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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
ST MICHAEL’S COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS

WE REMEMBER ...

Mrs Jennie Bourne
Mr Rob Keenan
Br Paul Kent fsc
Mrs Mary Wahrlichler
St Michael’s College ~ Class of 1954, the First Year

On February 9, 1954, twenty-nine students commenced at St Michael’s College, Beverley.

Robert Bender
Robert Butterfield
Paul Cashen
John Cornish
Don Coutts
Peter Cunningham
Ian Daniels
Terence Dinnison
John Graham
Christopher Hall
Michael Harley
Kevin Johnson
Livio Lamberti
Alexander Lewis
David Lovell
Bernard Maher
Terry Mayberry
Peter Mayberry
Raymond O’Sullivan
John Oswald
Brendan Roberts
John Schofield
Allen Suter
John Tonkin
Peter Tonkin
Thomas Warren
Michael Warren
Dion Williams
Robert Wise

As the year progressed, another twelve boys were enrolled into Years 5, 6, 7 and 8:

Walter Bajko
Bradley Beck
Richard Brandon
Michael Carmody
Paul Elliott
Anthony Medlyn
Christopher Murray
John O’Brien
Paul O’Sullivan
Peter Smith
Christopher Wojciak
Barry Young
Over the years the College has been privileged to welcome back a large number of old scholars as employees or volunteers. The ongoing involvement of Old Scholars enhances the Lasallian tradition of the College in so many ways.

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ST MICHAEL’S COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS

Dom Ascoli ~ Class of 2009

I joined St Michael’s at Beverley as a Year 6 student in 2003 where I attended with my three younger brothers. In my time as a student I was actively involved in leadership, particularly as a Year 11 Lasallian Youth Leader, and the co-curricular program in football and cricket. I went on to graduate with the Class of 2009.

As a student I always knew that I wanted to go to university but had no idea what I wanted to study. I enrolled to study a Bachelor of Development Studies but towards the end of my Year 12 I decided that I needed to take some time off and have a gap year.

I ended up applying for the Share the Mission Program in 2010. The Share the Mission Program is a 10 month program of the De La Salle Brothers in our District. I undertook the program in the remote Indigenous community of Balgo Hills, where I lived and worked with 2 other volunteers for 10 months.

Balgo Hills is in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Its population 400 people belong to the Kukatja people. I worked at Luurnpa Catholic School supporting the staff and students in any way that I could. I would work one on one with students that struggled or that needed to be excelled, take swimming lessons or PE lessons, make lunch for all 100 students and help with school maintenance.

At the conclusion of the year I was contacted by Lasallian Youth Ministry, the De La Salle Brothers and St Michael’s College and offered the opportunity to become the Lasallian Youth Minister. In 2011 I returned to Adelaide, took up the job at St Michael’s and began my university studies.

I have now been the Lasallian Youth Minister for almost 4 years and transferred university degrees to a double degree in Education and Arts at the University of Adelaide, with the aim of becoming a Psychology and Geography teacher.

It was a weird sensation walking into St Michael’s as a member of staff after having recently been a student but I have loved every minute of working here alongside the current staff and students. As part of my role I have also been fortunate enough to travel to other Lasallian Communities throughout Australia including a trip back to Balgo. I have also been fortunate enough to spend time working at a Lasallian Youth Gathering in New Zealand and running a Youth Ministry Roadshow in Papua New Guinea.

Despite not wanting to become a Brother, I have been inspired by the Lasallian Mission of the human and Christian education of the young, especially the poor.

I am incredibly thankful for my time as a student and now a staff member at St Michael’s College and the direction it has headed me going into the rest of my life.

2014
Louise Barrington [nee Davis] -
Class of 1977

I undertook Year 12 at St Michael's College way back in 1977, after Years 8 – 11 at Siena College. I'd always loved Maths and Physics, so after graduating I went on to get my Honours Degree in Applied Maths from Adelaide University, finishing in 1981. The offer to do a PhD was tempting, but by then I wanted some time away from study and some money in my pocket, so in January 1982 I was lucky to secure a job with what is now the Defence Science and Technology Organisation [DSTO] at Edinburgh. Amazingly, I've been there ever since, in one job or another!

My first position was as an Experimental Officer in Propulsion Systems Group of Propulsion Division. Yep, you guessed it; I was working on rocket propulsion. If anyone has heard of the Nulka active missile decoy which our Navy are currently using, I was part of the large team working on the precursor propulsion systems for Nulka. As luck would have it, the US Defence Department were working on some related technologies so I was offered a two-year posting to the US which I jumped at. Hence, I spent 1986 at the [then] US Army Missile Command in Huntsville, Alabama, and 1987 at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California. That was two years of incredible contrasts in everything from geography to culture. I'm fortunate to still be in contact with a friend from China Lake – her condominium in Hawaii is an added bonus.

When I got home from the US, I spent the next few years applying what I’d learnt to Nulka and other propulsion systems. I got married to Graham in 1990. He has three children, and now is up to five grandchildren – my Mum could never get her head around the fact that I was a [step-] grandmother before she was! So while I don't have children of my own, I’m very close to my extended family and they are all very accepting of me!

Then in another twist of fate in the early 90's, our Defence Department decided to close one of DSTO's facilities in Melbourne and move that capability to Edinburgh. So that meant another steep learning curve for me, in the fields of energetic materials and explosives ordnance. And yes, getting paid to blow things up is a great way to earn a living! During those years, I also completed my MBA in Technology Management from Deakin University in Victoria, through distance education.

In 2004 I was fortunate to win a position in DSTO's office in the Australian Embassy in Washington DC. So Graham and I headed off to the US for a wonderful three years. It was hard work, but the professional and personal development opportunities were just extraordinary.

Now I’m back again and working in DSTO’s National Security and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division. If any of you are looking, DSTO is a great place to work – one employer but many careers!

And what of St Michael's? It's fair to say that I learnt many, many life lessons in just one year at St Micks, and I do carry them with me still. The values that we learn from family and school really do shape us, and support us in the life choices we make.

I wouldn't have had it any other way.
Matthew Broadbent ~ Class of 2008

Another talented AFL player, Matthew is a defender or midfielder of the Port Adelaide Football Club. Having played his junior football for the College and at the local Henley Sharks, Matthew was drafted from zoned club Woodville West Torrens in 2008. Matthew made his AFL debut in Round 16 of the 2009 AFL season against the West Coast Eagles at AAMI Stadium in July 2009.

Matthew played eleven games in his second season at the club and found his place as a midfield utility in combination with an occasional running defender role. He demonstrated an aptitude to win inside ball and effect contests around the ground as he pushed his way into the side after playing the majority of the first thirteen rounds with his aligned SANFL side Woodville West Torrens. Finishing the season off with nine consecutive games, Broadbent’s performance was enough to show promise as a potential future midfielder.

With a career high 19 games in 2011, Matthew’s offensive and attacking game flourished. Through those 19 games he showed promise as a quality player of the future but struggled to consistently find the uncontested football.

Matthew’s break out 2012 was unlined by a series of strong performances in the midfield, starting against Fremantle in Round 8 and running through to the mid-season bye. His highlight was setting up the match winning goals against North Melbourne in Round 8, whilst he polled three Brownlow Medal votes for his game against the Gold Coast in Round 9. He finished equal second in the club’s John Cahill Medal count.

Matthew has become an integral member of Port’s team, leading the way in 2014 for rebound 50s (90) and kicks (330). His work off the half-back line was sensational, providing the Power with consistent rebound and attacking drive, even drifting forward to kick three goals. For the third straight year, Broadbent played every game for the season and notched his 100th AFL game in Round 22 against Carlton. The raking right-footer has become a key cog in the Power’s back six, providing run and carry out of the defensive 50 and regularly ranking high in metres gained each game.
Nicholas Brown ~ Class of 2010

After a year living and studying at the University of Wisconsin, Nicholas secured his Visa and is a licenced and employed physical therapist in the State of Wisconsin.

Nicholas completed his Undergraduate Degree at the University of South Australia and undertook a placement in the United States as part of his studies. He impressed everyone with his hard-work and abilities and was offered an opportunity to work for the organisation where he completed his placement.

The move to the United States has provided a year of challenges that come along with moving and establishing yourself in another country and undertaking further studies in the US College system. Nicholas has been able to overcome all this to successfully reach his goal of meeting all requirements and is now fully practicing with his own patients.

2016
Darren Cahill ~ Class of 1982

Darren Cahill is one of the great legends in the world of international tennis and started playing professional tennis in 1984, at the age of nineteen. His first success as a professional was in 1985, winning his first tour doubles title at Melbourne and later in 1988 in Gstaad, he won his first top-level singles title. The same year Darren eliminated Boris Becker at the US Open and reached the semi-finals and his performance at this Grand Slam event is widely considered his best ever.

A year later, in 1989 at the Australian Open, Darren continued a streak of successes. Playing with Mark Kratzmann, Darren finished runner-up in the men's doubles. Playing for the Australian team at the Davis Cup in 1990, Darren achieved a career 6–4 Davis Cup record with 4–0 in doubles and 2–4 in singles.

Darren was ranked as World Number 22 in Singles and World Number 10 in Doubles. He was the winner of two ATP singles titles and thirteen doubles titles. His list of victories contains wins over such distinguished names as John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Goran Ivanisevic and Mats Wilander. Darren's highly-successful career as a tennis player earned him the Australian Male Tennis Player of the Year 1988 Award.

Due to a knee injury, and after more than ten operations, Darren retired from the professional tour in 1994, but not from tennis. He became a highly sought-after tennis coach, analyst and commentator. Darren has a reputation as a mild and well-mannered man and was nicknamed a "killer" in a typical Australian manner.

After retiring from the professional tennis tour, Darren turned to coaching. Between 1999 and 2000, he trained Lleyton Hewitt, to bring him to his first major title while playing at US Open in 2001. At the age of twenty, Lleyton was the youngest man ever to reach world rank of Number 1. In 2001, Darren won the Australian Coach of the Year award.

From 2002 to 2006, Darren trained Andre Agassi, helping him to get back to the Number 1 position. He helped Agassi get his eighth important title at the 2003 Australian Open. At 33, Agassi was the oldest tennis player to reach world rank Number One. From 2007 to 2009, Darren was the Australian Davis Cup coach and the Ambassador of Tennis Australia Coaching Membership program.

As an Adidas player development program consultant and coach, Darren worked with a number of players sponsored by Adidas, such as Andy Murray, Ana Ivanovic, Fernando Verdasco and Daniela Hantuchova. In 2007, Darren started working with ESPN2 as a tennis analyst and commentator, together with other tennis greats such as Chris Evert, Patrick McEnroe and John McEnroe. His presence was noted during the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon in 2007.

Darren currently lives in Las Vegas with his wife and two children.

2014
Elena Carapetis ~ Class of 1986

Elena was in the first cohort of girls to join St Michael’s in Year 11 and her education there has impacted her life considerably, thanks to the care of her teachers. In particular Mrs Delgado and Mr Sturt, who recognised and nurtured her love of language and performance.

Since graduating from St Michael’s in 1986 Elena went on to do a BA at Adelaide Uni, majoring in Classical Studies and Drama and then continued on to NIDA – the National Institute of Dramatic Art where she trained as an actor.

Elena has gone on to work extensively in film, television and theatre. She has appeared on stage for State Theatre Company of SA, Sydney Theatre Company, Company B Belvoir, Windmill Theatre, Brink Productions, Malthouse Theatre, Flying Penguin, the NIDA Professional Company, Performing Lines and Bell Shakespeare.

In 2013 she won a Sydney Theatre Award for her work in Lachlan Philpott’s Truck Stop for Q Theatre. Film and TV credits include Heartbreak High, Marking Time, Water Rats, All Saints, Murder Call, Children’s Hospital, The Maria Korp Story, Look Both Ways, Burning Man, One Eyed Girl and most recently Bad Blood.

Also a writer, her first play The Good Son premiered with a sell out season in 2015 and earned her an Adelaide Critics Circle Award as the writer. Her second play Helen Back was shortlisted for the Adelaide Festival Jill Blewett Award for Playwriting.

In 2014 Elena directed second year actors in her own adaptation of Euripides’ The Bacchae at the Adelaide College of the Arts.

Elena was commissioned by State Theatre Company to write a play for their 2016 education program. The result was Gorgon, which toured extensively throughout South Australia following a season in the Space Theatre.

Most recently, Elena directed third year acting students in Hedda Gabler at Flinders Drama Centre. Later this year she will be appearing in the Windmill / State Theatre Company of SA’s co-production of the new musical version of Rumplestiltskin also starring Paul Capsis, while writing the 2017 State Theatre Company Education play with collaborator Alexis West.

State Theatre Company of South Australia have invited Elena to join them as their Resident Artist and she is thrilled to be officially commencing this position in January 2017. She is committed to continuing to contribute to Theatre and the Arts in Adelaide for a long time to come.
Anthony Louzikiotis, Michael Caroscio & Anthony Roccisano ~ Class of 2010

Michael Caroscio, Anthony Louzikiotis and Anthony Roccisano (pictured L – R) began together at St Michael’s in 2006 in Year 8. They completed their schooling together and went on to study Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide with their final year being completed this year in 2014.

Looking back at the years spent at St Michael’s, all three agree that the College prepares students well for university studies. The boys have a vision to assist in bridging the gap between high school and university life in order to make the transition smoother and more enjoyable for students. They hope to do this by working closely with the school and students at college events, class talks and providing advice to students from past experience.

They are also keen to show students, particularly those with an interest in Engineering, what career paths they can follow in engineering disciplines.

Anthony, Michael and Anthony are working together on their University Honours project called “Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) Wake Interaction”. Their project is aiming to improve wind turbine/wind farm efficiencies by building knowledge about wind turbine wake and the wake interaction between wind turbines.

In addition, the old scholars will be in attendance at the upcoming Careers Night (Monday 4 August) to talk to students and parents about subject selections and possible future career paths.

For further information about the project or University of Adelaide Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering degrees contact Anthony Louzikiotis – Project Manager HAWT Wake Interaction on anthony.louzikiotis@student.adelaide.edu.au.
Steve Caruana ~ Class of 1991

In 2016 the SMOSH West Lakes Football Club recognised one of its valuable players in Steve “Cara” Caruana.

Playing his 400th senior game, Steve is a Premiership Captain and Life Member of the Club, having played across all senior grades since the mid-1990s when he came to the club as a youngster.

Steve started playing football in Year 8 at St Michael’s College in 1987. Playing First XVIII in his senior years he then went on to do a pre-season training at Woodville West Torrens U17s. SMOSH became Steve’s focus in 1992 and so began the long journey of winning and losing Grand Finals, many Best Team Man awards, Best & Fairest accolades and in 2001, an Association Medal.

In addition to his tremendous service to the SMOSH West Lakes Football Club, Steve has also put in tireless hours during his 20 plus year association with the Club. He has served as a Board Member, has been a Major Sponsor, and would also be willing to take on any general handy man jobs at the Club.

