboys." This is a great way to stay in touch with all the news and events relating to the Old Boys.

Finally, the Old Boys' Association welcomes as life members the graduating class of 2021. Whilst this year has again had its challenges for our Seniors, they have conducted themselves brilliantly throughout in the true Marist spirit. These young men are now well prepared to head into the wider world. We wish them the very best for the future. We look forward to seeing them, and indeed all Old Boys, at our functions again next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families.

Viriliter Age!

Steve McAuliffe
President

FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE

It has been a great privilege to experience the spirit of Marist College Ashgrove in 2021. It has certainly been an honour to read about the great characters of the past on whose shoulders we proudly stand on today. I am aware that Marist College Ashgrove has always been nationally recognised and esteemed as an outstanding educator of boys both within metropolitan Brisbane and throughout rural areas. The best of the Marist Brothers were appointed to lead and teach at the College over its history. Today, I can report that Marist College Ashgrove continues to espouse and provide opportunities to enable excellent outcomes for the young men in its care, in all areas of its educational pursuit – academic, spiritual, sporting, in the Arts and in each boy's social development.

I have certainly enjoyed working with the various voluntary committees, notwithstanding the generous gifts offered by the Old Boys' Association to the College. I thank this vibrant committee led by President, Steve McAuliffe. I acknowledge the Old Boys wonderful contributions of bursaries, support and enjoyable functions like the Vintage Blue and Gold Luncheon which is one of the highlights of the Marist College Ashgrove calendar year.

When I arrived at the College, I was asked by many Old Boys, what are you going to change? Personally, my goal for 2021 was to listen, learn and experience the spirit of Marist Ashgrove. After doing so, I can report a College in fine fettle, offering multiple opportunities for the boys. Importantly, I can report a community which keeps the boys busy and provides many and various opportunities. Education and life at the College is holistic and this is key. In saying this, there is an appetite in the College community to further improve the outcomes of the boys. I look forward to exploring in detail, with the College Leadership Team, the plethora of feedback I have received from the various committee support groups, including the Old Boys' Association, staff and the comprehensive parent survey undertaken. This, along with the Strategic Plan, written prior to my commencement, will provide the blueprint for our ambitious plans together. Marist College Ashgrove has as its challenge the aim to continue adapting to the ever-changing educational paradigm with the new and altering societal expectations that exist today.

Today, our new Old Boys, the Year 12 cohort of 2021, are no doubt reading the Ashgrovian for the first time. May I take this opportunity to commend their efforts this year as leaders of our College. These young men have led the College admirably, in yet, another 'stop-start' year due to Covid-19. They have demonstrated a great spirit of resilience, endeavour and a will to succeed throughout the various activities and undertakings of the year. I have highlighted their many successes in the Blue and Gold magazine which I commend to you all. I look forward to celebrating their ATAR results at the end of this year which will hopefully, help them move towards a bright future, beyond the gates of Marist Ashgrove.

On Saturday evening, 30th October, Marist College Ashgrove hosted the annual Marist School Australia Mass, dinner, and awards ceremony. At this event, the College celebrated and thanked Mr Paul Mitchell for his 48 years of teaching and service to Catholic Education, including as Head of Religious Education. At the conclusion of reading Paul's award citation, I could not help but share my personal experience from the Year 12 retreat this year. At the retreat, Paul told the boys that this would be his final retreat due to his upcoming retirement, having been involved in retreats annually for his whole career which spans some 48 years. The boys were impressed and instantaneously responded warmly and respectfully with a grateful round of applause.

It was later that night in my conversation with Paul that we discussed the significance of this contribution. Both Paul and I agreed that Year 12 retreats have been a success for many years. Boys love them! I am sure that as many Old Boys read this, you will no doubt fondly remember your own Year 12 retreat experience. Interestingly, they have hardly changed since the 1970s. In fact, many of the sessions are exactly the same. They just work! For many boys, the Year 12 retreat is the pinnacle of their schooling. They are timeless! Yet, the retreat contents are essentially countercultural to the world in which we live – i.e. slowing down, being reflective, praying, reconciling, celebrating liturgy, sharing friendships and sacred stories together, without the intrusion of social media and other distractions. They are poignantly scripturally based, and God centred.

On May 22nd 2021, Pope Francis met staff and students of Ambrosoli Institute of Codogno, Italy, where he pointed out that schools must interact with the "head, the heart and the hands: a circle that must always be kept open and dynamic." He pointed out that young people have a strength and desire, which when stimulated and accompanied with wisdom and passion by adults, bears surprising fruits.

In the latest October edition of the Lavalla magazine, Eamonn Pollard opens up the concept of the head, heart and hands - the head being the theological education, the heart being the ability to pray and experience spiritual nourishment and the hands being the practical service element where we become guest to those in need. It is in

experiencing these elements that true conversation occurs. Eamonn frames this discussion in the reality of the ever growing and disturbing rates of anxiety and depression facing young people. He believes that the spirituality of the head, the heart, and the hands, enables one to experience meaning in life and a sense of love and relationship.

Experienced religious education teachers like Br Damian Price cfc and Br Graham Niest fms, speak glowingly of the power of retreats and the encounter. Br Damian believes that encounters with other people and their stories transform young people. Br Damian reminds us to be guest to another, to be open to their story, reflect, and be liberated. Br Graham speaks of the need to be still, to listen, and to be open in this all too busy and fast-paced world. God is certainly present in our lives - he turns up anyway, so it is up to each one of us in our reflection to take a moment to have a 'second long loving look'.

Champagnat started the Marist Brothers order in response to witnessing a dying boy who knew little about God. I think he would be well pleased with the spiritual development of the boys at Marist College Ashgrove, including the Year 12 retreats that dynamically influence the lives of our young men. This message though is not just confined to the students - it has a learning for us all. Each day we are challenged to find time to educate ourselves in scripture, to slow down, pray and reflect and to encounter the other sincerely through listening and being truly guest, especially those most in need. It is only then that each of our lives will also be converted, like Champagnat's, making meaning and being authentically transformational.

May our loving God, with Mary our good mother and St Marcellin Champagnat, continue to walk with all members of the Marist College Ashgrove family.

I look forward with much anticipation to an exciting 2022 at Marist College Ashgrove.

Michael Newman
Head of College

SPECIAL NOTICE OLD BOYS' HUB

It is critically important that all Old Boys who have not already done so register for the Old Boys' Hub at oldboyshub.marash.qld.edu.au as soon as possible.

MY HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN THE LAST 54 YEARS!

1967: Michael Driscoll with his pennants in a wagon wheel.