Congratulations to a true Lion!
IN REMEMBRANCE

Rocky Caruso ~ Class of 2010

Rocky Daniel Caruso
Class of 2010
23/11/92 – 14/03/2014

Cousin of Sam Caruso (12BU) & Olivia Caruso (10SU), Sandra Toscano (Class of 1999), Anthony Romeo (Class of 1996), Imma Caruso (12PE) & Domenica Caruso (Class of 2010)

REST IN PEACE ROCKY

While the core business of schools is clearly education, the concept of community is central to the success of this. From early times, in a Lasallian context, De La Salle created communities of educators who supported each other in their commitment to the human and Christian education of the young, especially the poor. This spirit of community has been enlivened and broadened in Lasallian schools over the last 350 years and embraced at St Michael’s College from its inception 60 years ago.

There are many elements that go towards the building of dynamic communities, though Br Jeff Calligan highlighted the essentials when he said:

"we walk with one another and we walk with those confided to us. And as we walk we love and support, we assist and encourage, we touch one another’s hearts and allow our hearts to be touched ... Such is the Lasallian way”.

In a very real example of this, the hearts of the SMC community have been touched with great sadness over the last week with the passing of recent old scholar Rocky Caruso (Class of 2010), after a courageous battle with cancer.

Rocky’s funeral was held on Thursday at Christ the King Church in a very fitting celebration of his life. It was attended by many hundreds of mourners, including representatives of the school communities that Rocky and the family had connections with over the years. On the way to the Church, the funeral procession drove around the perimeter of St Michael’s College. A student guard of honour represented the next generation of SMC students making a very touching connection with Rocky and the Caruso family. As an old scholar, Rocky will always be part of our family as well.

Our prayers are with the Caruso family and all those that have known and loved Rocky.

2014
Fr Paul Cashen ~ Class of 1959

Reflections on St Michael’s after 60 Years

I was born in Adelaide in 1944, and with mum and dad and four siblings settled in Flinders Park in 1948. When St Michael’s was opened in 1954 at Beverley my parents enrolled me in the original intake of students of 29: I was in year 5. On the first day the workmen were finishing surfacing the grounds around the new building: it was all a new experience for us all. The lower classrooms were able to be used at that time, and as there were so few of us only two classrooms accommodated us. There were three Brothers, Victor, school principal, and George and Ephraim who were in their twenties and played footy with us – to make up two teams almost!!

In 1960 I left for the seminary in Sydney. By then the College had grown to 450 and the first stage of the classroom block along East Ave was completed. My reflections on those six years were in two parts: the first three years was like a large extended family, in fact a family of nations as there were boys from many countries as part of the resettlement program post WWII. As the college grew, more teachers and prefects and added regulations were required. This second stage meant engagement with other colleges and high schools with sports and other activities. The education environment broadened beyond the college and even Adelaide with trips interstate. Philip and John, my brothers, and John, David and Peter McEntee, cousins, continued the contact I had for the next 10 years.

I was ordained a priest in 1969 and celebrated mass in the Henley Chapel not long after its opening which renewed my personal acquaintance with St Mick’s. Then in 1974 I was appointed Parish Priest at Henley Beach and had the duty and privilege of attending the College as chaplain and this continued in the two periods I had as Parish Priest of Hindmarsh/Flinders Park in the 1980s and the early 2000s.

In my time as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, I have had the privilege of serving in the diocese of Darwin as Administrator of the Cathedral and Vicar General in the 1980s. After studies in Belgium at the Catholic University in Leuven, I was appointed Rector of St. Paul’s National Late Vocations Seminary in Sydney in 1990 and during that time was closely associated with the De La Salle Provincialate across the road at Kensington. During that time I began studies for a PhD in theology, which was granted in 2005 by the ACU. The thesis researched the changes in the attitude and practice of the faith in the Catholic Church in Australia, since Vatican II

From 2004 I had the opportunity of celebrating Mass frequently in the senior campus on a regular basis. This was important for me as a ministry because at that time I was involved with Diocesan Strategic Pastoral Planning and the Ministry Formation Program. During this time I was invited to be part of a luncheon group of past students which continues to this day: many memories are shared during these gatherings.

Last year I returned to Adelaide after three years as a member of the leadership of the Australian Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, based in Sydney. I now have a fulltime ministry in the Adelaide Cathedral Parish with the task of developing ministry programs that will reach out to the growing number of people and students who are coming to live in the city.

Since 1954 our world has changed irrevocably and in that time St Michael’s is part of the church’s response as it struggles with these changes. In recent times, Pope Francis has challenged all to respond to those who struggle with the everyday tasks and seemingly impossible situations. We, who through an education such as St Michael’s offered, are also challenged to share what we have received. The commitment of the Brothers, the Parents and the Staff of St Michael’s over 60 years has reflected these same ideals and values. This is the grounding on which so many of us have grown and established ourselves in our society; we have much to be thankful for.

Paul Cashen msc

2014
Steven Cavallo ~ Class of 1987

Like a beautiful painting made by the artisan’s hand connected to its emotional experiences, so too a person’s life emerges, to a large degree, by one’s school experiences. Those most special years cultivate the man; they build the woman... and they have a significant influence on the types of life successes a person will enjoy throughout their lives. It is where we learn how to be a friend, how to respect, how to work, how to think independently and to problem-solve. And to a large degree, it forms the basis of how we see ourselves as compared to the world and people around us.

I am definitely a better man for having the privilege of attending St Michael’s College. My brother and I enjoyed a high quality education, as are now my two sons (and later my young daughter) along with all other current students. The level of academic instruction we received and the pastoral care was exceptional. The facilities second-to-none and most importantly, we were blessed with an environment that fostered in the students a natural self-belief that we would, with commitment and work; automatically be successful in life. This, I know was the common experience with those I knew from school. I look at my life now and at 44 my best friends are still those I went to St Michael’s with and generally, they are all successful in one way or another. Be it in business, academia, leadership, sports, entrepreneurship, community, health or other pursuits, we seemed to have built lives based upon a clean mentality untainted by the doubt and the sense of futility that sadly appears quite prevalent in other school communities. The lessons I learned at St Michael’s about character, discipline and civility are traits that have in no small way contributed to my various successes as they taught me how to conduct myself, apply myself under pressure and instilled the confidence to overcome challenges that arise.

I have travelled the world and lived in Italy for significant periods and was a professional musician for many years early in my working life. I have studied business degrees at the University of South Australia and other institutions and have excelled academically, winning international awards for academic excellence. I have been successful in business, working in the automotive industry, the paint industry and in entertainment. I have also managed the fundraising and marketing departments of a number of significant non-profit organisations including the Cancer Centre and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. My focus since the last ten years is my business services company, which provides companies and governments a number of business-building services such as strategic marketing, eLearning solutions, business plans, international trade, HR recruitment, publishing and management consulting. It is work I love as it gives me the opportunity to help organisations in a critical way – be it to make money, grow their brand, raise funds for charity or to teach people. I give lectures in marketing and sales at the University of South Australia on a private basis and do motivational speaking around Australia. I am currently developing some apps for the Apple iTunes store and training manuals for iBooks that will help business owners increase efficiencies using Lean. I am also heading a global project to help eradicate poverty and illiteracy in an African nation, in conjunction with the WHO, the United Nations, Apple and a number of governments.
In 2002 I married the best woman I’ve ever met in the world at the College Chapel and now Nicky and I have three wonderful, healthy kids. I once showed my two boys my gold School Leader lapel badge that Principal Brother Paul Rogers gave me in 1987 when I was in Matric (Year 12); and it made me so proud when both were able to show me they’d earned their own. We maintain a Catholic life and I still adhere to the Lasallian philosophy of helping others where an opportunity presents itself. While study is hard work and requires that you forego leisure time to get that work done, it is worth the career achievement it gives you and the personal growth that comes by expanding your mind, your skills, your worldview... and therefore, your opportunity to live a greater life. My advice to any person who wants to be successful, in particular to those in the College community are to do these three things: invest in your professional development (go to University or get a trade); invest in your personal development (read spiritual books and attend inspirational seminars); and surround yourself with the best support network (positive friends, a genuine partner, mentors). Above all, even if you don’t yet have all that you want; practise gratitude for it and ‘feel’ it in your life as though it were already there...and you will attract it.
Alex Cavallaro ~ Class of 2006

Alex started at St Michael’s College in 1999 as a Year 5 student at the Beverley Campus. He completed high school in 2006 surrounded with great friends and supportive teachers.

With an interest in Math and Science, he decided to pursue a science-based career and began his undergraduate studies in Biotechnology (Honours) at Flinders University.

Alex was fortunate to undertake his Honours year with a research project that looked at the potential toxicity of upcoming nanotechnologies. During this time he developed a genotoxic and cytotoxic profile of select synthetic nanoparticles.

In 2011 he began his PhD in “Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering” at the University of South Australia. His PhD was focused towards the generation of invisible nano-thin coatings using plasma (the forth state of matter) to turn any surface, such as that of medical devices, into smart self-disinfecting surfaces.

Throughout his PhD, Alex had the opportunity to travel around Australia and overseas. He was given the opportunity to further his research in world-class facilities in England and France. However, his favourite business destination was a beachside luxury resort in Cancún (Mexico).

Alex’s main research focus is in the development of biomedical devices and materials, and understanding their interactions with biological systems. Alex is currently undertaking research towards making new smart materials for biomedical imaging and cancer treatment.

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Claire Charlton, College Captain ~ Class of 2004

Claire Charlton made history in 2004, in the College’s 50th Year, when she was elected by her peers as the first female College Captain. Claire led the student cohort through a year of celebration and change … a year that farewelled Br John Pill as Principal and introduced a modernised College crest.

In her Valedictory Speech, Claire shared “ ... to become a Lasallian, we are privileged to be taught the importance of community and fellowship”. She encouraged her peers to “Dream the unimaginable and strive for nothing but the best. You are the hero of your own story. Make of your life what you want of it ... we lead into the future as adults ready to conquer the world”.

Claire followed her own advice. Today she reaps the benefits of her dedication to study and is following her dream to become a Marine Biologist and travel the world. Having completed a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology with Honours in Cetacean Acoustics & Population Biology, Claire is currently completing her PhD, focussing on Southern Right Whales with the Centre of Marine Science and Technology, Curtin University as well as working as a Senior Environmental Engineer and Marine Scientist with S2V Environmental Consultancy in Perth.

Like Claire’s favourite quote, "She believed she could - So she did".

2014
Leon Chiera ~ Class of 1992

I attended St Michael’s College from 1988 to 1992. My mother still reminds me to this day how lucky I am to have attended the school. After graduating from Year 12, I headed straight to the University of South Australia and completed a Bachelor of Business. At the end of the degree I didn’t feel ready for the workforce (not really knowing what I wanted to do!) so decided to enrol into a Bachelor of Commerce at Flinders University which I completed by the end of 1997.

During my final year of Commerce I applied for roles at all the major corporates and was fortunate to land an interview with BHP Billiton for a Graduate Accounting role in the Melbourne Head office. I still remember how excited I was walking into 600 Bourke Street for the first time and being offered the position. Back then I only owned one suit and one shirt so after the Melbourne weekend I came back to Adelaide and still had an interview with Southcorp first thing Monday morning. My mind was already set on the BHP role so the HR at Southcorp were quite surprised to see me turn up for a final interview in a t-shirt, shorts and thongs. No surprises but they didn’t offer me the role.

After two years with BHP I decided to move back to Adelaide to take up a role with Ernst &Young. Although I enjoyed the ability to put my Accounting studies into practice, I also had a strong interest in financial markets so after eighteen months I decided to take the plunge as a Stockbroker with Macquarie Bank. Fourteen years later, I am so glad I made the move. I enjoy the challenge of the markets and especially the new opportunities that each day presents.

The values that St Michael’s instilled in me have served me well. While I may not have appreciated it at the time, the support of the teachers and my peers in those senior years helped me immensely and gave me the confidence to make the important decisions both in my career and personal life.

Last year, with nine close friends I set out to run the New York Marathon and raise much needed funds for children charities. Along our training journey we raised $60,000 for the Women’s & Children’s Hospital Foundation and $40,000 for the neonatal unit at Flinders Hospital.

Next year I turn 40. When I started in this industry I was fresh out of Uni at 22 and I thought people of 40 were ancient - I couldn't understand why they were still working! The sad facts of life have long caught up with me. Not one to celebrate my own birthday, I will bring in the big four-oh by running the Paris Marathon and hope to raise vital funds for the Asthma Foundation. So here’s my plug ... visit my fundraising page at: https://asthmasaparismarathon2015.everydayhero.com/au/leon

Outside of work my greatest achievements are being married to a very supportive wife and having three amazing children.
Vincent Ciccarello ~ Class of 1981

Congratulations to Vince Ciccarello, 1981 St Michael’s College Captain, on his appointment as Chief Executive of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. Vincent was appointed to this role in October, 2013.  http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-10-17/adelaide-symphony-orchestra-appoints-new-ceo/5028292

Upon leaving St Michael’s, Vince went on to study a Bachelor of Music (Honours) Degree at the University of Adelaide followed by a Graduate Certificate in Management, Arts Administration at the Queensland University of Technology and a Graduate Diploma in Journalism at UniSA.

Prior to his latest appointment, Vincent’s CV includes:
★ Orchestra Manager, Queensland Symphony Orchestra;
★ Head, Opera and Classical Music Department, Performers Management;
★ Managing Director of Fanfare Artist Management, a theatrical agency representing Australian and international artists in opera and classical music.
★ Chairman of the Australasian Classical Music Managers Association.

The St Michael’s College community congratulates Vince on his appointment and wish him every success.

2014
The corridors of St Michael’s College welcome back old scholar Teresa Cimmino (nee Ciccone). Teresa joins the staff of the College as the new Deputy Principal - Learning & Teaching Excellence; the first female Deputy in the College’s 60 year history. Teresa has very fond memories of her time as a Year 12 student at St Michael’s and the friendships that were forged.

Upon leaving St Michael’s Teresa went on to study a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) at Flinders University followed by a Graduate Certificate in Education at the University of Adelaide. Teresa also holds a Master of Catholic Education – Leadership.

Teresa has a teaching background in Languages and English and prior to her appointment at St Michael’s, she taught and held leadership positions at Thomas More College and Nazareth Catholic College. Teresa was Deputy Principal R – 12 (Curriculum) at Nazareth for 4 years. Teresa worked as Curriculum and Assessment Officer – Languages at SSABSA for several years and continues her involvement with the SACE Board in a number of capacities.

Teresa is married to Joe and they have a daughter Giordana.
Daniel Cioffi ~ Class of 1998

I attended St Michael’s College from 1996-1998. During that time I had the privilege of being Vice Captain of the College and Captain of the open A’s Basketball team. After graduation, I attended UniSA and completed a degree in Physiotherapy in 2004. Although pleased to have completed my studies, my dream was always to play professional basketball.

During my time at university I travelled to the USA and Spain to represent SASI (South Australian Sports Institute). I represented SA at junior National Championships and Captained the U/20 side to the National Final. I played State League for the West Adelaide Bearcats and in 2000 I joined the Adelaide 36ers for two seasons.

I thought my dream had been realised, however, I felt that I was not given the opportunity I deserved so I began to explore other options. After a further two successive trips to the USA with Aussie Hoops, playing exhibition matches throughout the country, in 2002 I travelled to Europe in search of a professional contract.

To my delight after trialling and travelling throughout Europe, I signed a three year deal with Division 1 club, Pallacanestro Reggiana in Reggio Emilia, Italy (Former team of Kobe Bryant’s father and where he played some junior basketball).