2021: The wearing of badges

ORIGINAL PROSPECTUS OF THE COLLEGE

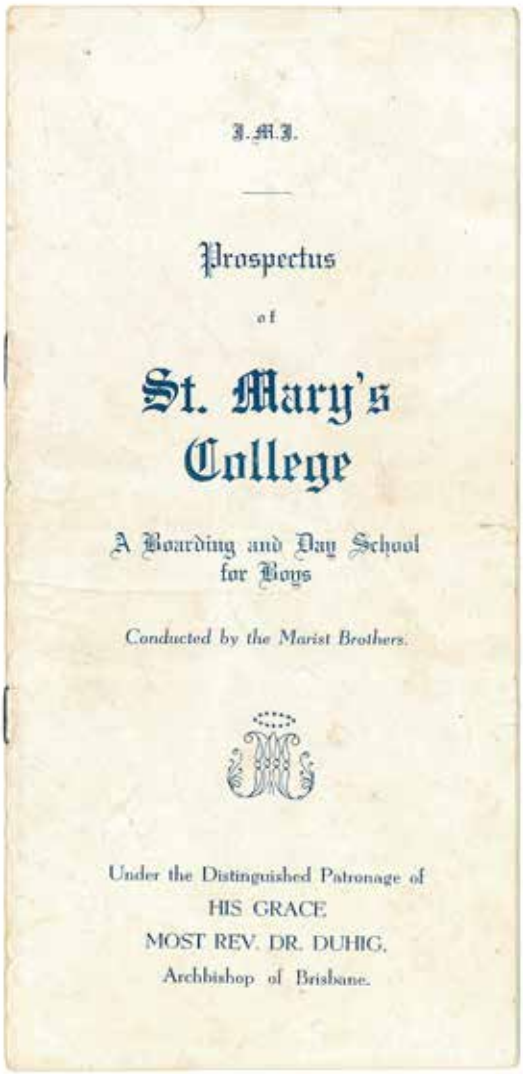
Towards the end of the school year in 2020, our beloved College Archivist Dave Cameron (RIP), was investigating a folder which contained material used by Brother Mark Farrelly in writing the 50 year history of Ashgrove, "Canvas of Dreams". Most of the material was hand-written in preparation for the publication of the book in 1990, essentially a final draft.

One item, however, which literally fell out of the hand-written pages, was quite different – a small booklet which, to the astonishment of the Archivist, advertised the new Catholic school at Ashgrove in 1940. This gem is the original prospectus of the College, and in Archival terms is priceless.

The prospectus is a bound volume of eight pages, and has a white cover with blue writing; it is entitled "Prospectus of St Mary's College, a Boarding and Day School for Boys, conducted by the Marist Brothers under the Distinguished Patronage of His Grace Most Reverend Dr Duhig, Archbishop of Brisbane". There is a portrait of the Virgin Mary inside the front cover, and the contents include headings such as "College Situation", "Buildings", "Aim", "Fees", "College Regulations", "Outfit" and "Sport".

Although there is no acknowledged author, it could be none other than the first Headmaster (Director) of Ashgrove, Brother Ignatius O'Connor. The vision of Ignatius, to create "a St Joseph's of the North", shines through the wording of the prospectus, as does his boundless drive, enthusiasm and optimism. There are idealised photographs throughout the pages, culminating in a shot of Enoggera Creek with the College bridge in the background: it is obviously the work of a professional photographer.

The prospectus was immediately added to the Archive computer catalogue, but it is too important a document in the history of the College to remain in an Archival box. It has been placed in the display cabinet in the Tower Block, and for Ashgrove community members and Old Boys interested in our heritage, it is required viewing. The Ashgrove of today, which has realised the vision of Ignatius, came from humble beginnings, and the prospectus was the inspiration behind the process.



The front cover and a page from the original Prospectus of the College

SONS OF OLD BOYS CONTINUE TO GRADUATE IN 2021 - SOME FAMOUS NAMES LITTERED THROUGHOUT

The Tradition continues.

This year saw a smaller cohort of Sons of Old Boys graduating than in recent years, but there were still some very famous Ashgrove names amongst them.

It included the third generation of the Trestons (led out front by Tom (1947)) and the Tehans. We spotted some old Ashgrove names going back to the 60's and 70's, such as Cole, Osborne and Mee, not to mention our current President, Steve McAuliffe (1985) and his son, Jack.

These young men of 2021 have proved exceptional in another tough year for our Seniors. True Ashgrovians.

And congratulations to all 216 graduates who now become members the closest of Old Boy families. Like the great men over the last 81 years - bonds which will last for life.

Back rows: David (1986) and Nicholas Ryan, Anton (1989) and Jacob Kumaru, Peter (1977) and Matthew Osborne, Bradley (1981) and Angel Butten, Jonathan (1987) and Will Corby, Matthew Mee

Middle rows: Nathan (1989) and Harry Edwards, Michael (1993) and Max Lane, Os (1987) and Reilly Culic Benjamin (1988) and Sam Jensen, Steve (1985) and Jack McAuliffe, Tim (1990) and Hugh Ford, Max Bonasia

Front rows: Dominic (1983) and Jack Sykes, Damien (1983) and Xavier Cole, John (1972) and Michael Gormley, Craig (1984) and Will Hynes, Daniel (1993) and Max McGrath, Bill (1987) and Joe Macqueen

Out the front: Tom Treston (1947), Matthew Shearer, Luke (1986) and Dylan Treston, Robin (1989) and Carl Martin

Absent but always there in spirit: Ricardo Bonasia (1985), Tom (1986) and Joseph Cranitch, Damian (1976) and Daniel Meggitt, Damian (1976) and Rory Tehan, Jimmy Mee (1982).

SUPER REUNION WEEKEND MAY 20-21, 2022

All Old Boys are reminded of the Super Reunion Weekend commencing Friday 20 May 2022 at Queensland's Premier event – the Champagnat Sports Lunch at the Convention Centre. Drinks will be held that night at a venue to be announced, followed by a return to the College on Saturday 21 May, 2022 to watch the 1st XV and 1st XI in action. This will be followed by the individual group reunions to be held that evening. Get your year group organised for a huge weekend

THE COLOSSUS THAT IS AARON BOURKE (1994). 2021 GRADUATES START WHITTLING DOWN RECORDS AFTER 30 YEARS

Swimming records often last, at best, just a few years. But when Aaron Bourke (1994), Ashgrove's Australian freestyle representative at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Canada, set dozens of simply unbelievable Age and Open swimming records in the period from 1990 to 1994, Head Coach, Lindsay Spencer, boldly predicted the records would stand for 20 years.

It is now 30 years and counting!

As recently as 2015, some 25 years after he set his very first, Aaron still held 14 College Age and Open records.

But the new young guns finally arrived and, over the next 4 years, the number of records owned by one A. Bourke was whittled down from 14 to 9. Despite all those efforts, as at the close of 2021, Aaron still remains the holder of four records. Just phenomenal!

Two of our modern day superstars who have made some of those ancient records their own are about to join us as Old Boys. Just brilliant in their leadership of the Ashgrove swimming squad, the OBA congratulate Jack Goyan who captured that most special of all the records, the Open 100 metres freestyle with an incredible 51.39 - and now holds five other all time records. Jack will be joined by backstroker extraordinaire, Matthew Magnussen, who holds 10 backstroke and three U16 freestyle records. And we wait to hear more about a young James Leigh who also captured the U14 100 metres freestyle (54.27) and 50 metres butterfly (27.37) records from Aaron and is just gobbling up more. Much to come from James.

But all these years on, we still celebrate the colossus of the Ashgrove pool that is Aaron Bourke. He still holds, to this very day, the Open and U15 200 metres freestyle and the Open and U15 400 metres freestyle records.

Old Boys will enjoy the tables of records carefully prepared by Ms Cath Geraghty, the AIC Swimming coordinator.