From that time until 2011 I was fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to play in Spain, Italy and finally in German, reaching the playoffs eight times and being part of teams which moved up to top leagues six times. I have shared the court with European and NBA greats such as Dejan Bodiroga, Andrea Bargnani, Marco Belinelli, Danilo Gallinari, Rodney White, Mike Penberthy, CJ Watson and many other great players. Following major injury, I finished my playing career in Wuerzburg, Germany (hometown and former team of Dirk Nowitzki) with the S’Oliver Baskets.

In 2009 I married my wife Yolanda who is from Mallorca, Spain. She has travelled and supported me during all the years of my playing career.

Currently, I am studying law externally at the University of London and upon completion, I intend to practice internationally, protecting the rights and guiding the careers of professional athletes.

It has been a dream to be able to do what I have done. I have had success at a sporting level, travelled the world, learnt to speak several languages, met many people, made great friends along the way and have had experiences that I will never forget.

Along with the support of my wife, family, friends, God, coaches and team mates, my experience at St Michael’s College both from an academic and sporting point of view definitely aided and instilled in me a strong work ethic, a desire to strive for excellence and belief in myself that I could achieve anything.

I thank you for this opportunity to share my story and I encourage you all to work hard in every aspect of your lives and reach for the stars because dreams do come true.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
ST MICHAEL’S COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS

Ryan Clark ~ Class of 2012

RYAN STARS ON US COURTS

St Michael’s College old scholar Ryan Clark is living every young basketball player’s dream of a United States College scholarship.

Ryan plays Centre for the Lake Region State College men’s basketball team, in North Dakota. The Royals have won 18 of the season’s 23 Games, with the South Australian 20 year old averaging 10 points and eight rebounds a match. In January he was named Player of the Week in the regional Competition.

He has totalled 199 points and secured 150 rebounds, starting in every game. Ryan graduated from St Michael’s College in 2012 and represented South Australia for five years. He has been playing US College basketball since mid-last year after having to postpone a scholarship offer following his mother’s serious illness in 2013.

Ryan chose to stay by his mum Laima’s bedside and help her recover after she suffered a stroke in October 2013. The left side of Laima’s body was paralysed and she remains wheelchair bound.

"It was a pretty easy decision to make", Ryan said. "As soon as mum got sick there was no other choice to be made; I needed to stay with her.”

Ryan was among 47 finalists shortlisted by an expert panel to receive an inaugural AMP Tomorrow Fund grant to pursue his dream to play College Basketball in the US.

He said the $10,000 grant would cover living expenses and board so he could focus on studying and training and returning home to visit his family later this year for the first time since taking up the scholarship.

“This grant gives mum one less thing to worry about and helps me to inspire more Aussie kids to play basketball,” he said.

Ryan’s parents Laima and Kym, Director of Lasallian Mission at St Michael’s College, say they are ‘immensely” proud of their son.

Laima said she had watched every basketball game played by Ryan up until his move to the US. He started playing for the Woodville District Basketball Club at six. Laima too was a keen basketball player, also taking to the court as a six year old.

“I'm so proud of him: for him to achieve what he has is quite remarkable,” she said.

The Southern Cross, March 2015
Vince Condello RIP ~ Class of 1979

Lawyer Vince Condello will be remembered for, among many things, the passion he had for his work. He was tireless, never turned anyone away and was always prepared to offer his assistance to those less fortunate.

Vince grew up in the western suburbs and completed his high school years at St Michael’s College. At the University of Adelaide he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree, before moving to the University of Tasmania where he completed his law degree.

It was in Tasmania that he met the love of his life, Carla.

After completing his law degree, Vince returned to Adelaide for his Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice at what was then the South Australian Institute of Technology.

It was during this course he forged friendships with people that would last his lifetime. They included the likes of Lindy Powell, David Edwardson, Michael Abbott, Martin Anders and Heath Barclay to name just a handful.

On completion of his studies in early 1990, Vince began work with a plaintiff’s law firm in Adelaide, Mahoney’s. Just a year later he established his own legal practice and shared offices with Harry Patsouris. He remained in that working relationship until he passed away in December 2012.

While he undertook many criminal briefs, Vince’s major field of expertise was personal injury and workers’ compensation – where his empathy for those he represented was most acute. For a time, Vince also served on the executive of the Australian Plaintiff Lawyers Association.

Vince lived for his work, but more importantly, for his clients – sometimes to the detriment of his health. During the course of his practising life he employed and mentored a number of Adelaide’s well known legal practitioners.

Vince and Carla married in 1994 and they had two sons, Salvatore and Alex.

Vince was a deeply religious person having served on the Parish Council for his parish of Mater Christi. It was no doubt that it was his deeply religious beliefs that helped him cope with his short battle with illness. He also served as a lay minister for most of his adult years.

Vince’s Wife Carla and son’s Salvatore and Alex, together with Nick Fazzalari, decided to honour Vince’s Memory by having a Fundraiser last year. The ‘Vince Condello Memorial Fundraising Evening’ was held on 23rd August 2014 and was a great success. The dinner dance had in excess of 400 people attend and was a true testimony to the many people Vince knew and helped during his short life.

Vince’s family decided all funds raised would go to the Flinders Medical Centre Foundation for Stomach Cancer. It was with much delight that a cheque was presented to Flinders for $37,605.00. Carla said of the function, “it was a wonderful way to bring people that knew Vince together and raise much needed funds to combat this hideous disease”.

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Nicholas Cocks ~ Class of 2003

From the Graduating Class of 2003, Nicholas Cocks is currently a Doctor – Senior House Officer at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane and also lectures at the Griffith University on the Gold Coast. Nick was unsure of his career choice in Year 12 but eventually decided to undertake a Bachelor of Psychological Science followed by a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS). This year Nick has commenced a Masters in Medicine, majoring in Ophthalmic Science.

Nick’s favourite memory of SMC is of the Year 12 three day Retreat at Port Elliot and his advice to current and future Year 12 students is to choose subjects you enjoy and are good at instead of only choosing subjects that you think will give you more options as there are a lot of options in the years after high school. Working as a Doctor ensures Nick continues his life learning, not only in his area of expertise, but also for his personal interest and enjoyment. He enjoys video games and has always wanted to create one of his own, so has spent time learning programming and video game design.

Nick enjoys his position as Lecturer at Griffith University. Teaching has always been a passion of his, having tutored other students whilst still at SMC. He has also travelled to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Tonga working in Ophthalmology (eye surgery), similar work to the Fred Hollows Foundation, restoring sight to people with severe cataracts. Reflecting on his Lasallian education, honesty and inclusiveness have benefited Nick in his career. Owning up to errors, being truthful in the way he practices and being genuine to patients and colleagues has always seemed to benefit him in the long run. Being inclusive of others, independent of their background, has allowed him to learn a lot from others.
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Peter Coombs ~ Class of 1982

30 years ago Peter made his first pair of spectacles whilst studying for a Bachelor of Design (majoring in Jewellery and Metalsmithing) at The University of South Australia. They were reminiscent of ‘Jules-Verne-under-the-sea-the-Apocalypse-is-coming’ which was very much about what was going on in the ‘80s - clunky but funky.

From there evolved a 30 year relationship exploring alternative, innovative ways to form and colour a variety of metals. It has always been important to Peter that there is art, expression and individuality expressed in each piece. The hinge element design and mechanical function has been an ongoing intrigue and has become the defining feature of his work.

Peter likes to think of his eyewear as ‘Jewellery for the Face’. All pieces are rare if not one-off designs and many have been the result of private commissions over the years. Some he has just made because he needed to prove that he could.

In September 2014, a new generation of Peter Coombs Eyewear will be launched at the Silmo World Eyewear Fair in Paris. This is the culmination of a 30 year creative journey that was inspired by studies of maths, 3D and technical drawing at St Michaels College, Henley Beach. A journey that is not likely to end here.

Peter is inspired by everything and anything in everyday life, whether it is a particular musical phrase, an experience whilst travelling, food or wine. His biggest inspiration however, is the people that he meets and the interactions that ensue.

Peter’s creative talents extend to jewellery, ceremonial and corporate pieces for recognition, commemoration or display and furniture design. Visit Peter’s website to see his amazing designs.
www.petercoombsdesign.com

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Stephen Cutt
18/7/1990 – 23/2/2011

Class of 2007 & Staff Member 2006 – 2011

Stephen Cutt was, and still is, an inspiration to many.

Stephen graduated with the Class of 2007 and was known for his gentle, dependable and unassuming nature.

Stephen was an exceptionally gifted guitarist and vocalist. He was the first ever recipient of a Principal’s Award for Music in his final year for Services to the College in Music and achieved A’s for Year 12 Music. The recording studio housed at St Michael’s was named “The Stevie Cutt Recording Studio” in his honour.

Stevie (as he was affectionately known) always volunteered his time and his gift for music to St Michael’s when he played and sang at Graduation Masses, School Masses, Assemblies and Music Festivals. He was one of the first students to represent the College at the Catholic Schools Music Festival in the Festival Theatre and represented St Michael’s in the parish community of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church at Henley Beach providing liturgical music at Sunday masses. He often entertained the elderly in the parish at local nursing homes and at the CWL meetings and Senior’s luncheons during his school holidays.

At the Lasallian Youth Group gathering held at St Michael’s in 2010, Stephen volunteered to provide the music for their morning mass each day and he organised his band to entertain them in the evenings. He also helped as a stage crew member at Mission Ignition 2008. Music was a huge part of Stephen’s life which he loved to share with friends, family, school and parish communities.

Stephen played tennis and basketball for St Michael’s all through his school life and continued to play social basketball with a team of fellow old scholars. He loved the beach and swimming, and sailed at Port Adelaide Sailing Club.

Stephen became a member of the College staff in 2006 when he assisted in the Book Room and also in the music area, repairing guitars and maintaining other equipment. At the same time, Stephen was a student at Uni SA Mawson Lakes campus studying mechanical engineering in his third year when in October 2010 he was diagnosed with cancer. Sadly, Stephen passed away in February 2011.

Stephen was deeply spiritual and remained faithful throughout his cancer treatment and always trusted in God’s love to give him the strength he needed each day to get through whatever was ahead.
John De Candia ~ Class of 1987

John was a student at St Michael’s from Grade 4 until completing Year 12 in 1987. After finishing school he worked at an insurance company for a little over a year before applying to join the South Australia Police and being accepted in 1989 as the youngest in his recruit course. He graduated from the Police Academy in May 1990.

John De Candia is now a Superintendent and is the Officer in Charge (O/C) of the Eastern Adelaide Local Service Area (LSA) responsible for policing the Adelaide CBD, North Adelaide and Eastern Suburbs. His role incorporates the responsibility for 450 staff ranging from general duties patrols, investigators, planning and support staff. Eastern Adelaide LSA has about 400 events annually which John has the responsibility as the Police Commander for, including all events at the Adelaide Oval.

Prior to commencing in his current role he was the O/C of the Investigation Support Branch. This area has responsibility for Telephone Interceptions; Police Corrections; Witness Protection; Covert Investigation; Technical Support and Surveillance Section.

John has been the O/C of the Crime Gangs Task Force where he had been promoted to the rank of Superintendent in 2012 and also held the national role as the Head of Task Force with the Attero National Task Force; an Australian Crime Commission approved Task Force, incorporating all national law enforcement and other Commonwealth agencies, to investigate the activities of the Rebels Outlaw Motor Cycle Gang.

John was appointed to the rank of Inspector in January 2005 and as an Officer of Police he has been the O/C of the Crime and Intelligence Faculty; Operations Manager at the Anti-Corruption Branch; Drug Investigation and Organised Crime Investigation Branch’s and was promoted to Chief Inspector in 2011 as the O/C, Operations Section at Elizabeth LSA.

Prior to being promoted to the rank Inspector John has worked in a number of general duties patrol areas (Hindmarsh, Port Pirie, Henley Beach and Christies Beach). Since 1996 he has worked in investigative areas, such as the former National Crime Authority, metropolitan CIB areas (Holden Hill and Adelaide) and at the Drug and Organised Crime Investigation Branch.

John has a Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Management, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration and is a Fellow of the Governor’s Leadership Foundation and undertook an exchange with the Singapore Police in October 2014.

John is married and has 3 young boys. In his spare time he coach’s in the junior grades at Adelaide City Football Club and is coach of the reserve grade at BOSA Soccer Club in the Saturday Premier Division in the Amateur League.
I attended St Michael’s College from 1991-1992. During that short time I had the privilege of playing 1st XI Soccer, experiencing De La Salle Day and enjoying the great culture that St Michael’s provided for students.

After graduating from Year 12, I enrolled at the University of South Australia and completed a double degree in Human Movement and Physical Education. While at University I applied for a position as a Sports Trainer with the Adelaide Football Club. I was successful in getting a position and started working from the summer of 1992.

In my final year of the Physical Education degree I applied for many teaching positions and was fortunate enough to land a teaching position at St Michael’s College in 1997 ... which was awesome. I taught for nine years at St Michael’s College and enjoyed my time being involved as the 1st XI Soccer Coach and winning three state titles for the College. In my final year at St Michael’s I was Head of the Physical Education Department.

My time at St Michael’s College came to an end when the Adelaide Football Club approached me to take on the position of Head Trainer in 2006. It was an opportunity of a life time so I said ‘yes’. I did not lose my connection with St Michael’s College as I employ graduates from St Michael’s as sports trainers.

I’ve been with the Adelaide Football Club for 23 years as a sports trainer and full time Head Trainer for 10 years and recently received Life Membership of the Club which was an honour. This long-time involvement at the elite sporting level has also brought me many opportunities. I’ve been involved with the Young Socceroos for three years as a conditioning coach and trainer, having toured the world with the team to Asian Cup Qualifiers and tournaments in Europe. It has been an amazing experience and an eye opener.

Along with a very supportive wife, son, friends and team mates, my experience at St Michael’s College, both academic and sporting, has most definitely instilled a positive work ethic in me, with persistence and determination to succeed at everything that I do.

Thankyou for the opportunity to share my story as a proud old scholar of St Michael’s College and I would like to leave the next generation of St Michael’s College students with a quote: “The real winners in life are the people who look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better. Never give up.”
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Joe De Tullio ~ Class of 1974

New Principal of Star of the Sea School, Mr Joe De Tullio matriculated from St Michael’s in 1974 and recalls fond memories of his time at St Michael’s College, Beverley and Henley. Mr Peter Wallace (formerly Brother Peter) was the Principal at that time. Joe remembers Peter as a very gentle and dedicated educator who inspired him to take up teaching as a vocation. Beginning his teaching career at Mount Carmel Primary, Rosewater as a Year 6 teacher Joe has also taught and held leadership positions over the years at Mercedes College, St David’s Parish School, St Pius X School and St Francis Xavier School.

2014
I started my schooling at SMC as a Year 4 student in 1990 and graduated in the Class of 1998. I remember vividly, the nerves I felt when addressing the school assembly as Achilles Cup Captain and the day that old scholar and Olympic Swimmer, Daniel Kowalski came for a school visit.

Since my childhood I have had a strong interest in Athletics. It’s offered me great opportunities, and allowed me to follow a passion throughout my life. This has enabled me to develop skills and relationships which will no doubt support me in my career and family life for many years to come.

After finishing secondary school, I went to UniSA and started my teaching degree. Whilst undertaking my Bachelor of Education, I was recruited by a number of Colleges in the United States as a Student Athlete and continued my studies whilst training. Whilst ‘student’ came before ‘athlete’ it was not the curriculum content that taught me the most. My year at the University of Memphis forced me to work harder than I ever had. I took on two years of University in one and tripled my required subject load so that I could leave after one year with a degree and major in Sport Psychology.

On return to Australia I completed my Bachelor of Education and in 2008 I was fortunate to win a position at the St Michael’s College, Primary Campus as a Year 5 teacher. I now teach Year 7 classes. That same year I started my career as a professional athletics coach; it was only one athlete who happened to be a friend of mine, but it allowed me to realise my dream. Since 2008, the number of athletes I coach has grown to 38.

In 2012 I was fortunate enough to have my first athlete qualify for an Olympic games which saw the start of my international coaching career and retired me as an athlete. Up until London, I was still pursuing my own ‘running’ goals, but sitting in the Australian camp I was faced with the confronting thought I had failed as an athlete. This is where I wanted to be, with this team preparing to race. Sitting there as a coach revealed to me that this was the pathway I would now follow, and from then I became more involved in professional athletic coaching.

Since that ‘lightbulb’ moment, I have coached Australian athletes on Australian teams in events ranging from Cross Country running, 3000m Steeplechase, Marathon/Ultramarathons and was the Australian Team Marathon Coach for 2014 in Glasgow. I had two athletes (pictured) who I personally coached in Glasgow, Jessica Trengove who came away with a Bronze Medal in the Marathon and Madeline Heiner who came 4th (behind 3 Kenyan runners) in the 3000m Steeplechase.

The lessons I have learnt throughout my education in many different realms will assist me in supporting my family, athletes and students at St Michael’s College well into the future. We all strive to be the best we can be, but it’s only when you see the best in the world that you realise what is really required.

*Adam was Guest Speaker at the 2014 Academic Assembly.*
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The Dittmar Family

Chris ~ Class of 1980

Reflecting on his time at SMC, Chris recalls his involvement in sport as the highlight. He was a member of the incredibly talented cricket team that won every game during his five years at high school, a team that was coached by Brother Eric Pigott who kept the boys focused on cricket whilst also having many laughs.

Chris’ sporting achievements upon leaving school are legendary in the world of Squash. Formerly ranked World No. 1, he finished runner-up at the World Open five times and was runner-up at the British Open twice. Chris captained the Australian Squash team who were world champions from 1989 to 1992 and in 1987 and 1989 was named South Australian Sports Star of the Year. Chris also represented his fellow players as President of the International Squash Players Association for several years and served as Patron of Squash Australia from 2002 to 2005. He was inducted into the Squash Australia Hall of Fame in 2005.

Since retiring as a squash player, Chris has worked as a television and radio sports commentator in Australia.

Chris reflected that he made many friends during his years at the College, friendships that continue today. His association with the College has continued through his two sons, Jack and Tom.

Tom ~ Class of 2008

My favourite memories from SMC include any opportunity I got to represent the school in sport and community events such as De La Salle Day and Mission Action Day. It was during these times that close friendships were formed and I could take pride in being a part of a great College. Since graduating in 2008, I have recently completed a Double Bachelor Degree in Human Movement and Education which has now brought me back to SMC for relief teaching which I am thoroughly enjoying! I also continue to play premier league soccer and catch up with many mates from school as those close bonds still remain. As our dad and cousins have all been through SMC, our family has enjoyed this continual close connection.

Jack ~ Class of 2011

Through sporting, academic and social areas, SMC provided a great opportunity for me to develop in all aspects of life. My time at SMC allowed me to make so many great friends that I still see on a regular basis. I am currently in my 3rd year of a Double Degree in Law/Commerce at Adelaide University, and I could not have achieved this without the guidance of my teachers at SMC. I have also been lucky enough to gain government funding to study in Japan (completed earlier this month) and I will be travelling around Europe for the second half of this year.

2014
MARK DOWD ~ CLASS OF 1987

Mark Dowd is the Chief Executive Officer at the City of Onkaparinga, South Australia’s largest metropolitan council and one of the state’s fastest growing areas.

Mark joined the City of Onkaparinga in 2011 and is responsible for providing leadership in implementing council strategies, policies and decisions, managing a range of council functions, activities and programs, and overseeing projects, finances and general business operations.

Mark is motivated by a commitment to delivering efficiency in local government, and a focus on driving investment, development and job creation in the region, for both local and state-wide benefit.

He has been the leading force behind the council’s major push in economic growth and investment attraction and has cemented the City of Onkaparinga’s position as the leading council in South Australia with which local, national and international investors can safely and easily do business.

Mark is also a member of the Southern Adelaide Economic Development Board and the Australia China Business Council, which has 1500 representatives from 900 Australian companies who do business with China.

Mark is also President elect of Local Government Professionals SA, a Board Member of Council Solutions and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the country’s pre-eminent organisation for directors, dedicated to making a difference in the quality of governance and directorship.

The City of Onkaparinga has a strong vision and Mark has built on this, ensuring the city remains a pacesetter within local government.

Prior to joining the City of Onkaparinga Mark worked predominantly in the corporate sector in senior management positions which afforded him the opportunity to work with a range of public and private sector organisations and agencies.

Mark graduated from St Michael’s College in 1987.

He is married to Karen and has two daughters.
Bradley Ebert ~ Class of 2007

During his year of Graduation from St Michael’s College, Brad was the 13th pick overall in the AFL National Draft by the West Coast Eagles. He had previously played for Port Adelaide in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL). This selection caused some controversy in South Australia as Adelaide were expected to select Ebert with pick 10, but instead chose Patrick Dangerfield, a Victorian. Brad had also captained South Australia at the 2007 Under-18 Championships.

Brad made his debut for West Coast in round two of the 2008 season while still a 17-year-old, becoming the youngest Eagles debutant since Daniel Kerr in 2001. He played 15 matches in his debut season, and was nominated for the 2008 AFL Rising Star after a 25-disposal three-goal game in round 17 against St Kilda. Brad played 17 matches in 2009 and every game in 2010 playing mainly as an inside midfielder, playing with Peel Thunder in the West Australian Football League (WAFL) when not playing with the Eagles.

In 2011, Brad was switched from the midfield to the half-forward flank. He played 22 games, kicking 14 goals, including a career-high four goals against Richmond in round 20, but was dropped twice after struggling for form. He requested to be traded to Port Adelaide in October 2011 with the trade being completed on 17 October.

In 2012, he had a breakout year for Port Adelaide. His hard playing style and consistency quickly made him well liked from the Port Adelaide supporters. Brad had many stand out performances during the year, for example in round 22 against Brisbane he finished with 32 disposals (24 kicks 8 handballs) 3 marks and 4 tackles. Ebert finished the year playing all 22 games for the season and kicking 17 goals. His consistency lead to many off field achievements also, such as finishing equal second alongside Matthew Broadbent (SMC Class of 2008) in the Port Adelaide Best and Fairest, and finishing the highest of all Port players in the Brownlow Medal.

In 2013, Ebert was named Vice-Captain of Port Adelaide and his no-fuss style makes him one of the toughest players on the club’s list. 2014 produced another consistent year for the Power’s Vice-Captain ranking in the top five at the club for disposals, clearances, inside 50s, contested possessions and tackles. Brad amassed a career-high 40 disposals against the Swans at the SCG in Round 13 and received three Brownlow votes for his 26 disposals and 2 goals against his old side in Round 5.

Brad thrives on winning the contested possession and is a fanatical tackler, but is classy enough to finish the work in front of goal.

Bradley Ebert is the son of Craig Ebert, a former West Adelaide and Port Adelaide player, nephew of Russell Ebert (four time Magarey Medalist) and grandson of 1967 Magarey Medallist, Trevor Obst. Brad’s first season with the Power saw him play alongside cousin, Brett Ebert (son of Russell and SMC Old Scholar 2001), for the first time in Round 6. Brad wears number 7 on his Guernsey, the number made famous by his uncle Russell.
Brett Ebert ~ Class of 2001

In August 2013, Brett Ebert announced his retirement from AFL football due to a number of injury setbacks. His injury woes had frustrated his 2013 campaign after he missed less than 10 games in the first 10 years of his career.

Brett Ebert began his career with the Port Adelaide Magpies in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) and was drafted by Port Adelaide under the father/son rule at the 2002 AFL Draft. His father, Russell, was a four-time Magarey Medallist, three-time premiership player and played a total of 392 games.

Brett created his own legacy. Winner of the Magarey Medal in 2003, Brett had a dominant year as a midfielder playing forward in the famous black and white prison bar guernsey. He made his AFL debut in 2004 and ended the season with the premiership winning side with 17 goals including 4 goals in the Round 10 win against Geelong, and an AFL Rising Star nomination. In 2005, he kicked 18 goals, a goal more than the previous year.

Brett finished second in the club's goalkicking with 24 goals in 2006. A booming kick and a strong mark for his size, he kicked four goals against Collingwood in Round 2 and three goals against Carlton in Round 10 and Adelaide in Round 21. He led Port's goalkicking in 2007 with 56 goals, including a career best 6 goals twice; once against Richmond in Round 16 and against Melbourne in Round 17. Brett was nominated for the 2007 All-Australian side. In 2008, he kicked 33 goals with a six goal haul against the Sydney Swans in Round 9. In 2009, he kicked 28 goals in 20 games, with a highlight of 4 goals in the Round 14 win against the Brisbane Lions. In 2010, prior to Round 21, Brett was Port Adelaide's leading goal kicker with 30 goals for the season. In Round 21, he injured his knee which turned out be an ACL injury. In 2012, an impressive display against Essendon in Round 16 drew two Brownlow Medal votes and cemented Brett’s place as Port’s first-choice small forward.

On August 21, 2013, Brett Ebert announced his retirement after being unable to play a game in the 2013 season because of injuries. He had played a total of 166 games for the Power and had kicked 240 goals, the third most in the club's AFL history. Brett was farewelled with a lap of honour at AAMI Stadium in the Power’s Round 23 clash with Carlton.
Patrick Foley ~ Class of 1975

Patrick Foley is pictured above with South Africa’s President Zuma at the recent G20 conference. Patrick was the Lead Liaison Officer for President Zuma’s visit and attendance at the conference.

Patrick, from the Class of 1975, left St Michael’s for a distinguished career with the Army and then with the Department of Defence. During that time he was heavily involved in the National Army Cadets programme.
Congratulations to Chelsea Fortuna who has been awarded a University of Adelaide Andy Thomas Scholarship. Chelsea is pictured with The University of Adelaide Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Pascale Quester.

Founded in 1999 this scholarship is one of the University’s most prestigious awards and is named after one of its most distinguished graduates, astronaut Dr Andy Thomas. Dr Thomas completed his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide in 1973 and a doctorate (in mechanical engineering) at the University of Adelaide in 1978. The Scholarship is awarded on academic merit as well as community involvement and contribution.

Chelsea is a worthy winner of a Scholarship and explains ... “Shortly after accepting my SATAC offer for a place in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechatronic) program at the University of Adelaide, I was invited to apply for the Andy Thomas scholarship. The invitation was extended to students commencing a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechatronic), (Honours) (Mechanical) or (Honours) (Mechanical and Aerospace) degree in 2015 who had shown outstanding academic ability through their high ATAR results. The application process involved answering a set of questions about goals for the future, community involvement, leadership activities, extracurricular activities and personal interests. Supporting documentation needed to be included for all responses which resulted in an extensive 40 page application.

I am so grateful to have received the Andy Thomas scholarship for 2015 and don’t think I would have had a chance at winning without St Michael’s. I participated in the LYL program and played netball for the College which really boosted my community involvement. Community contribution was second to academic ability when considering candidates for the Andy Thomas scholarship. Additionally, competing in Maths quiz nights and maths competitions through St Michael’s was useful to my application.”
Nicholas Francesca ~ Class Of 2013

Nicholas Francesca is an old scholar who graduated with the Class of 2013.

Over the past few months he has been raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave by promoting that he would shave his hair off and the person who donated the highest amount of money would have the honour to do so. Over the weekend, surrounded by family and friends, he took the leap of faith and his best friend shaved his locks off. Overall he has raised over $800 and that still continues to grow.

We congratulate Nick for his compassion and dedication to such a worthy cause. A true representation of the ongoing Lasallian Spirit our students have.

Donations will close at the end of this month, so if you are wanting to donate to the cause and Nicholas’ journey, please visit this link: https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=617887#.Vp3MdyxuswQ.facebook

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Adrian Fregona ~ Class of 2015

Old scholar, Adrian Fregona, volunteered a day of his services to work with Metalwork students welding and fabricating their projects.

Adrian has undertaken a welding apprenticeship with Samaras Steel Fabricators working on many structural steel jobs. He gave students a unique insight into the steel industry and job prospects for the future.

Students spent time with Adrian refining their skills and learning the tricks of the trade.

We would like to thank Adrian for giving up his rostered day off.
Brian Gilbertson ~ Class of 1972

I attended St Michael’s from Grade 4 to Matriculation starting at Beverley and then Henley as did my older brother Kevin (OS 1970).

On graduating I obtained a degree in law from the University of Adelaide and within 18 months joined with another St Michael’s old scholar Shannon Adams to form “Adams & Gilbertson,” barristers and solicitors. Throughout my school life and following I had enjoyed singing in children’s operas and musicals and in rock bands with old scholars Kevin McDonnell, Paul Fisher, Rob Murphy and Shannon. I also enjoyed performing in cabaret and musicals.

Having worked as a lawyer for some 7 years, an opportunity arose to take up singing and performance studies in Vienna, this time in Opera. It was a significant decision at the time that affected many others but it was a decision I had to make and having made it, it became the biggest growth experience in my life. Living in Vienna for two years as a foreigner gave me a different perspective on life and world citizens. Studying under the guidance of Maestro Franz Schuch Tovini was a wonderful exercise in understanding the voice but also in understanding life. He was a tough task master but my interests were his priority. He changed me vocally and as a person. When my wife Julie and I returned to Australia after 2 years, I had performed as a principal tenor in Austria and toured with the Vienna Chamber opera to the United States. I subsequently enjoyed a 20 year career singing principal tenor roles in opera and concerts, singing on TV and recordings and at major sporting events here in Australia and overseas. Highlights have included several foreign Anthems at Test Cricket and Davis Cup matches plus operas with wonderful internationally renowned directors, singers and conductors the biggest being Wagner’s Ring Cycle. My biggest joy was that my family often travelled with me when I performed.

In 2002 with a view to staying in Adelaide and enjoying the development of my children’s education from close quarters, I undertook the contract to manage and direct the Credit Union Christmas Pageant where my career as a solicitor, performer, director and producer all came together. I have enjoyed that work now for 12 years whilst still singing and watching my children now 24 and 21 develop their careers as a mental health nurse and actor. My wife Julie has become a thought leader and consultant in Workforce Planning over 20 years and life is always good despite the curb balls that come your way from time to time. My brother Kevin is now deceased.