Aaron Bourke (still holds 4 individual records from 1992 and 1994) and Lindsay Spencer (Head Coach)

Bourke record conquerers - Jack Goyen (6 individual records) and Matthew Magnussen (13 individual records)

Jack Goyen

Matthew Magnussen

HISTORY OF AARON BOURKE'S RECORDS OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS

As at 2015 Aaron Bourke held the following 14 records. The year in which he set these records appears in brackets.

Event	Bourke's Time	Year Broken	By Whom	New Record	Notes
50m Freestyle					
U14 (1991)	25.46	2016	Henry Meland	25.37	James Leigh broke Meland's record in 2021 with a 25.27
100m Freestyle					
Open (1994)	52.17	2021	Jack Goyen	51.39	
U14 (1991)	54.83	2021	James Leigh	54.27	
U13 (1990)	57.75	2015	Henry Meland	57.57	
200m Freestyle					
Open (1994)	1:51.65		**Still Stands**		
U16 (1993)	1:54.11	2020	Matthew Magnussen	1:53.20	
U15 (1992)	1:56.61		**Still Stands**		
U13 (1990)	2:05.83	2017	Matthew Magnussen	2:03.44	James Leigh broke Magnussen's record in 2020 with a 1:59.83
400m Freestyle					
Open (1994)	3:57.29		**Still Stands**		
U16 (1993)	4:03.30	2020	Matthew Magnussen	4:00.89	
U15 (1992)	4:07.91		**Still Stands**		
U14 (1991)	4:24.68	2018	Matthew Magnussen	4:16.94	James Leigh broke Magnussen's record in 2020 with a 4:13.72
U13 (1990)	4:31.78	2016	Sam Short	4:23.23	Sam Short won the Open 800m Freestyle at the Australian Swimming Championships in April 2021
50m Butterfly					
U14 (1991)	28.26	2021	James Leigh	27.37	

YEAR	NUMBER OF RECORDS HELD BY AARON BOURKE
As at 2015	14
2016	11
2017	11
2018	9
2019	9
2020	7
2021	4

ETHEN TSIAMALILI FOLLOWS IN DAD PETER'S (1997) FOOTSTEPS - FATHER AND SON BOTH COLLEGE CAPTAINS

The OBA congratulates our member and past College Captain, Peter Tsiamalili (1997), on his son, Ethen, being appointed College Captain for 2022.

In his inaugural speech to the College Assembly, Ethen used the following introductory words:

> *When I was just a kid, I used to hear stories from my father about this school.*
>
> *I used to acknowledge his words, but I never truly understood what he meant when he said, "this school changed his life."*
>
> *Before I was able to come to this College, I never truly knew what it meant to be part of something greater than myself.*

The OBA send our very best to Ethen on his appointment and wish him all the success for 2022. Huge shoes to step into but we know he will attack the task with simplicity, modesty and humility. Just like Dad. Viriliter Age!

Br Robert presents Peter Tsiamalili with his College Captain's badge in 1997.

Ethen Tsiamalili with Michael Newman, Head of College

Peter Tsiamalili
College Captain (1997)

Ethen Tsiamalili
College Captain (2022)

CLASS OF 2021

Jay Adams, R
Jeferd Ancheta, H
Jacob Anderson, G
Will Andreas, R
Fergal Apps, D
Nate Armitage, E
Lachlan Arthur, F
Angus Atchison, I
Leo Barbieri-Yates, S
Reaghan Barratt, S
Jaxon Barwell, D
Liam Beal, G
Oliver Beal, G
Jakub Bennett, E
Toby Bergh, H
Max Bonasia, S
Ishmeal Bond, R *
Jamie Bowden, D
Myles Bowes-McKee, E
David Bremner, F
Noah Brickwood, E
Lachlan Britcliffe, F
Jai Broomfield, I
Angus Brown, E *
Jayden Bryant, G
Lachie Butler, S *
Angel Butten, R
Tully Byrne, R
Ethan Cabot, F
Alex Camenzuli, E
Mike Cao, I *
Zachary Carr, R
Ethan Chapman, I
Aiden Christison, I
Clancy Clemson, I *
Scott Cobb, D *
Xavier Cole, F
Tate Cole, D
Jack Condon, I *
Tyler Coogan, F
Will Corby, I
James Cork, H
Joseph Cranitch, S
Toby Cronin, S
Matthew Croonen, H
Pat Cross, S
Reilly Culic, D
William Curr, G
Ziggy Day, D
Louie Delos Reyes, E
Roman Dewis, S *
Paddy Dinneen, G
Tehan Dissanayake, R
Hudson Donovan, G
Daniel Drew, I
Lochie Dudgeon, D *
Matthew Duff, E
Harry Dyer, F
Harry Edwards, D
Fred Elia, H
Alex Elliott, E
Kyle Ephraims, R
Darcy Eustace, S
Ben Feltrin, F
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Alex Flanagan, H
Hugh Ford, I *
Tim Forster, I
Sam Garbellini, S
Tom Gibson, H
Hugh Gibson, D *
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Jack Goyen, D
Samuel Grant, D
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James Grimson, F
Jude Gullo, R
Liam Hagarty, G
Jamie Han, F *
Nick Harper, R
Charlie Hawke, H
Jackson Hawley, F
Jacob Hazel, H
Lewis Hicks, D
Finn Hooper, F
Henry Howse, S
Will Hunter, I
Will Hynes, D
Cale Innes, G
Declan Ives, E
Will Jennings, R
Sam Jensen, F
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Angus Junger, G
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Samuel Keir, F
Tom Kelleher, S
Mackie Kelly, D
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Oliver King, S
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Joseph Kumung, D *
Hayden Lammon, I *
Max Lane, H
Ryley Leeper, H
Jack L'Enfant, E
Max Lewis, E
Darcy Lewis, D
Dino Lopes, R *
Dwayne Ludwick, G *
Sebastian Luongo, H
Daniel Lynn, G
Cooper Mackie, S
Leo Mackie-Smith, E
Joe Macqueen, F *
Eamon Madden, G
Matthew Magnussen, G
Alex Marshall, S
Carl Martin, I
Jack McAuliffe, I
Daniel McBride, S
Michael McClure, R
Chadd McCoy, S *
Max McGrath, F
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Riley McIlhatton-Saunders, I
Nathan McKarzel, R
Matthew Mee, G
Daniel Meggitt, S
Max Mobbs, H
Oscar Moehead, H
Liam Mogg, D
Nick Muir, F
Jackson Munn, I *
Julian Murphy, G
Patrick Newman, E
Joel Newnham, G
Finbar O'Donnell, I
James O'Hara, S
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Thomas Pfitzner, E
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Noah Wright, E
Matt Zambelli, I
Noah Zanardo, I

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

Front Row: Joseph Kumung, Ziggy Day, Reilly Culic, Tate Cole, Jamie Bowden, Dylan Treston, Will Hynes
Second Row: Harry Edwards, Jackson Sawford, Lochie Dudgeon, Jack Goyen, Jake Sturmer, Fergal Apps, Alec Wilson-Hodge, Jaxon Barwell
Third Row: Callum McHugh, Liam Mogg, Scott Cobb, Mackie Kelly, Hugh Gibson, Sam Van Leuven, Samuel Grant
Absent: Darcy Lewis, Cooper Thomas, Lewis Hicks

Pastoral Leader: Mr David Meehan (Old Boy 1977)