My time at St Michael’s gave much for a firm grounding in values. Thank you Brother Charles and Brother William for your support of the Arts in a predominantly sports oriented school holding talent quests and children’s opera. Thanks to two students Vincent Plush and Patty McDonnell who also supported my earlier singing career at school. When I left Adelaide I was asked “why would you give up a successful legal practice to sing?” When I got to Vienna I was asked, “why would you think to continue a legal career if you can sing?” Interesting perspectives. I am very happy with the choices I ultimately made.

2014
I began teaching at St Michael's in 1954 and continued there to 1958. I was 20 years old when classes began in 1954 at Beverley. This was my first teaching appointment on the completion of my formation as a Brother. Many in my class were 10 years old. Those ages represent classifications of men and boys. However now that I am 82 and those from the 1954 era still living are 72, we're together in the classification of "seniors" perhaps "pensioners".

I hope my pupils of those days are in at least as good a state of health as I am. I am currently living in the community of De La Salle Brothers at Malvern, Melbourne, so I've come back to be "next door" to De La Salle College where I was a secondary student at Malvern in the 1940s just after WW2 ended.

These days I join other volunteers a couple of mornings a week teaching English to refugees at a centre in the Dandenong area.

Fr Paul Cashen msc would be the person from 1954-58 whom I've most met up with over the years. Our most recent contact was 2014 when I travelled to Adelaide to mark 60 years since the beginning at SMC, and was guest of the Sacred Heart Missionaries at their Henley Beach house.

Wishing God's blessings on all connected with SMC.

Brother Peter Gilfedder fsc
(Brother Ephrem as I was known then)
Brigadier Matthew William Hall, CSC
~ Class of 1965

Brigadier Matthew Hall was born in Adelaide in 1965 and attended St Michael’s College in the early 70’s following his older brothers, John (Rick) and Rodney who also attended St Michael’s College. Brigadier Hall is uncle to Sophie Hall 2012, Sarah Hall 2009, Christopher Hall 2007 and Aidan Hall 2004.

Brigadier Hall entered the Royal Military College Duntroon in 1983, graduating in 1986 when he was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, serving in the 1st Field Regiment. In 1989 he transferred to the Australian Intelligence Corps and studied Vietnamese at the Royal Australian Air Force School of Languages, Point Cook.

On promotion to Captain, Brigadier Hall held regimental and staff intelligence appointments at tactical, operational and strategic level. This included employment as an analyst in the Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO), following which he deployed overseas to Cambodia in 1992. On return he was appointed as the Intelligence Officer of the Northwest Mobile Force (NORFORCE) Darwin, then posted to Headquarters Northern Command Darwin. On promotion to Major in 1996, he was fortunate to be posted to the United States Defence Intelligence Agency in Washington D.C. as an integrated exchange analyst in 1996-1997, and was awarded the United States Meritorious Service Medal for his performance in this position. After attending the Australian Army Command and Staff College, Queenscliff, in 1998, he served at the Directorate of Officer Career Management – Army, prior to completing Long Term Schooling (Masters of Management) at the Australian Defence Force Academy. He was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and employed as a Senior Carer Advisor, prior to being appointed as the Commandant of the Defence Intelligence Training Centre in 2002 and Commanding Officer/Chief Instructor of the Command Staff and Operations Training Centre, Canungra in 2004. In 2006, in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List, Brigadier Hall was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross for his service in these appointments.

Brigadier Hall then served on operations in Afghanistan from September 2005 to March 2006. He fulfilled the duties of Chief of Analysis, US Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan, while also acting as a Liaison Officer for the Defence Intelligence Organisation. He was awarded the United States Bronze Star for his operational service to Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan.

On return to Australia in March 2006 he was promoted to Colonel and appointed the Director Joint Intelligence Staff, DIO. In 2008 he was selected as the Chief of Staff to the Vice Chief of Defence Force. In 2009 he attended the Defence and Strategic Studies Course at the Australian Defence College, prior to being promoted to Brigadier and appointed as the Commander Career Management-Army.

Brigadier Hall’s tertiary qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts (Military Studies) and Masters of Management (Human Resource Management) from the University of New South Wales, a Masters of Defence Studies from the University of Canberra, and a Masters of Strategic Studies from Deakin University.
Michael (Mick) Harley ~ Class of 1956

I was one of the original 29 students at St Michael’s College, Beverley, in 1954 and I was the only non Catholic in the school. I converted to Catholicism four years after leaving school when I was 18.

As with any new establishment, the property at Beverley was a wasteland of weeds and trees. The oval was only half the size it ought to have been and was a mass of mash mallow weeds which were kept down by the students and by the use of an old agricultural implement, the scythe, wielded by the ‘junior’ Brothers.

I left school in 1956 and joined the PMG (Postmaster Generals Department – now Australia Post) delivering telegrams. I progressed through the ranks with Australia Post to Sales Executive and Postmaster at various Post Offices.

After leaving school I joined the Findon YCW where I became President and it was there that I met Shirley McLeavey who was the Girl’s President who became my wife in 1967. We have 2 adult children, Tammy and Shane, and a foster son Robert. Shane was also a St Michael’s student and is now in the Australian Airforce serving in the Middle East.

In 1958 I started the Findon Skid Kids which is the sport of bicycle speedway and is still going strong to this day. www.cyclespeedway.asn.au

The Skid Kids is famous for its Trick Riding Display Team where the members perform various stunts on pushbikes which includes the World Famous Fire Jump.

In 1979 I was awarded Father of the Year for South Australia and in 2000, Citizen of the Year for the City of Charles Sturt and Citizen of the Year for South Australia. In 2001 I was proud to receive an Order of Australia Medal.

In 2006 I was elected as Councillor for the Beverley Ward in the City of Charles Sturt and was re-elected in 2010 and 2014.

I left Australia Post in 1994 after 37 years and joined Commander Communications selling telephone and other systems before finally retiring in 2014 at the age of 72.
John Hemmings ~ Class 1972

I attended SMC between 1964 and 1972. I commenced at Beverley in Ms Munane's Grade 4 class. When thinking about those years I glimpse blue caps, bike-racks, lining up for handball at recess. I definitely see Bro Gregory, perched on the first floor balcony of the old school rooms, with his whistle at the ready, overseeing and watching the 'Red Rover All Over' or the games of 'Brandy', that we played on the oval below him. I have fond memories of Uncle Ronny's (Bro Ronald's) PE lessons. I can see the chocolate wheel at the school fete and I can smell the change rooms when footy was played. I remember being part of a group of friends where I was the only Australian descendant. My friends were Ukrainian, Polish and Italian, children from parents who emigrated post war... but that only occurred to me years later.

Year 8 saw us all transported to the big school. Mr Smith (alias Smitty) and Bro Paul (alias Pinhead) were there to greet us. It was a wholesome warm environment and a time of learning. I have a very clear memory of a moment in Bob Kennan’s English class that abruptly caused me to stop and reflect on ideas differently and deeper. I also remember Mr Cornish's chatting of a balanced composition in Art. They were good years ... and a bit heady as I hit the teenage years of 14 and 15. This was when academic study began to mix with team sport, Led Zeppelin and the awkward biological urge towards girls. The other meaningful teacher was the quiet Mr Linke. (A story: I walked out of school one day, (truant) and stuck my finger out on Grange Rd to hitchhike... and he, of all people, picked me up. He did not say much but quietly dropped me back at school and the subject was never mentioned again (well not to me anyway).

I left school in 1971 at the end of Year 11 when Bro George Kane was Principal. I entered an apprenticeship in the Highways Department at Walkerville where I learned the now obsolete trade of Lithographic Camera Operator (allied to the printing trade). It wasn't really my 'cup of tea' but through its basic skill set I developed a passion in creating images. Mr Cornish's 'balance picture paradigm' came to the fore. I pursued photography with a gusto. Initially a friend and I had his parent's backroom as a studio and the bathroom of my flat as a darkroom. I became more adept and more aware. I applied and was accepted for a position as Assistant Medical Photographer at Flinders Medical Centre and never looked back. I spent 5 years photographing in operating theatres, wards, in studio, research labs and other medical and general subjects.

Then my next big passion took effect. As kid I was enthralled at seeing ancient Egypt and other strange places in National Geographic. It gave birth to a hunger to see that which was exotic in the world.

In 1979 I went on an extended holiday with the ambition to see a little known place called Afghanistan. However the Russian's beat me to it and so by default I spent much of my time in India. It was a great eye-opener and hard adventure in those days. I have been back 8 times since and will go again.

I spent approximately 5 or so years in and out of Europe, the Middle East and India. (NB I'm presently learning Farsi for my next set of travels to Iran, beginning next year.)

When I did arrive back in Adelaide in the mid-1980s, jobs in photography were hard to find. One day I realised I had established enough cliental to go freelance. I still work as a commercial photographer, where I produce images for public relation agencies, business, educational institutions, industry and newspapers. The images are used in brochures, reports, on websites and in general advertising. Over the years the client base has changed and I now work mainly within a 'people centric sphere'. I have been involved with SMC in this capacity for the last 8 years.

I have always thought of photography as a bit of a privilege as I often get access to situations, places and events that are very unique, and each day a different client, location, and challenge.
Back in the early nineties I had the desire for further learning. As a photographer you learn to see things in relation to the fall of light, subtlety of expression and impact of colour; ie right brain activity. I enrolled at Adelaide University, to engage the other half. I spent many years filling my spare time with academic studies in pursuit of the understanding of Anthropology, International Politics etc, “Every man needs to finish his education”.

In the mid-eighties I also met Trish and we had two fantastic boys. Leigh who now works in music media as a publicist and Ryan who is making his life in Canada, loving the snow in winter and chasing the surf in central America in the summer. Trish and I separated ‘yonks’ ago and I have shared the journey for the past 18 years with the lovely Carmel. Carmel also has 4 boys (now men)... so between us there is a small footy team.

St Michael’s was pivotal to my sense of learning, character and adventure. Thanks to all those teachers, some mentioned and others forgotten, but all made a difference.

2015
Thomas Hession ~ Class of 2012

Thomas is a young man going places. In 2016 he was awarded a Young Citizen of the Year Award by the City of Charles Sturt Council and received a Ministerial Commendation awarded at the SA Emergency Services Awards. He is also a previous winner of the Surf Life Saving SA President’s Award (2015).

Thomas progressed through the Nipper area of the Grange SLSC through to becoming a young adult heavily involved in search and rescue activities. Thomas has obtained numerous qualifications including First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation, Certificate II and III in Aquatic Rescue, Inflatable Rescue Boat, Rescue Water Craft (Jet Ski) Operators, Search and Rescue Aquatic, All Terrain Operators awards to list some of the ones he holds.

Thomas became a member of the Rescue Water Craft service in 2012/13, and in this short time he has already made a significant contribution to the group in various capacities.

He has been involved in the major emergency call outs at Petrel Cove, Cape Jervis, Granite Island and Henley/Grange over the last two seasons, not only in a patrolling capacity but assisting with the coordination and organisation of the jet skis, and also seeking other Rescue Water Craft operators for these call outs.

Over the last three seasons since joining the Rescue Water Craft service, Thomas has performed 529 jet ski patrol hours, averaging 176 hours per season, on top of his regular Club patrols at Grange.

In addition to the hours he puts in to the Jet Ski service on the water, Thomas has spent countless hours working in the sheds at Surf Life Saving SA Head Office, servicing and carrying out maintenance on the Jet Ski trailers and 4WD, fixing rescue sleds, and ensuring all the other jet ski gear is serviceable and operational. He tows skis to and from servicing agents, and to and from the storage facilities at Lonsdale and Goolwa.

Thomas took on full responsibility for the rostering of all 42 Rescue Water Craft operators during the 2014/15 season, as well as the collection of patrol logs from the skis at Goolwa, Lonsdale and West Beach, and personally bringing them to Surf Life Saving SA Head Office for processing.

When RWCS have been required at marketing or promotional events, Thomas has always been willing to attend and tow a ski, and has participated at events such as A Night at the Zoo, Volunteers Day March, and live news cross-overs.

He has shown a keen interest to further develop his skills. Last season he attended and passed the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue course, and also participated in a Jet Boat induction. Thomas plans to become a training officer for the Rescue Water Craft award, so he can share his passion with others.

For a 20 year old who doesn't hold an official Officer role for this service, he has contributed an enormous amount on and off the water, and has proved to be a developing leader in our Rescue Water Craft team and the Emergency Operations Group as a whole.
Dr Paul Hine ~ Class of 1973

Paul Hine enrolled at the College in Year 3 in 1964 and graduated in 1973. Three other Hine boys undertook their education at St Michael's between 1963 and 1976, each grateful for their association with the De La Salle Brothers, each benefitting from the quality of education they received.

After completing school Paul studied Arts and Education at Flinders University before taking up employment in catholic schools in South Australia in 1979. Following the partial retirement of Rob Keenan, a long serving Deputy Principal at St Michael's, Paul was appointed Deputy of the College from 1991 until 2002. In 1999/2000, Paul was appointed to Principal while the incumbent Principal, Br John Pill, was seconded by the Catholic Education Office to assist a diocesan school. Paul was appointed as the first lay Principal of Blackfriars Priory School in 2003. In 2008, Paul was appointed to Sacred Heart College Senior as Principal, broadening his experience to include students from non-metropolitan regions who boarded. Following an international search for a Principal at St Ignatius College, Riverview in Sydney, Paul moved to Sydney in 2013 to take up his appointment as the 21st Headmaster in the school's proud and distinctive history in 2013.

Paul has pursued an academic career alongside of educational administration in schools. In 1991 he was awarded a Masters of Educational Studies via dissertation from the University of Adelaide and in 2001 was admitted to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Curtin University for his research on psycho-social dimensions of learning environments. In 2009 Paul was appointed an Adjunct Research Fellow at Curtain University where he has examined Doctoral theses and contributed to research programs. Since 2003, Paul has lectured in the undergraduate and post-graduate Education programs at the University of Adelaide and assisted in the Masters program on thesis design and presentation. On two occasions – 1999 and 2001, Paul presented papers at the American Education Research Association - the largest academic symposium of its kind in the world.

In addition to academic life, Paul has worked for the South Australian Government, Chairing a Ministerial Advisory Committee for six years working with four Ministers of Education and reporting to Cabinet.

Paul attributes any of the success he has had in life to his family and his school. St Michael’s is regarded as the nativity of Paul’s life – a place where he learned to value scholarship, a place where he met his life long friends, a place that cultivated his values and faith.
Adam Hornhardt ~ Class of 2000

Adam studied Stage 2 Drama at St Michael’s in 2000 where he worked as Stage Manager for the performance of Hannie Rayson’s “Hotel Sorrento”. Since graduating from the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in 2003 with a degree in Technical Production, Adam has worked in various production positions on festivals including Sydney Festival, Melbourne Festival and the Adelaide Festival to name a few. He has stage managed for many companies including Sydney Theatre Company, State Theatre Company of SA, Great Big Events, Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Come Out and the Adelaide Festival of Ideas. Adam worked on WOMADelaide music festival as site manager both locally and in the UK.

Adam currently works as Special Events Production Manager with the Adelaide Festival, overseeing large-scale outdoor events including “Lola’s Pergola”, the new Festival Club, the Elder Park opening night concert, Writers Week and a series of theatre and music shows in the Queens Theatre. It is exciting to consider that as we begin to enjoy these Adelaide Festival events this weekend that an old scholar has been instrumental in their success.
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Murtaza Hussaini ~ Class of 2014

Murtaza Hussaini, who is currently a second-year Visual Art student at UniSA, is one of the organisers and artists participating in the Australian Refugee Association Portrait Exhibition which tells the stories about local people from a refugee background. Hussaini has contributed a number of paintings to the exhibition which showed at the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery, UniSA City West Campus before moving to other centres.


Nineteen-year-old Murtaza Hussaini is a second-year Visual Art student at UniSA. He is also an Afghan refugee, who came to Australia from Pakistan in 2009 when he was 12 years old.

In 2014, when Hussaini was studying SACE Art at St Michael’s College, he and two other Australian Refugee Association volunteers – Sue Thompson and Kirsten Treloar – decided to create a portrait exhibition about people from a refugee background.

“The initial aim of the exhibition was to raise awareness about refugees living among the community and to dispel the misconception about them being a threat to people’s lives,” explains Hussaini, pictured in the self-portrait above, second from left.

“At the same time I realised art that is created about victims of war, though not officially war art, is just as important because the faces in the portraits belong to people whose lives are directly linked to war. “The portraits tell the personal stories of the refugees to the wider community.”

The Australian Refugee Association Portrait Exhibition has been running annually since 2014, with Hussaini exhibiting his works alongside those of a number of other refugee and resident artists. This year the exhibition will showcase the drawings, paintings, photographs and sculptural works of 15 artists, including three new Afghan refugees. The artists find someone with a refugee background from within the community to be the subject of their artwork.

“The artist not only creates a portrait of that person, but they also interview the person about their life and make a small biography that goes with the artwork,” explains Hussaini.

“The Portrait Exhibition educates people about refugees because there’s a small story with each portrait, explaining who they are and how they came to be living among us.

“This year I drew a friend of mine, Bez, who is from Afghanistan. He came here much younger than I was; he saw his father for the first time when he was five years old.”

This new work will be included in the exhibition along with more than 20 other works which will travel around different community centres throughout metropolitan Adelaide for 12 months. All of the artworks are for sale.

Hussaini says the Australian Refugee Association Portrait Exhibition is well supported, with “lots of people from many different backgrounds” attending.

“Art is one of the best ways to create multiculturalism.”

July 2016
Jessica Ierace ~ Class of 2005

I began Year 11 at St Michael’s College in 2003 after leaving Siena College. I had always wanted to finish my schooling at St. Michael’s, as my older brother went there and it seemed like a really good school. I also didn’t like being at an ‘all girls’ school and wanted to be able to socialise with boys again! After much resistance from my father, I enrolled and was accepted. I thoroughly enjoyed my two years at St Michael's and am so grateful for the amazing and diverse teachers I had during those couple of years.

After graduating in 2005, I went on to study a Bachelor of Laboratory Sciences at the University of South Australia. At the end of the first year of my studies, I decided that I didn’t want to be a Medical Scientist, but I was more interested in food and nutrition. I then transferred to a Bachelor of Nutrition and Food Sciences which I completed in 2009. Finding a job as a Food Scientist after university proved to be quite difficult, so I took a full time job at the Red Cross Blood Service as a Technical Officer. I spent a few months learning how to process blood donations into different components, ready for transfer into patients. Just as I was settling in, I was offered a job at San Remo Macaroni Company as a Food Technologist. I was dying to break into the food industry and this was my chance so I left Red Cross and worked at San Remo doing quality control and research and development for the next year. During that time I decided that I wanted to do some further study and began a Graduate Diploma in Environmental Health Practice at Flinders University. After the first semester of my studies I realised that I wanted to be on the other side of the fence, and become an Environmental Health Officer or auditor. Luckily enough, my position at the Red Cross became available again so I applied for the position as it offered more flexible work hours. I was successful in getting my job as a Technical Officer back and picked up where I left off.

In 2012 I was nearing the end of my Graduate Diploma and started to think about applying for jobs in Environmental Health. At the time, there weren't any jobs in that field available in Adelaide, so I began looking interstate. Whilst I was job hunting, I found out that our department at the Blood Service was being made redundant as all processing was moving to the Melbourne site. I had the option of re-applying for my position in Melbourne or accept redundancy and look for another job. I was then offered two jobs that I had applied for, one was with the Broken Hill City Council in the Far West of New South Wales and the other was with the Shire of Kalamunda in Western Australia. Decisions, decisions!

I decided to move to Broken Hill as it was only around 6 hours away from Adelaide, which meant that I could go home and visit family and friends regularly. In August 2012, I packed up my belongings and drove to the ‘Biggest Outback City’ which would be my new home. On the drive, I realised I was heading towards the heart of Australia; red dirt, salt bush, emus, kangaroos and no water!

I have lived in Broken Hill for just over two years now and decided to give up my job as an Environmental Health Officer at the local council and try something that was out of my comfort zone. I am now employed at Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation as a Health Information Officer. I have spent the last 12 months learning how an Aboriginal Health Service functions and have nearly finished writing the longest document of my life on child health which is soon to be published.

Broken Hill is such a diverse place, with a mine located in the heart of the town and sometimes an emu walking down the main street. I am enjoying my time here, but hope to return to Adelaide in the next couple of years. I hope that one day I will have children and can send them to St Michael’s College so that they can experience all of the great things that the school has to offer.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?  
ST MICHAEL’S COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS

Kevin Johnson ~ Class of 1954

Today we were privileged to receive an email which contained a wonderful letter from the sister of one of our original students and from a family with a long and continuing association with the College.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Loyola Franson (Nee Johnson). I recently read The Star and noted that you were requesting news of the first intake of 29 boys in 1954.

My brother was Kevin Johnson who sadly passed away from cancer on March 30, 2009 at age 66. Kevin was one of the original 29 students at St Michael’s when it opened at Beverley and he had fond memories of those early days at the college.

When he left school he worked in the Post Office. He married and had two sons Stephen and Shane and at the time of his death he had two grandchildren.

I have particularly enjoyed reading the history in The Star lately and have felt very nostalgic, as they were happy and exciting years for Kevin and I as we lived around the corner from St Michael’s at Beverley. We watched every brick being built and my father (Ambrose Johnson "Mick") become quite involved, driving the Brothers to camps in Sydney and running bingo nights to raise money for the Parents and Friends.

Kevin was a very good tennis player and became the Junior Catholic Champion. I believe there is a trophy somewhere in the museum. I recall all those boys in the first few years, as many of them were regular visitors to our house.

My involvement with St Michael’s has continued as all of our children attended the College.

John Franson commenced Year 4 in 1970. He was a Prefect in Year 12, however he left to pursue a career in 1982 and is now a successful State Manager for a pharmaceutical company.

Chris and Tony Franson also began Year 4 starting school in 1971. They both left school in 1983 and were successful in attaining apprenticeships. Chris currently works for Solver Paints and Tony with Telstra.

Jane Victory (Nee Franson) came to St Michael’s from Siena College as happened in those days and graduated in 1980. Jane is now the Bursar at St Margaret Mary’s School at Croydon.

My family has had a strong connection with the College over what is now 60 years. While my brother was one of the first St Michael’s students in 1954, my grandson, Mitchell, was one of the first Reception students at St Michael’s in 2002 and will graduate this year along with his cousin Tessa Franson.

Six of our eight grandchildren have attended, or are still attending St Michael’s College. My granddaughter Kate Franson was a part of the last group of Year 11 girls in 2010. She graduated in 2011 and has completed a traineeship with the Australian Taxation Office.

Gemma and Sarah Victory daughters of Jane Victory (Nee Franson) are currently in Year 10 and Elise Franson is currently in Year 9.

In the College’s 60th year I have worked out that members of our family have spent an accumulated total of about 60 years at the school. Some are still to finish school and who knows what the future holds.

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Leo Kane (Br George)

Thoughts from the Rocking Chair ...

(A reflection on his days at St Michael’s College by Leo Kane, formerly Brother George, one of the first Brothers to teach at St Michael’s College, Beverley).

Beginnings ... 1954 ... Brothers Victor, Ephrem and George ... wonderful welcoming MSC’s, parishioners and parents with gifts of 3 bikes, food and grapes!!...Earthquake night of opening... no damage. Ephrem and I got a footy and used to kick it with young Woodville Fr Faulkner (later Bishop Faulkner) on our “oval”.

Not much money from fees...couldn’t afford a house keeper or hot water.... grew our own veggies.....spinach and broad beans a specialty ...Ugh!!! Ephrem, now Peter, and I rode up into the hills and “pinched” the present gum trees at Beverley...Victor made a billy cart to water them.

Wonderful 29 kids ... felt we were laying the foundations of something great...grew to about 90 in 3 years....great spirit...P&F very supportive....footy jumpers from West Torrens through Bill Tonkin...defeated Allenby Gardens!...First concert with 29 kids ...quick between-items changes.

Victor sick, strong 3 years pioneer! Replaced by Finbar. Away we went!! Working bees...200 dads laying concrete driveway at Beverley, painting the whole school, digging, laying foundations for extensions, building present change rooms, Holden Car raffles, fetes etc etc. Wonderful parents!!!

Decided on Leaving Honours...meant teaching 3 classes together, eg Latin Honours, Leaving and Intermediate...Saturday morning school ... results showed ..topped the State a few times...beat Rostrevor and Sacred Heart Seconds!!...cadets....Ephrem and I on bikes after school to do Uni. Enrolments grew, decided to build at Henley. Finbar left his mark...a great headmaster, fair, firm, practical, visionary.

Appointed Headmaster ...Henley Beach begins...smooth transition ...monks travelled from Beverley each day, Bro Bernard generously sleeping under the Henley school stairs until monastery finished. 200 desks built by dads for Henley. Excellent academic results thanks to more zealous Brothers, wonderful lay and ancillary staff...beat Rostrevor and Sacred Heart Firsts!!!!!...Most supportive parents, Peter Wallace at the helm ....a wonderful school community...Encouraging MSC’s !!!

Strong appeals for State aid at speech nights....Don Dunstan good. Government funding begins...new science rooms, hall, resource centre, (now staff room). Co-ed begins well with Sr Catherine. Won a Fulbright Award to inspect schools overseas for 3 months.. school in very good hands with Peter Wallace. Loved my years at St Michael’s. Off to head Benilde High, a DLS Year 11 & 12 school in Sydney.

Missed SMC... emphasis at Benilde on building community, the academic and preparation for leadership and university.. Loved it too for 7 years. Then called in a different direction: married life!!

Now 86, over 30 years of married life, good health, wonderful wife, 2 young men looking after people as lawyers, grandchild on way, Sue and I still run spirituality days ...written 3 books for parents and staff called The Little Brown Books on Mary Mackillop and The Pocket Contemplative. Worth getting at St Pauls!

May you all, staff, parents and students’ community, continue to keep the vision and great spirit of St Michael’s and De La Salle alive and well. The whole school community, past, present and future will always be very proud of St Michael’s with many more challenges ahead.

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Phillip Kavanagh ~ Class of 2005

The Drama Department and the St Michael’s College Community congratulate old scholar Phillip Kavanagh (Class of 2005) who has been shortlisted for the Jill Blewett’s Playwright Award as part of The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature.

The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature are highly regarded by writers and publishers around the country, consequently attracting quality nominations in all categories. The Jill Blewett prize, named in honour the late Ms Blewett’s contribution to theatre, will be increased in 2014 from $10,000 to $12,500.

This award supports the commissioning and development of a new play by a South Australian writer, with the assistance of the State Theatre Company of South Australia. Winners will be announced Saturday 1 March 2014 in a presentation at the Pioneer Women’s Memorial Garden during Adelaide Writers’ Week, held as part of the Adelaide Festival.

The St Michael’s community wishes Phillip well in the announcement of the award recipients.


As a follow up to our article in The Star, Week 2, Phillip Kavanagh won the Jill Blewett’s Playwright Award as part of the Awards for Literature. Phillip was one of three playwrights nominated for this award and was chosen for his play script Replay. The Award was presented at the Adelaide Festival Writer’s Week at the beginning of March.

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The St Michael’s College community congratulates Phillip on his fine achievement and look forward to seeing his new work staged with the State Theatre Company in 2015.

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Phillip Kavanagh ~ Class of 2005

Phillip Kavanagh is a playwright and dramaturg based between Adelaide and Sydney. He completed a Bachelor of Creative Arts (Honours) and a Master of Arts in Creative Writing at Flinders University after graduating from St Michael’s College and went on to complete a Graduate Diploma of Dramatic Art (Playwriting) at the National Institute of Dramatic Art.

Phillip was awarded the 2011 Patrick White Playwrights’ Award; the 2011 Colin Thiele Creative Writing Scholarship; and the 2014 Jill Blewett Playwright's Award. He has also been shortlisted for the 2014 and 2013 Philip Parsons Emerging Playwrights Fellowship.

In 2013 Phillip undertook an Australia Council JUMP mentorship with playwright and screenwriter Andrew Bovell, through which he first developed Deluge. Other works include Jesikah (STCSA), Replay (Griffin) and a new adaptation of Molière's Tartuffe (Brink/STCSA).

Deluge will feature at the 2016 Adelaide Festival of Arts and will be presented by Tiny Bricks in partnership with Brink Productions and involve 14 young, emerging Adelaide theatre artists. It will be performed at Plant One warehouse in Bowden from March 8-13.

http://www.adelaidefestival.com/2016/theatre/Deluge

"Deluge is a theatrical experiment that will see five plays running at the same time in the same space, exploring the ways we are affected by our lives of information overload. The audience's attention will be torn between each of the ten actors on stage in rapid succession, as the five plays race to unite in a symphonic conclusion.

To learn about the process of how this play was made, visit our website.

We are so excited to be presenting the work of local emerging theatre makers in an international festival, alongside some of the world's most celebrated artists and companies."

While it is a great honour to be selected to present work at the festival (largely regarded as one of the best Arts festivals in the country) it also requires a great deal of financial outlay. Phillip and his creative partners are halfway to achieving their goal but have only two more weeks to raise the funds to realise their dream.

"This is a big show, and whilst there are many other areas to be covered, we need this Pozible funding to turn a warehouse in the middle of an Adelaide summer into an audience-friendly theatre venue. The money we raise will contribute towards; installing the set; Hiring and installing seating, lighting and sound equipment; portable toilet hire; Security; installing industrial air conditioning so the audience don't overheat; Setting up the foyer bar so our audience can enjoy a drink after the show.”

Every little bit helps. If you can offer any support please do so by following this link:
http://www.pozible.com/project/198106

November 2015
Andrew Kay ~ School Captain 1982

Upon leaving SMC, I undertook a Bachelor of Business degree, majoring in Marketing, at the S.A.I.T (UniSA). It was a lonely place for St. Mick’s old scholars, with only one other person from my 1982 year on campus.

The Marketing degree was relatively new and mysterious back then and I was fortunate enough to find that it was in reasonably high demand when I graduated. That led me to National Mutual, working on the corner of King William and Grenfell Streets, at a time when the city was still buzzing with corporate head offices. No-one seemed to know what a Marketing graduate should do, so I was pretty much left to my own devices – a strategy which they may still regret.