Front Row: Ky Rashleigh, Jacob Kumaru, Alex Elliott, Angus Brown, Miles Kilpatrick, Nick Sowby, Louie Delos Reyes
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Third Row: Jesse O'Neill, Noah Wright, Jack L'Enfant, Thomas Pfitzner, Noah Brickwood, Patrick Newman
Absent: Nate Armitage, Jakub Bennett, Myles Bowes-McKee, Matthew Duff, Declan Ives, Max Lewis, Leo Mackie-Smith

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Absent: Nick Muir, Matthew Vivanti

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Third Row: Max Jorquera, Andreas Roszka, Sebastian Towler, William Waters, Matthew Magnussen, William Curr, Zach Williamson
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Pastoral Leader: Mr Brett Gillett

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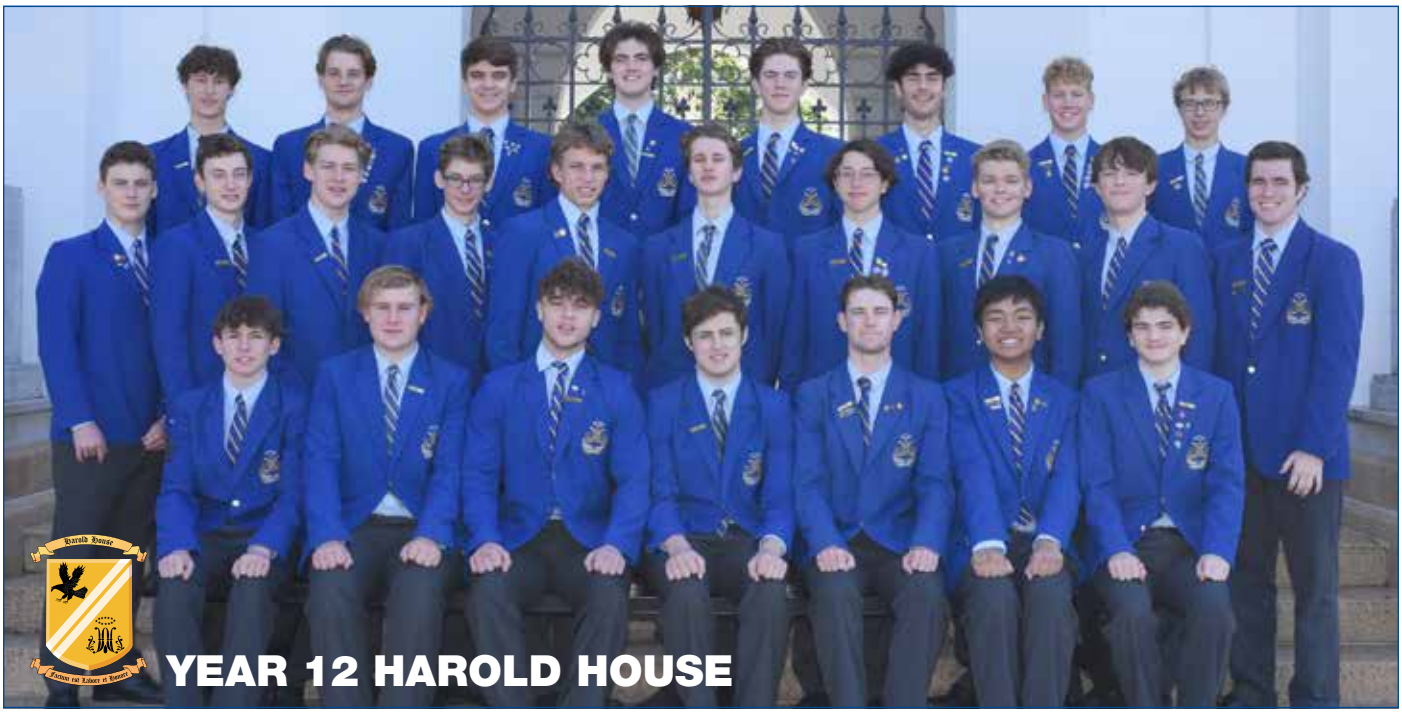

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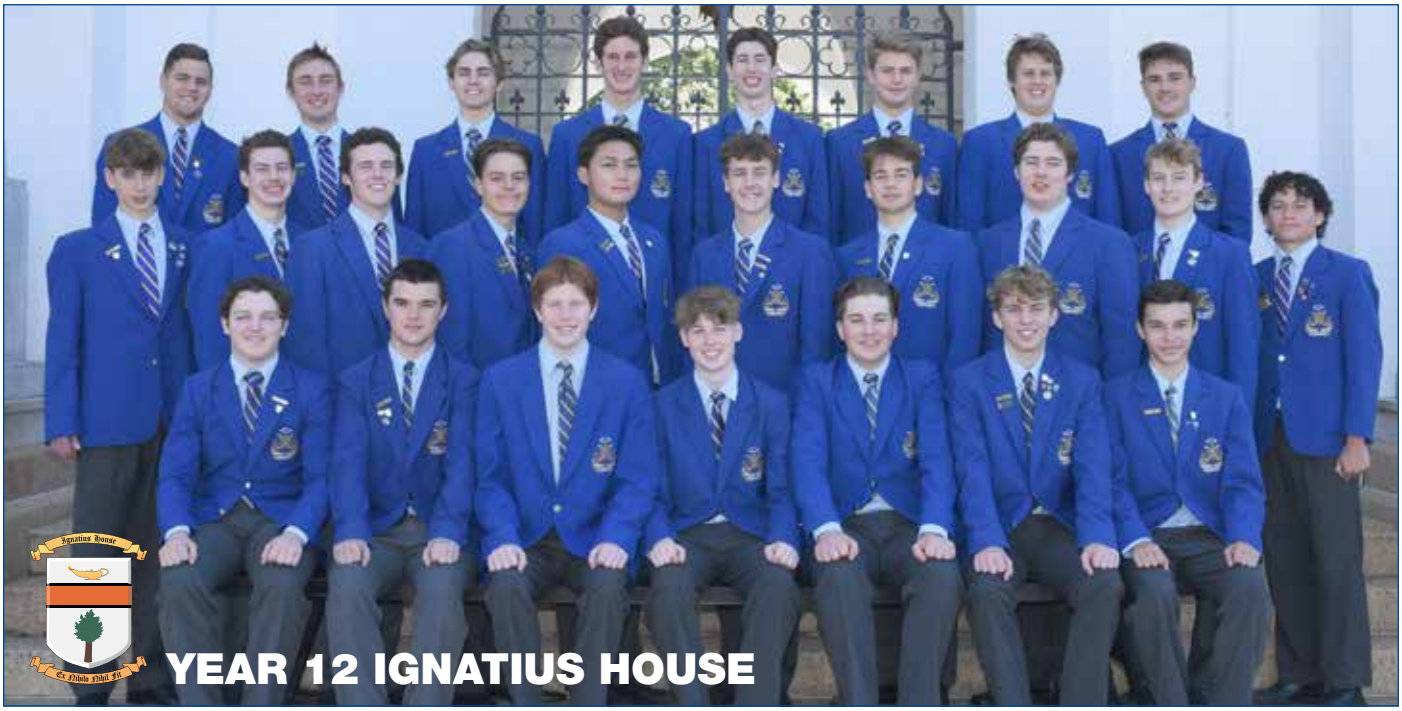