My first “real” Marketing Manager position was at Manchester Unity – a friendly society, building society and credit union – where I spent three years before changing industries to join the “holy grail” for marketers – the FMCG, or Fast Moving Consumer Goods sector. My home for the next three years was Berrivale Orchards at Kent Town, managing brands like Daily Juice, Isosport and Summit Water.

In 1997 I packed up with my partner (now wife) and moved to Melbourne where I worked for Carter Holt Harvey and then Bonlac Foods, looking after dairy brands like Bodalla, Bega and Perfect Italiano.

The period in Melbourne took in the only two Crows premierships to date, the completion of my MBA and my wedding to Marianne. I have not listed these events in order of priority – although Marianne may challenge that...

In 2000, the impending arrival of our first child saw us head back to Adelaide, where I joined the wine industry and Orlando Wyndham Group. This was the start of a not unexpectedly beautiful friendship with the world of wine, which has treated me kindly ever since. The highlight of the first phase was moving to the UK with our two children, where I managed the OWG UK/Europe office for three years.

After my expat stint, we returned to Adelaide and I joined Wirra Wirra Vineyards where I became Managing Director in 2007. The McLaren Vale region has been a wonderful place to work, a 40 minute traffic-light-free commute from our home in Stirling in the Adelaide Hills.

Despite the wine industry enduring its challenges over the past decade, it continues to be thoroughly rewarding and has enabled me to see the world and meet many wonderful people. I have sat on a number of industry Boards and associations as a means of making a greater contribution, as well as lending a hand to charity advisory Boards in the NFP sector.

My spare time is taken up with my family and dog, an ongoing obsession with music, cricket and AFL and the continued abuse of my small guitar collection.

2015
Robert Kennedy ~ Class of 1959

Robert is a Chartered Accountant and a consultant to Kennedy & Co, Chartered Accountants, a firm he founded in 1995. Kennedy & Co offers a wide range of services with particular expertise in Forensic Accounting, Insolvency and Management Consulting.

Robert stepped down from the firm in 2004 to become a Consultant which allowed him to pursue his career as a Company Director and Chairman of a number of listed public companies.

Robert has been a Director of Flinders Mines Limited since 14 December 2001. He is the Independant Non-Executive Chairman of Ramelius Resources Limited (Director since 1995, Chairman since 2004), Non-Executive Chairman of Maximus Resources Limited (since 2004), Monax Mining Limited (since 2004), Marmota Energy Limited (since 2007), Tychean Resources Limited (since 2006) and Tellus Resources Limited (since 2013). Robert vacated office as Chairman of Beach Energy Ltd where as Chairman for 17 years and a non-executive director for almost 21 years, he led the company from near insolvency to a market cap of around $1.8bn in 2012.

Robert was awarded Entrepreneur of the Year in the Ernst & Young Central Region awards in the listed category in 2011. In 2012, Robert formed the Kennedy Arts Foundation which was entered on the Register of Cultural Organisations in late 2013. The Kennedy Arts Foundation aspires to be the leading arts foundation in South Australia promoting the recognition of the arts and artists for the benefit of the arts, artists and the South Australian Community.

The vision of the Kennedy Arts Foundation is to be recognised in South Australia, in particular, and in Australia as a foundation that encourages and directs participating artists to help them meet their full potential, to integrate their art as part of the South Australian community and achieve international recognition and support for their work.

The Kennedy Prize is the initial offering from the Foundation and through it we hope to inspire visual artists to create works of excellence, cultural relevance, commercial value and beauty, as well as to support them in establishing their careers. Its mission is to facilitate this by fostering relationships with the public sector, sponsors and galleries to create, host and tour this event with the defining purpose of awarding the prize.

Beyond the prize, the Foundation aims to create further projects for the support and development of artists and the arts and whilst the initial focus will be on the Kennedy Prize, as the Foundation grows it will branch further into supporting visual art as well as other areas of the arts.
Troy Kester ~ Class of 2005

During his time at St Michael’s from 2001 to 2005, Troy had his heart set on becoming a draftsmen; spending his free time drawing floor plans of houses. In his senior year, he scraped the idea when he had to deal with a family tragedy and then school counsellor, Ms Maria Chiarolli, insisted he write a journal.

Upon completing his Year 12 in 2005, Troy entered the adult world with an uncertainty of what would become of him in the future. Through a period of unemployment and becoming his Grandmother's carer he began to write a young adult book series he named 'Something Wicked'.

Troy says, 'In high school, I applied myself poorly in English. And if I did apply myself, it would be because of the short story assignments and even then I would get into trouble because they were usually based on witches.'

In 2012 he gained a job as a Meat Process Worker at the 'Thomas Foods International' Lobethal plant; a job he still maintains to this day.

'I assure you there is nothing glamorous about my life. Except that I live a double life: Meat Process Worker by Day and Novelist by night,' Kester says. 'I come home and I write. It's a good way to unwind!'

'Something Wicked' grew through a grieving process. In March 2015, Troy entered into a writer's competition held by local Publisher Peter Murray who had advertised in the 'Courier', an Adelaide Hills based newspaper.

From there it began, achieving 'Runner-Up' Troy signed a publishing contract that also involves Self-Publishing along with Mainstream Publication through Hahndorf based Publishing House 'The Publishing Academy'.

In October Troy's publisher will take the book to the Frankfurt Book Convention in Germany to be marketed and sold to international publishing houses. Troy also sent copies of his book to Oprah's Book Club, Ellen DeGeneres and David Koch on Sunrise to gain more exposure.

'Something Wicked' is a story of adversity. Set in the fictional city of Treadwell, it follows the journey of three brothers who face a life of supernatural challenges along with facing their own demons along the way.

Troy's first book can be purchased through his Facebook Page: T. R. Kester and there will soon be a copy of 'Something Wicked' available for loan from the St Michael's Library.

'I hope to release the second book in the series in 2016! When asked in interviews, "what advice I can give?" I always say, nothing is impossible! You just need to believe in yourself!'
St Michael’s has and always will be a very special place for me. It’s the community I have to thank for endless opportunity.

As a student I began to learn what it meant to be a Lasallian, a journey that continues to evolve today. Being a part of such an amazing community is something I will cherish forever. Friendships that began in Year 7 at Beverley have progressed from the oval battles playing “marks up” at lunch time to holding wedding rings on your best friend’s special day!

The old saying that “one day you will really miss school” started for me the day after my last exam in 2001, and continues today. Lucky for me that wasn’t the end of my time at St Mick’s.

In 2002 I received a phone call from one of the most compassionate and respected men I have ever come across ... Br John Pill. When he explained to me that the College needed to deliver a co-curricular program in a different format, one that included voluntary staff involvement, I must admit there was a level of uncertainty. I knew how much work the St Michael’s staff committed to making co-curricular activities such a success and knowing that we would lose the majority of that staff involvement when it went voluntary, was scary. But, as usual, many stepped up and went out of their way to help me, and ultimately the students, who loved to wear the maroon gold and blue after school hours.

Staff do that extra work to be the best they can, and when they do this in all aspects of College life, not just in Co-Curricular, they are the reason students achieve life time dreams. They certainly were for me!

Sixteen years as a student and then a member of staff went by very quickly. During that time I also completed my Certificate 4 in Building and Construction at the Master Builders Association and now work as a Project Manager for Sagle Constructions. This new position was certainly different to my role as Co-Curricular Coordinator, but I am enjoying the new challenges.

When reflecting on my time at St Michael’s and what it is to be “Lasallian”, I think, in a simplistic way, that it has a lot to do with the way you treat people, it’s going out of your way to ask someone how they are doing, or when asked yourself, responding with something positive and contagious. Bringing joy into someone else’s life is something special. This is the statement I was able to share with all the brilliant staff at St Michael’s at my last official SMC function and a statement I live by today.

So ... now, having reached the age of 30 years, I am working hard in a profession that I absolutely love and I am also very excited to be marrying my beautiful fiancé, Kate Sewell (Class of 2004) next year. Kate is the daughter of Jeanette Sewell; the legendary teacher at the Primary Campus at Beverley who will be retiring this year. Along with my mum, “Jano” (as I affectionately call my soon to be mother-in-law) is now the full time wedding consultant.

St Michael’s is everything Kate and I would want our children to experience and I hope that one day, whatever they are interested in, we can proudly walk them through the same hallways we did.

A big hello to everyone. Go the Maroon, Gold and Blue!
Anthony Louzikiotis, Michael Caroscio & Anthony Roccisano ~ Class of 2010

Michael Caroscio, Anthony Louzikiotis and Anthony Roccisano (pictured L – R) began together at St Michael’s in 2006 in Year 8. They completed their schooling together and went on to study Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide with their final year being completed this year in 2014.

Looking back at the years spent at St Michael’s, all three agree that the College prepares students well for university studies. The boys have a vision to assist in bridging the gap between high school and university life in order to make the transition smoother and more enjoyable for students. They hope to do this by working closely with the school and students at college events, class talks and providing advice to students from past experience.

They are also keen to show students, particularly those with an interest in Engineering, what career paths they can follow in engineering disciplines.

Anthony, Michael and Anthony are working together on their University Honours project called “Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) Wake Interaction”. Their project is aiming to improve wind turbine/wind farm efficiencies by building knowledge about wind turbine wake and the wake interaction between wind turbines.

In addition, the old scholars will be in attendance at the upcoming Careers Night (Monday 4 August) to talk to students and parents about subject selections and possible future career paths.

For further information about the project or University of Adelaide Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering degrees contact Anthony Louzikiotis – Project Manager HAWT Wake Interaction on anthony.louzikiotis@student.adelaide.edu.au.
Tkay (Takudzwa) Maidza ~ Class of 2012

Armed with just a pair of towering platform boots, an ability to write contagious club anthems to suit her lightning-face emcee flow, and an undeniably soulful voice, Tkay Maidza has become one of the most buzzed about young artists in Australia in 2014.

At only eighteen years old, Tkay was not too long ago playfully rapping along with Youtube videos after attending classes at University and couldn’t imagine the effect of uploading her first startling single “Handle My Ego’ off-handedly to Triple J unearthed. Within hours, the track – a mix of tongue-in-cheek verses, delivered with quick-fire-feeling across a backing of thundering dubstep – was shared thousands of times ... not bad for someone who had been rapping for eighteen months and singing for less than!

In the year that has followed, Tkay toured the country and played sell-out club shows. Seemingly unfazed by the fuss, Tkay is focused on crafting and refining her unique music and determined to carve her own path.

Like many young musicians, Tkay’s first forays into music were playful – jamming with friends, stealing time in her dad’s studio, recording sketches of songs in her iPhone and scouring the Internet for new tracks. Born in Zimbabwe and now living in Adelaide, she credits her musical family for influencing her to take her song-writing talent seriously, inheriting her drummer and guitarist father’s rhythm. With her mother’s encouragement Tkay has hit ‘pause’ on her studies to focus on her live shows, touring and honing her astoundingly self-taught skills.

Influenced as much by sing-along-radio-soul and underground electronic music, Tkay credits a wide array of artists that have helped shape her style, from glitch-hop to pop and back again. With an ear for both soaring melodies and dark bass thumps, her remarkable frap flow sits comfortably across breakneck tempos, shifting drum patterns, chrome-plated synths and bursts of low end and with a vocal range as impressive as it is angelic – Tkay provides a perfect foil for the dark, futuristic R&B production.

After the success of her first single ‘Handle My Ego’ with the churning dubstep producer Badcop, Tkay was asked to jump on a collaborative single ‘Arm Up’ with Mad Decent’s only Australian producers Swick and Lewis Cancut and her deft-tongue tirade shines against the heaving siren samples and drum loops. Back with Badcop for her next single, ‘Brontosaurus’ the Jurassic-sized dancehall jam saw Tkay craft more of her no-signature contagious choruses.

Her latest track ‘U-Huh’ with her tour DJ Elk shows an incredibly fierce and fearless young woman, her lightning-fast flow and clever wordplay sparks with an insatiable hook that urges you to dance.

One thing’s for sure with TKay Maidza, whether it’s hearing her spitting spirited and self-assured bars over a chaotic dance-floor enticing track, or singing to Dew Process and a breakout set at Splendour in the Grass, a showcase at Brisbane’s Big Sound, Queenscliff Music Festival and a spot on the Listen Out line-up, as well as acclaimed club tour with Nuna Las Vegas – this is looking set to be just the beginning.

Tkay dominated the 2015 South Australian Music Awards, walking away with four major trophies. In November she was crowned Best Female Artist and won Best Release for her Switch Tape EP, while her Hottest 100-charting single 'Switch Lanes' also took out Best Song and Best Music Video.
Cassandra Mamone’s jewellery career spans many years, having begun making jewellery at just 15 years of age for her family and friends as a hobby.

After completing her secondary schooling at St Michael’s College in 2003, Cassandra graduated from TAFE SA’s Adelaide College of the Arts, and went on to work for fine jewellers in Adelaide to learn from the best.

Creativity called in 2010 and Cassandra bravely quit her job to start her own business. Cassandra began by creating bridal jewellery and then sterling silver, but found her niche in designing unique engagement rings.

Cassandra says she was nervous going out on her own but knew she had to spread her wings and take her career to the next level.

In 2013 Cassandra released her first fine jewellery collection to great reviews and since then her brand has grown phenomenally.

The Cassandra Mamone Fine Jewellery aesthetic is unmistakable. Often featuring on trend yet timeless pieces, her creations encapsulate classic designs, whilst reminiscent of their unique inspiration. Each piece features all the intricacies that have refined the craftsmanship of jewellery, which only producing by hand allows.

A perfectionist with the desire to create timeless jewellery that will be forever cherished, Cassandra sources only the finest materials to work with, from the purest white diamonds to the most radiant semi-precious stones.

“Fine jewellery is definitely my niche. I have customers from all over Australia who are appreciating the intricacy in my designs and my delicate workmanship.”

Gold Logie winner, Carrie Bickmore, wore Cassandra Mamone’s “Flying Feather Ear Cuff” at the 2015 TV Week Logie Awards, whilst a number of other stars on the red carpet were also seen in Cassandra Mamone pieces. A celebrity following has certainly developed with Miss Universe, Jesinta Campbell and television personality, Sam Armytage, also wearing her pieces on a number of occasions.

After New York fashion blogger Danielle Bernstein (@weworewhat) post a photo of her wearing one of Cassandra’s diamond rings to her hundreds of thousands of followers, the response via social media was overwhelmingly positive and Cassandra now has an international following.

“When I first started my own business, I remember lying awake thinking ‘oh my gosh – how am I going to make it work and get to where I want to be?’ Step by step, I got there.”

“Ultimately I would like to base myself in Adelaide and New York City, and I’m slowly paving my way there – one diamond at a time.”

2016
Anthony Marafioti – Class of 1993

I started at St Michael’s College as a Year 6 student in 1987 and completed Year 12 in 1993. I have nothing but great memories during my 7 years at the College, developing great relationships with teachers and lifelong friends whilst successfully completing my studies.

Music and Australian Rules Football have always been my big two passions. However music wasn’t a major part of the school curriculum back then, but I was proud to represent the College football team at 1st XVIII level in 1993.