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Absent: Tehan Dissanayake, Jesse Connolly

Pastoral Leader: Mr Adam Knight

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Second Row: Leo Barbieri-Yates, Liam van der Walt, Darcy Eustace, Joseph Cranitch, Sam Garbellini, Pat Cross, Reaghan Barratt, Henry Howse, Roman Dewis
Third Row: Matthew Shearer, Max Bonasia, Daniel Meggitt, Sean O'Hara, Tom Kelleher, James O'Hara, Oliver King, Daniel McBride, Oliver Vandenberg
Absent: Toby Cronin, Cooper Mackie, Christian Wightman

Pastoral Leader: Ms Megan Wandell

A SNAPSHOT OF MCA 'FIRSTS' AIC SPORT IN 2021

Many thanks from the OBA to the Acting Head of Sport, Mr Luke Caplick, for this review:

The 2021 sporting season commenced with the 1st VI Volleyball claiming an undefeated premiership, after hard fought wins in the early rounds against St Laurence's and Villanova. Our open victory was accompanied by our first Volleyball aggregate win since 2005. Our 1st XI Cricket team finished tied for 2nd place while our Swimming squad was gallant in defeat, finishing runners up, just 16 points behind a strong St Peters program. AFL continued to grow across the whole program with our 1st XVIII finishing 3rd after claiming some strong wins at the back end of the season.

Term 2 was extremely successful, winning the AIC Cross-Country Aggregate for the 5th consecutive year with the Opens age group also finishing as age group champions. Football continued its stronghold on the AIC Premiership with its 3rd consecutive 1st XI premiership, coupled with the football aggregate. After a close loss in the first round against St Laurence's College which turned out to be the premiership deciding game, our 1st XV finished 2nd overall while the College still won the aggregate shield yet again. Our chess team placed second in a tightly contested competition, winning more games than any other AIC school but ultimately being pipped in a countback.

Term 3 was disrupted by COVID, which meant 2 rounds were cancelled and a decision not to award aggregates to any school. Our 1st XIII started strongly with a 50-point win over SLC; however, a couple of close losses lead to us finishing 4th, in games perhaps Ashgrove should have won. The 1st V Basketball team finished in equal 4th position with two strong wins to close out their season and our 1st IV Tennis team finished 5th with two wins against St Patrick's and St Edmund's College.

Ashgrove finished the year in style by winning the AIC Track and Field Championships for the 7th consecutive year, a result not achieved by any AIC/TAS College in history. This was complemented by our Open Track and Field team who put on a dominant display winning the age group comprehensively to lead the team to victory – winning both the primary and secondary Track and Field titles for the first time in AIC history.

2021 MCA SPORT RESULTS

Cricket	Volleyball	Swimming	Rugby Union	Football	Cross Country	Chess	Basketball	Rugby League	AFL	Tennis	Track and Field
1st XI Equal 2nd	1st VI Premiers	Opens 2nd	1st XV 2nd	1st XI Premiers	OPEN Champions	1st IV Equal 3rd	1st V Equal 4th	OPEN 4th	OPEN 3rd	1st IV Equal 5th	Opens Champions
2nd XI Equal 2nd	2nd VI Premiers	16 years 3rd	2nd XV Premiers	2nd XI Co-Premiers	16 years 2nd	Senior A Premiers	2nd V Equal 5th	Year 10 4th	YEAR 8/9 3rd	2nd IV 3rd	16 years 2nd
3rd XI Equal 3rd	3rd VI Equal 2nd	15 years 2nd	3rd XV Premiers	3rd XI Premiers	15 years 3rd	Senior B Premiers	3rd V Equal 2nd	Year 9 Premiers	Year 7 4th	3rd IV Equal 6th	15 years 2nd
4th XI 5th	11A 5th	14 years Champions	4th XV Premiers	4th XI Premiers	14 years Champions	Inter A 2nd	11A Equal 2nd	Year 8 4th		11A Equal 2nd	14 years 2nd
10A Equal 4th	10A Premiers	13 years Champions	10A 2nd	10A 7th	13 years Champions	Inter B Equal 2nd	10A Equal 3rd	Year 7 2nd		11B 4th	13 years 3rd
10B Equal 2nd	10B Co-Premiers	12 years 2nd	10B Premiers	10B 5th	12 years Champions	Junior A 4th	10B Equal 4th			10A Equal 3rd	12 years 3rd
9A Equal 3rd	9A Equal 3rd		9A 2nd	9A 2nd		Junior B Equal 6th	9A Equal 6th			10B Equal 2nd	
9B Premiers	9B 2nd		9B Premiers	9B 4th			9B Equal 4th			9A 3rd	
8A 5th	8A Equal 4th		8A 2nd	8A Equal 3rd			8A Equal 4th			9B Co-Premiers	
8B 4th	8B Co-Premiers		8B Equal 2nd	8B Premiers			8B Equal 5th			8A Equal 3rd	
7A Equal 3rd	7A 5th		8C Co-Premiers	7A Premiers			7A Equal 2nd			8B Premiers	
7B Co-Premiers	7B 2nd		7A 4th	7B Premiers			7B Equal 2nd			7A 4th	
			7B 2nd							7B 4th	
Aggregate Result											
3rd	**1st**	**2nd**	**1st**	**1st**	**1st**	**2nd**	**No Result**	**No Result**	**3rd**	**No Result**	**1st**

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20 AND 21 MAY 2022!

After this year's stunning success, the OBA are proud to announce the dates for the 2022 Super Reunion Weekend.

Friday 20th May 2022 will be the Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch at the Brisbane Convention Centre,

Saturday Afternoon 21st May 2022 will be the Super Reunion Day at the Cyprian watching the First XV play for the Premiership.

Saturday evening 21st May 2022 will be your year group's reunion.

START GETTING YOUR YEAR GROUP ORGANISED !

1990 JUST RAISE THE BAR AT SUPER REUNION WEEKEND

COVID-19 has not halted the determination of our Old Boys to catch up. Even one year on they were determined to bring that Ashgrove spirit back to the College.

The Super Reunion Weekend was just so much better for the presence of the mercurial and exceptionally gifted 1990 year who celebrated their 30/31 year reunion in style. Many memories were bought back to life and a few (questionable) stories were told.

2000 BRING SOMETHING SPECIAL TO SUPER REUNION WEEKEND

It really was something special to see the return of that brilliant 2000 year group to the College for the Super Reunion Weekend. A huge celebration delayed by 12 months because of COVID-19.

Some of the boys were at the Sports Lunch on the Friday and then the huge afternoon watching the 1st XV on the Saturday followed by celebrations long into the night.

Congratulations to the 1990 and 2000 Old Boys for supporting this superb weekend which is on again next year on Friday 20 May, 2022 (Sports Lunch) and Saturday 21 May, 2022 (1st XV in the Cyprian Pavilion).

MCA OBA VINTAGE BLUE AND GOLD LUNCH 2021

On Friday, October 22, 2021, over 140 people attended the annual Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch in the Boarders' Dining Room and many also attended Mass in the College Chapel immediately preceding lunch.

We were fortunate to have Fr Michael Carroll sm (1970) celebrate Mass with Fr Leo Coote (1962) , Fr Harry Moore sm (1956) and College Chaplain, Fr Alatini Kolofou'ou sm. Former Headmasters, Peter McLoughlin (2009-2020), read the Epistle and Br Neville Solomon fms (2003-2008) was our organist and cantor. Richard Ward, MCA teacher, 1979-2015, and former Deputy Headmaster for most of the 2000s, led the Offertory Procession with former long-term MCA Community Manager, 2000s Headmaster's secretary, 1990s and parent from the 1980s, Kay Wells and Genevieve Cavanagh, wife of recently deceased, Noel (1955). Philamena Apelt, sister of Arthur Apelt (1945), was joined in the Prayer of Intercession readings by Br Roger Burke fms (1953), Michael Donohue (1970), Old Boys' President, Steve McAuliffe (1985), John Jeffrey (1960), Peter Moloney (1961), Jim Griffith, Marist Rosalie Old Boys' President, Steve Laracy (1980), Peter Gibson (1970), Bill Andrews (1966),Michael Tanzer, respected former teacher at both Colleges, and Terry Batch (1971). Michael Newman, MCA current Headmaster welcomed the congregation and the lunch attendees. A short tour of the newly restored Tower following Mass was very well received.

The Classes of 1960/61, 1966, 1970/1, and 1980/81, attended as part of their milestone reunions and special thanks to their respective year co-ordinators, John Jeffrey (1960), Peter Moloney (1961), Chris Healy (1966), Michael Donohue (1970), and Colin Bell (1971). Recently deceased Old Boys were also recognised during the day.

Jack Laracy (1953) was posthumously presented with the MCA OBA most meritorious award, the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award. Noel Saunders (1968) detailed Jack's involvement with MCA over his many years and Arthur's brother, Colin Apelt (1946) was able to honour Jack with a framed certificate signifying his great achievement. Jack's son Steve Laracy (1980), accepted on Jack's behalf, while Jack's wife Karin and daughter Susan also witnessed the occasion. The many Old Boys present from all decades joined with a wonderful contingent of Rosalie Old Boys in giving Jack's family a rousing ovation.

Covid restrictions and border closures prevented many from physically attending but thanks for being with us in spirit. Thanks to everyone else who attended for continuing to make this day so special and especially to MCA Event co-ordinators, Ellen Kassulke and Bethany Halpin for their successful organisation of the day.

FR MICHAEL CARROLL (1970) HOMILY

Given its wonderful reception, the OBA has included for all members the homily of Father Michael Carroll (1970) delivered at the Old Boys Mass on 22 October, 2021.

During our experience of this school up to our senior year of 1970 we were introduced to a number of women. Our novel for Senior English in 1970 was Vanity Fair set in upper class Victorian England. The main character was Becky Sharp. The author, William Makepeace Thackeray, gave his characters names to suit their personalities. Becky was sharp, shrewd and cunning. She had to be given she was an orphan and she wanted to make her way in class ridden Victorian society. The novel is an account of her adventures.

Some years after I left Ashgrove I met our English Teacher, Br Aquin, by then Brother Harry Bell. I asked him why he chose Vanity Fair. He said to me it was a great English novel. Then I mentioned Becky Sharp. He then looked at me and laughed. He said I thought you innocent boys needed to be introduced to a wily and shrewd member of the fairer sex.

At Ashgrove here we were introduced to another woman much earlier than Year 11, that is Mary the mother of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our gospel is the story of Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel where she accepts the role as mother of Jesus. In a secular context this is a fanciful story: an angel appearing to a woman who accepts the role of being a mother. But we view it through the eyes of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and God. As past students of this school we would have heard this story early in our life, may be in the first decade of our life but definitely in our teenage years.

The scriptural context is quite simple. The Jewish people had a belief that a messiah would come that would free them. When this event occurred Mary would have been about fourteen and imbued with this expectation of a messiah. Nazareth was a poor town in Israel then under the control of the Roman Empire. Mary said yes and became the mother of the Lord. For people of faith this story is God's intervention in history. Christianity came into the world.

But now we gather in the more experienced years of our life. We have had some experience of Christianity. We were educated by the Marist Brothers who have always been inspired by the example of Mary. Is Christianity worthwhile? Do we want to promote Christianity?

The history of this school tells us much about Christianity. It is energetic. We think of the Brothers spending their first Christmas holidays digging the hole for the swimming pool. Christianity reaches out to the marginalised. I meet Old Boys of this school in my ministry as chaplain of Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital. I met one some years ago who told me that he had a hurried arrival here as a boarder. He got into some mischief in his hometown. The local police sergeant suggested that boarding school would be a good option. He loved the structured lifestyle—plenty of sport, time for study etc. The boarding school option was available at a very low cost because of the generosity of the brothers.

We remember the 24 hour day those brothers gave in supervising the dormitories at night and then teaching of a day and then coaching a sporting team of an afternoon.

This concern for the marginalised is continuing with the Champagnat Trust fund. As a former parish priest of Murgon, I am aware that Ashgrove had made considerable effort to give First nations students from Cherbourg an opportunity to be educated here at this school.

Christianity also comes in earthenware jars. It is never perfect. We can't escape the humanity of it. There is no doubt some of us had positive experiences here at Ashgrove and others had other experiences.

I would like to conclude my homily with a quote from Brother Cyprian. I do so with care: there might be a former rugby league player present. He often repeated that saying

There are three things one can't take back:

- The spoken word
- The spent arrow
- The lost opportunity

We were given an opportunity to experience Christianity. May we continue the story of Christianity.

NOEL SAUNDERS (1968) TRIBUTE TO JACK LARACY (1953)

It is my pleasure and honour to say a few words about Jack Laracy who is about to become the most recent recipient of the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award. Jack unfortunately passed away in July this year and we extend our condolences and prayers to his family who are represented here today by his wife Karin, daughter Susan and son Steven.

Jack was an Ashgrove boy through and through. Growing up in Waterworks Road, he attended Marist College Ashgrove in 1945 and graduated in 1953. During his adult life Jack continued his association with Marist Ashgrove as a long time committee member of the Old Boys Association, two stints as President of the Old Boys Association the first coinciding with his son, Steven's time at Marist Ashgrove, and second stint when his Grandson, Nicholas attended Ashgrove. Jack remained on the committee of the Old Boys Association for another decade being a part of the school he loved so much.

Jack's life revolved around what he had learnt here at Marist Ashgrove. Jack represented the College in swimming, athletics and rugby. In his senior year in 1953, Jack was dux of the College. He continued his love of learning studying-mechanical engineering at UQ. After working in Switzerland and later Mt Isa, Jack joined the founding Queensland Institute of Technology as the Head of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering.

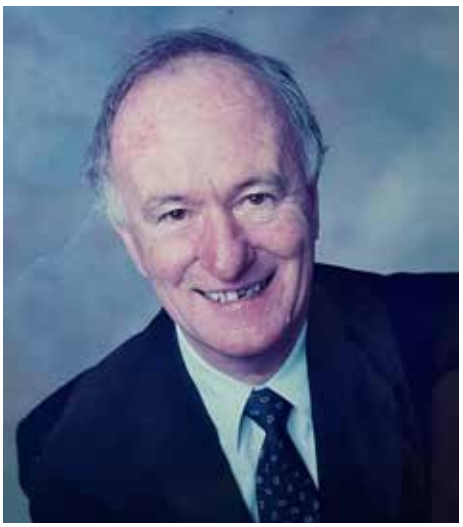
Jack was always looking for ways to encourage and inspire his students. On one occasion long before boutique breweries or craft beer became common place Jack asked his final year students to design and build a microbrewery. Although some members of the academic world didn't think this project appropriate, Jack proved otherwise when the project was awarded the Institute of Engineers Award for Design Excellence. That's a story that should warm the hearts of Marist Old Boys everywhere.

I had the pleasure of meeting Arthur Apelt many years ago while helping to organise a class reunion. I realised that Jack and Arthur had some similarities: They both had blue and gold blood in their veins and both had a love of everything Marist.

I have only briefly touched on Jack's life and connection to Marist Ashgrove but everyone who knew him was familiar with his warm welcoming smile and his storytelling ability so to conclude today I will recite one of Jack's memories about the school cadets.

Within Jack's cadet platoon was a young man called Ducky O'Connor, who some of you might be familiar with. Ducky went on to become infamous in the Sydney underworld as a hitman. Essentially, Ducky shot people for a living, and became one of Australia's most wanted criminals until he himself became a target and returned to Brisbane to be hidden by Brother Cyprian in the white tower block until he could be smuggled to New Zealand, where the Auckland Marist Brothers looked after him. Ducky eventually returned to Sydney where he was shot dead in a nightclub. Jack always had a twinkle in his eye as he said that as the CUO of Ducky's platoon, it was he, Jack Laracy, who had taught Ducky to shoot.

I know Jack would have been honoured to receive this Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award, and on behalf of Jack's family, thank you all for recognising the significance of Jack's actions.



Jack Laracy (1953)

Colin Apelt presents Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award to Stephen Laracy (1980) on behalf of Jack Laracy (1953)

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PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the following who have deceased recently.

- Conor O'Donovan (2014) brother of Aiden (2018) and beloved son of Gerry and Majella, passed away in his sleep in early August, 2021.
- Blake McKeiver (2004) passed away after illness in October, 2021.
- Gerard 'Ged' McCaffery (1988), formerly of Coopers Camp Road, Ashgrove, passed away in Hobart on September 23, 2001 after illness. Ged was the loving son of John (1960) and Patricia (dec'd), and loved brother of Michael (1986), John (1989), Martin (1990) and Justin (1992).
- Madeleine Farrelly, formerly of Ashgrove, passed away on the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15, 2021, aged 92 years. Madeleine had been in care in Laidley for some time. Loved mother of Br Mark Farrelly (1969), author of 'Canvas of Dreams' and who deceased in 1999, and survived by Stephen, and Christopher (1973) and their families. Madeleine's funeral service was held in Ipswich on October 15, 2021. Br Dan Hollamby (1969) spoke on behalf of friends and Br Neville Solomon and Br Peter Stewart conveyed the prayers of the College community at the service.
- Maureen Feehley, late of Dorrington, passed away on September 17, 2021, aged 87 years. Maureen was the beloved wife of Maurice (dec'd), and loved mother and mother-in-law of Jim (1972) and Jen, Danny (1973) and Trish, Bronwyn (dec'd) and Karen and their families. Maureen's funeral Mass was held at St Finbarr's Ashgrove on September 28, 2021.
- John 'Jack' Healy, aged 85. Beloved husband of Pam and father and father-in-law to Louise and Keith Hall (1979), Magaurite and Sean Barclay and Dominique and Terry Gardiner (1981) and grandfather to Sam (2006), Edward (2008) and Henry (2008) Hall and Jack (2005), Tom (2007) and Joseph (2010) Gardiner.
- Professor Alban Lynch AO, passed away peacefully on Friday September 17, 2021, aged 91 years. Loving husband to Barbara (dec'd), and father to Mary, Joe (1974), Pat (1976), Angela, Martin (1978), Carmel and Suzy.
- Ivan Oliver, late of Millmerran, passed away on Sunday October 17, 2021, near Miles. Ivan is the loving husband of Maria and most loved father of Thomas (2010) and William (2012).
- William "Bill" Power, late of Alderley, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2021, aged 92 years. Bill was the dearly loved husband to Val, and loving father of Phil (1972), Annette, Janine, Francine, Catherine, James (1988), and adored grandfather. Bill was a longstanding manual arts teacher at Mitchelton High and his Requiem Mass was held at St Michael's Church, Banks St, Alderley on November 3, 2021.
- Patricia Heenan, formerly of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2021, aged 92 years. Dearly loved wife of Frank (dec'd), and loving mother of Maureen, John (1976), Martin (1978 dec'd), Margaret, James (1986) and grandmother and great-grandmother to their children. Pat was also sister-in-law to MCA Old Boys Peter (dec'd), Paul and Bishop Brian Heenan. Pat's Funeral Mass was held at St Finbarr's, Ashgrove on November 5, 2021.

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

REMEMBERING JOSH TAM (2013)

The OBA remembers the tragic passing of our young brother, Josh Tam (2013), in late 2018.

For those who wish to support the wonderful legacy of Josh, please visit the website set up by his parents, John (1981) and Julie.

www.justmossin.com.au

There are great times ahead for young Ashgrovians, but please take care. Look after each other.

VALE SECTION ON THE NEW OLD BOYS' WEBSITE

The new updated website will have a special 'Vale' section where eulogies and memories of Old Boys can be recorded. Please visit www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au and click on 'Vale'.

OLD BOYS PAY TRIBUTE ON THE PASSING OF DR BRIAN SIDNEY COLE OAM

The entire College community was greatly saddened to learn of the passing on 10 October 2021, of Dr Brian Cole OAM, a dedicated servant of the Marist Brothers and the Marist Ashgrove Community.

All 6 sons of Brian and Therese (RIP) - Brian (1976) (RIP), Andrew (1977), James (1979), Paul (1982), Damien (1983) and Tim (1985) - were educated at the College. From 1967 to 1985, an entire generation of Ashgrovians attended alongside one or more of the Cole brothers. The next generation then arrived with grandsons Daniel (2001), Dominic (2004), Michael (2005), David (2006), Jonathon (2006) and Elijah (2016) all forming an important part of the family tradition. And this year, Xavier (2021), is warmly welcomed as an Old Boy.

Despite being a proud Old Boy (1948) of St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, Brian felt the warm embrace of the Ashgrove community in a myriad of ways. He and Therese welcomed several of the Brothers and the Marist Fathers into their home for many meals and special celebrations. Some of these fine men became Brian's lifelong friends. Such was their unwavering support and contribution, Brian and Therese were made Marist Affiliates in 1979 and Brian became an Affiliate of the International Marists in 2008.

Brian's involvement in caring for Therese in the final years of her life inspired him to become a pioneer of, and advocate for, home-based palliative care services, both through family doctors and specialist services. That his Order of Australia citation awarded as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2006 made particular mention of his work in palliative care was a source of great pride to Brian.

Brian was also one of the founding partners of the Walton Bridge Medical Centre which served that growing community faithfully for decades resulting in Brian being formally declared 'an Icon of The Gap'.

Brian's selfless contributions to the College and the broader community were endless but included frequent attendances with the boarders and the Marist Brothers to attend to their health. A community blessed by his presence.

It goes without saying the little man on the blue mobility scooter will be missed around the heart of Ashgrove, and in the hearts of all who knew him.

Brian is now reunited for eternity with Therese. Their legacy will live on for generations.

May perpetual light shine upon Brian. May Mother Mary, St Marcellin Champagnat and Blessed Edmund Rice welcome him home.

ASHGROVE SALUTES THE WONDERFUL LIFE OF FATHER CORMAC (MALCOLM) NAGLE (1946)

Old Boys, the passing of a great man who has done much for the world around him is always a moment of sadness. However, we can give thanks for the life of our first Franciscan priest, Father Cormac Nagle (1946), who passed away in May this year in Melbourne.

The OBA are grateful to our friend, Brian McMackin (1953), who provided this lovely summary of Fr Cormac's life:

Malcolm Nagle (1946) lived at Ashgrove on the corner of Glenlyon Drive and Grevillea Road. Malcolm's father passed away when he was eleven years old. His mother then started a job in the city to support the family (Gran, Zeta, Douglas and Malcolm).

Malcolm attended St Finbarr's Primary for his early education, then on to Marist Brothers Rosalie. In 1945, he transferred to Marist Ashgrove when the College reopened, and was in Scholarship in 1946. Malcolm completed his schooling down south which enabled him to confirm his intentions to join the Franciscan order, entering their novitiate on Feb 17, 1950.

We were good friends and playmates. Malcolm was a high achiever but remained a humble man.

The Franciscan family mourns the death of Fr Cormac (Malcolm) Nagle OFM who died suddenly on May 4, 2021. Fr Nagle was 88 years old, 70 years professed, and 64 years ordained. He served as Provincial Minister for the Province of the Holy Spirit (Australia), Definitor General of the Order, Lecturer in moral theology, teacher at Yarra theological Union, ethicist at Mercy Hospital, and mentor to many within and outside the order.

His canonical and moral studies gave him a firm and solid insight into how we ought to act, but he tempered that with a Franciscan compassion and sensitivity that always respected the situation of each individual. He was an extraordinary man and so many are deeply indebted to his vision, energy love and faith. Pax et Bonum was not just a Franciscan motto for him, it was reality deeply and richly lived.

Reverend Emeritus Associate Professor Cormac Nagle OFM will be remembered for his kind and composed manner, generosity and passionate advocacy for improving health outcomes for women and families in need. His wise counsel and deep concern for all will be sadly missed.

Fr Cormac's funeral was held at St Paschal's Chapel, Box Hill, Melbourne.

GEORGE AHKEN (2010)

The Marist College Ashgrove Community and particularly the boarding community and the Class of 2010, were greatly saddened to learn of the recent passing, all too soon, of one of our beloved PNG Old Boys Gerorge Ahken, more popularly known as 'Georgie Boii'. George was a larger-than-life figure with a wonderful presence who put people at ease through his ability to befriend both students and teachers, his infectious smile and laughter, and unbreakable bonds of brotherhood he formed with his fellow boarders.

Many of George's friends gathered at the Story Bridge Hotel on the 23rd of October, 2021 to celebrate his life.

The Old Boys' pray that God's loving embrace comforts his loved ones. We express our most sincere condolences to his wife, family and friends in Papua New Guinea and abroad. George will be forever missed. May he rest in eternal peace.

FATHER LINO ANTHONY VALENTE (RIP) OUR FIRST ORDAINED PRIEST

"There are no barriers between Lino and people. How many of us have experienced his warmth and his kind and caring spirit?" - Father Brian Connolly

The Old Boys' Association expresses our eternal gratitude for the life of the magnificent Father Lino Anthony Valente - the first ever Old Boy to be ordained a priest (June 1954). Educated at Eagle Heights, Lino passed away, aged 93, on 14th September 2021. At the time of his passing, Lino was the longest serving priest in Queensland.

Lino's is a remarkable story as is his association with the Marist Brothers. Although born in the border town of Texas, Lino, his siblings and parents, as immigrants from Italy, were interned during the war as 'enemy aliens'. However, due to the efforts in 1943 of a Bendigo priest (Father Arthur Owens), Lino and his siblings were permitted to be educated by the Marist Brothers in Kilmore. A remarkable turn of events. A family of deep faith, his parents, Artura (Tulia) and Giacomo (Tony) Valente, a tobacco farmer, led a family Rosary every evening. Faith expression was 'a normal part of everything'. At the age of 14, Lino told his parents he wanted to be a priest.

The entire family was released in January 1944 and returned to the Texas area. With a thirst for knowledge, Lino pursued his education with the Christian Brothers in Warwick before completing his education with Marist College Ashgrove - except that the campus had then been moved to Eagle Heights during WWII. Again, the Marist Brothers became a presence in Lino's life just as they had been in Kilmore.

After studying at Banyo Seminary, Lino was ordained as a priest in Warwick on 29 June 1954 by Bishop William Brennan marking the culmination of that youthful ambition. Initially appointed to Dalby, Lino eventually arrived in Stanthorpe on 23 January 1960 for an initial stint of 13 years after which he left to commence six months long-service leave on the 19th May 1973.

For the next 7 years, Lino served at the Bishop's pleasure in many places including Mitchell, Crow's Nest, St. George, Wallangarra, Toowoomba and even Annerley in Brisbane. He came back to the Granite Belt 'for good' in 1981 where he celebrated Mass daily and tended to the sick and infirmed in Stanthorpe, Lyra, Wallangarra and surrounding areas.

Lino was known for his compassion, great humour and phenomenal work ethic. His passion was infectious. Forever a legend in the Granite Belt.

The wonderful Father Lino Anthony Valente, this great Son of Champagnat, passed away on the 14th September, 2021 after a short illness with his beloved sister, Rita, by his side and one of his great nieces holding his hand.

May our Mother Mary and St Marcellin Champagnat welcome Lino home. May perpetual light shine upon him.

PORTRAIT OF FR TOM MALONEY TO HONOUR HIS CENTENARY

Old Boys, our beloved Father Thomas Maloney SM (31 May 1921 - 6 July 2010) would have turned 100 on the 31st of May this year.

Should any Old Boys be visiting Lismore, they should take the time to pass through the main entrance at St Vincent's Private Hospital and view the wonderful portrait of Father Tom by Peter Smeeth which greets visitors. The warmth which was synonymous with Father Tom is generated by this wonderful piece of art.

Besides servicing the Ashgrove faithful for two decades, Father Tom was also the chaplain at St Vincent's from 1989 to 2006.

When Old Boys return to the College they will drive up 'Father Tom Maloney Way' which serves as the entry from Frasers Road.

May Father Tom always rest in peace.

FATHER TOM MALONEY AWARD – 2ND XI CRICKET

One of the most impressive trophies on offer is the Father Tom Maloney trophy for the Best and Fairest in 2nd XI Cricket.

A legend in his lifetime, Father Tom was not only College Chaplain but the iconic 2nd XI coach who retains a sensational winning record unmatched anywhere in the old TAS or modern day AIC. The Old Boys' Association proudly recognised Father Tom's contribution by commissioning a magnificent trophy.

This year the award goes to Billy Nuss who has been nominated by the cricket coaching staff for his outstanding achievements and approach to the game. The Old Boys' Association sends its congratulations to Billy on this most prestigious and deserved award.

Father Tom believed passionately in the pursuit of excellence and would be very proud of the approach to the game and the success which Billy had.

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