Following Year 12, I went on to study Sales & Marketing, and at the same time pursued my love for music by forming a band (my role being lead vocalist and keyboardist). What started out as just a bit of fun, quickly escalated into more of a profession, as shows went from being once a month to 4-5 times per week, and by 1998, KEEP THE CHANGE, were well entrenched into the Adelaide cover band scene performing major events and every high profile club and pub in the State. From 2000-2007 we extensively toured to every corner of the country, throughout every state on mainland Australia. Our main stays where we had residency shows for months at a time were Darwin (N.T.), Broome (W.A.) and Cairns (Qld.), entertaining the many tourists from all over the world in peak seasons.

I married in 2005 to Raquel and in 2007 we had our first child Anthony Jnr. I wound down the band’s touring from that point, and focused on the corporate and wedding entertainment market, where KEEP THE CHANGE have won 7 National Accredited Awards in the Australian Bridal Industry Academy.

I have also since branched off to more than just my band, creating KTC Entertainment for a wider variety of entertainment options including Tribute Acts, Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Photo Booths, and Audio Visual Production/Equipment Hire.

As well as being brought up by my wonderful parents, there is no doubt in my mind that St Michael’s helped shaped me as a person and prepared me for the real world in both life and business. I’m proud to have my son Anthony Jnr (Year 2) at the College and look forward to my 2 year old daughter, Allyssa, hopefully joining the ranks when she’s ready for high school. I’m confident they will both get as much out of the culture and experiences of the College as I did.
Ebony Marinoff ~ Class of 2015

South Australian footballer, and St Michael's Old Scholar, Ebony Marinoff, has shown she can step up to the plate no matter the circumstances after cutting short a mid-match interview to kick the winning goal during last weeks clash with NSW/ACT.

Sitting on the bench during the final quarter, Marinoff was speaking with Fox Footy reporter Neroli Meadows, when she got the call to return to the field. Without missing a beat, she leapt from her seat mid-sentence and ran onto the field.

"And she's off, that's how intense it is here in the inner sanctum," Meadows quipped in response. South Australia was trailing 24-21 at the time. Marinoff turned hero just two minutes later, kicking what turned out to be a match-winning goal to give her team a two-point victory at Adelaide Oval. Marinoff was hailed by her teammates for the special play, while Adelaide Crows star Eddie Betts, who was among the crowd, led the applause.

Speaking after the match Marinoff was in shock.

"It's amazing. I can't believe that just happened".

"We have so much pride and we don't know what will happen next year, whether we'll get to wear this guernsey again. It shows how much pride and unity we have as a team."

In an earlier exhibition match held at Adelaide Oval in April, 2016, Ebony was also best on field. She is a strong-bodied midfielder, and played a gutsy game, showing no hesitation when it came to winning the hard ball and provided run and carry. She finished the pre-Showdown clash with 37 disposals to help the side to a two-point win.

Ebony credits her improved game to the work she completed in the gym and on the track pre-season. She plays for the Morphettville Park Kangaroos in the South Australian Women's Football League and has been working with mentor and Kangaroos Captain Courtney Cramey, a trailblazer in the women's game in South Australia. The pair has been training together since the end of last season, completing multiple running and skills sessions each week.

"Courtney has taken me under her wing and I'm really fortunate because she's a great person and such an inspiration," Marinoff said. "She coached me in 2014 and I was lucky enough to play alongside her last year. She's been a coach, a mentor and a teammate. I've done a lot of work, but I wouldn't have done it without her. I'm lucky to have her by my side."

Ebony, who is completing a certificate course in Police Studies, says her other sporting passion is surf lifesaving. However, she gave up that sport last year to focus on football.

"So, it's all footy at the moment, with the national competition starting next year. I really want to be part of that, so I've got to put in the hard yards."

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David Martin ~ College Captain, Class of 1975

"My time at St Michael’s was very special to me, and absolutely formative for me. I could not have asked for a better learning and pastoral environment".

David Martin is Managing Partner of Finlaysons, one of Adelaide’s largest and best known law firms, which traces its history back over 160 years. He is regarded as a leading lawyer in his field of property law both in South Australia and nationally, and is a prominent member of the SA property development community, being a long time Board member, a ‘Fellow’ and Life member and a former President of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (SA Division).

David began at St Michael’s as a Year 4 student in 1967. After graduating from St Michael’s at the end of 1975, David studied Law at the Adelaide University.

He began his career as an articled clerk (an apprentice lawyer if you like!) in 1980 (coincidentally, the year he married Loretta Mancini – also Class of 75). Here he learnt the workings of a law office and how to structure his time in 6 minute units!

He became a partner of the firm Lynch Meyer in 1983 and subsequently went on to become Managing Partner and Chairman of partners of that firm. David worked primarily as a commercial lawyer and predominantly working for clients in the property industry. He loved the challenging work of this industry and was involved in the legal work for some of the most significant developments in SA such as West Lakes, Golden Grove and Mawson Lakes to name a few, as well as many very prominent projects in NSW, Qld, NT and Victoria.

After 25 years with Lynch & Meyer, he moved to Finlaysons in 2006. He has been Chairman of Partners and Chairman of the Board of Finlaysons and is currently Managing Partner.

Throughout his professional career to the present, David has found time to be involved in a range of community organisations. He has served on many boards and committees including the Henley Parish (Pastoral Council as well as several other groups), the school boards of Star of the Sea, Dominican School and St Michael’s College; the Boards of numerous sporting organisations, Vikings Water Polo Club (Life Member), SA Water Polo Inc (Life Member), Henley Water Polo club (Life Member) and Cycling Australia. He is still currently on the Board of Water Polo Australia Limited. He is currently the Deputy Chairman of the Board of prominent SA aged care provider Southern Cross Care (SA & NT) Inc.

David has always been very proud of his upbringing and his long term connections to St Michael’s. He’s kept close ties with the College, especially during the 90’s & 00’s when all 4 of his children attended: Chris (2000), Tim (2002), Anthony (2004), Jessica (2007). Even though it is 40 years since he graduated from St Michael’s, some of his long term SMC classmates remain his closest friends to this day.

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WE REMEMBER ... THE MARTIN FAMILY

In the week that we celebrate De La Salle Day, we digress from our historical stories of St Michael’s just a little, to reflect on the importance of De La Salle Day and the sense of community that this day engenders. Our Lasallian heritage follows the spirit of Faith, Service and Community. The community spirit of De La Salle has been alive at St Michael’s College from its inception and is the reason the College has developed into the successful College that it is. The community spirit of those original families and those that followed are the reason those associated with the College benefit from what it is today. There were many families involved from those early days. Many interesting stories can be told of those early days and but one example is that of the Martin family.

In 1954, the Hindmarsh Parish Priest, Fr Cuthbert Hoy, who (so legend has it) was a master at roping people into jobs for the parish, prevailed on a local young parishioner (Brian Martin) to attend at the opening day of the new St Michael’s College at Beverley to collect donations toward the school building fund from attendees at the opening. Little did Brian know that this was the start of an association with the College that would last to this day.

Brian and his wife Margaret (pictured below) both served on various Boards and Committees during the 1970’s to 1990’s. Brian chaired the Campus Consolidation Committee which investigated the move of the Year 8 students to the Henley Campus and the subsequent building process as well as chairing the College Appeal to raise much needed funds for this urgent capital works. Also during this time, 4 of their 5 children were enrolled at St Michael’s.

Lynn, the eldest son, commenced in Year 4 at Beverley and graduated in 1973. He served as College Vice Captain in his final year. Lynn returned in 1977 to teach at the College until 1984. Lynn’s 4 sons, Daniel, Matthew, Nicholas and Patrick also attended St Michael’s College.

David Martin, son No. 2, was also enrolled at Beverley in Year 4 and graduated in 1975 being awarded the prestigious Athlete of the Year Award and having completed a successful year as College Captain. David married fellow old scholar Loretta Mancini (a Prefect in 1975) and in years to come, a teacher at the Primary Campus (1999 to 2011). Loretta and David’s 4 children, Christopher, Timothy, Anthony and Jessica all graduated from the College. David served on the College Board from 1994 to 2007 and you can read further about his career this week in “Where are they now”.

Although Nareeda, the third child and first daughter did not attend St Michael’s, her daughter Meg Martin-Dashwood did and graduated in 2013.

Marianne began at St Michael’s in Year 12 in 1981 and was elected College Vice Captain. She married Paul Zanelli (Class of 1981) and 2 of their 3 children, Samuel and Louis, attended St Michael’s. Sam graduated in 2010 and Louis is currently in Year 10. Marianne served the College for many years as a Parent Representative and offered her expertise on the feasibility study and Jubilee Committee.
Carolyn, the youngest of the Martin children began at St Michael’s in Year 11 and graduated in 1988. She married Phil Dawkins (Class of 1988) and their three children, Joshua, Harrison and Tayla, have either commenced their schooling at St Michael’s or are due to start in the coming years.

Little did Brian know back in 1954 that assisting at the opening day of the Beverley Campus would prove to be the start of a deep and wide connection with the College that his direct family (all pictured above) would have that persists to this day, and which “so far” has produced:

- 17 children and grandchildren as St Michael’s scholars;
- A further 2 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren who are enrolled at SMC in the future (the youngest great grandchild enrolled for 2026!);
- 4 marriages to fellow St Michael’s College scholars;
- 1 College Captain;
- 5 College Vice Captains;
- 5 Prefects/College Leaders;
- 5 Athletes of the Year;
- 1 Principal’s Award;
- 1 Service to the College Award.

In addition to Brian and Margaret Martin’s direct family connection, there are even deeper and wider related family connections to the College involving the Gutte, Martin (John & Betty), O’Donnell, Auld, Mancini, Ullianich, Zanelli and Carlin families.

The College is eternally grateful to the Martin family, and the many others who have forged and contributed to the history of St Michaels College.
Chris McHugh’s accomplishments as an elite athlete should see his dream of competing at the Rio 2016 Olympics come to fruition.

Arriving in Adelaide from rural New South Wales when he was 12, Chris quickly tried his hand at Australian Rules Football. With natural height, it was only when he was dropped from the Under 13s side in their Grand Final that he decided to try other sports.

"It was a bit of a crushing blow for a young bloke," he said with a grin," but it set me on a path for playing about five or six sports and I ended up with volleyball." A sport which has since taken him to a variety of places around the world.

Even before reaching the professional beach volleyball level, Chris was making waves with his astonishing speed and power in U21 World Championships. Now a professional attacking machine, he’s collected numerous Australian Beach Volleyball (ABV) Tour event titles and an Australian Championship. Affectionately nicknamed "McLovin'," Chris tears up the sand courts with thundering serves and spikes.

Chris pairs with Isaac Kapa and in 2015 they commenced their World Championships campaign after competing in the Fuzhou Open in China. They entered the competition seeded fifth in the world ranking. The last time the rest of the beach volleyball world saw Isaac and Chris, they were standing on a podium in Austria proudly clutching bronze medals. Team Kapa/McHugh had steamrolled their way past some of the biggest names on the world tour to achieve not only their best International results, but also one of the best ever by an Australian men’s team.
Australia’s Chris McHugh and Isaac Kapa are well on the way to selection for the Rio Olympics. In March they won their third Asian Beach Volleyball title, defeating fellow Australians Bo Soderberg and Cole Durant in three sets at Manly Beach.

It was a welcome return to form for Kapa and McHugh, who are Australia’s top-ranked international team heading into the Olympic qualifiers.

“For sure things clicked into place a bit better for us today,” McHugh said.

“The Asian Championships is a massive thing for us. We’ve had to fight really hard this week, we only won a couple of really tight matches to get through.”

McHugh’s powerful serve proved the difference in the opening set, blowing Soderberg and Durant away 21-10. But the experience of 38-year-old Soderberg and the presence of Durant on the net gave them the second set, 21-19, before Kapa and McHugh took the final set and the match, 15-9.

McHugh and Kapa dominated beach volleyball in Australia for two summers after 2012, but a serious shoulder injury to Kapa in 2014 set the team back in their quest for Olympic qualification. But Kapa said the team is now ready for a final assault on Rio.

The top men’s and women’s team from the Asian Continental Olympic qualifiers will progress to Rio and join the top 15 teams from world rankings and the other Continental champions. The second and third ranked teams will have one final chance at the Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification – 4-10 July, 2016) where the two finalists will be the last qualifiers for the Rio Games.

Robert (Bob) McLean ~ Class of 1963

A message from Big Robert (Bob) McLean

The time seems right to release a statement to confirm that these rumours of my death are true. That dyin’ business was killin me anyway.

Wilma, Adam and Sarah were with me through the last slide, which in the end was a bigger deal for them than it was for me, the wonders of modern medicine being what they are.

Thanks to all the crew at the Angaston Hospital. You were great. The vet told me this was happening months ago when my liver wore out, so we’ve all had plenty of time to get used to it.

It was a good 67 years. A long ride from Clare, through Peterborough and Hamley Bridge. School at Marist Brothers (and St Michael’s College 1962 & 1963). Became an electrician. A bouncer at the Old Lion. The Redlegs Club.

It was pure luck that I met Syd Gramp and Tom Morrison who liked the cut of my cloth, and gave me a job at Orlando. Started at the bottom of the pile. I was the assistant to the assistant to the assistant. And on it went.

All those years at Orlando. Petaluma. St Hallett. Banksia. Building brand Barossa. And now the top of the story at the top of the hill.

People always said I was a PR person. I’m more of a communicator than anything. When I was running hot in the ’70s people wanted to know why I didn’t open my own PR thing or go into marketing. They said I’d kill it. But I’m not a marketer. I make things work but that’s not marketing, it’s problem solving, it’s communicating. I get everybody talking. I can get enemies to talk. I can set things up: I’m not a bad adjudicator. I’m a good chair because I listen. My version of chair is that you shut up and listen and make sure everyone gets a say, everyone gets a fair go.

I’ve been lucky. I’ve always set the rules even within corporations. I’ve always been able to back my decisions. One of my sayings is don’t rip anyone off. I’ve never done a deal yet that does anyone over, ever. It’s equal equal, win win.

I was never really a star at anything, but I participated in everything. That’s the secret. You don’t have to be a star. Just participate. My advice to everyone that will listen is to
participate, learn teamwork and your natural leadership qualities will come out of that. You know the ones that you’re good at, and the ones you’re not good at.

With Wilma and the kids I’ve spent the last years of my life building our Barr Eden vineyard into an absolutely unique winemakers’ vineyard. Wilma selected the territory, Wilma bought this, I simply paid for it. Wilma is the total influence.

I want this vineyard on the mountain viewed forever as a winemaker’s vineyard. I planted it as bush vines so you can’t get a mechanical harvester into it. You can’t mechanically prune it. There’s no water. It’s all dry grown, got its own roots, all in the old original style. It’s all rocks. We get the best grapes up here in the cross flow winds. Barr Eden’s designed for the winemakers to come here – to look for quality – to perve on the quality and then fight for it.

Now I’ve cast off in Bessy the boat with a Barr Eden Shiraz Mataro Grenache to marvel about how quick it all was.

Tongue in cheek I even stopped being a winemaker, because I never was. I mean, I’m a dreamer, a story teller. I think about things, create and get it done.

There I go again, lapsing into the present tense. I sorta like that. I’ll leave the future with you.
Cheers, Bob.

Bob McLean passed away 9 April, 2015

This text is excerpted (by Philip White) from Bob’s last interview, which Milton Wordley recorded the week before he died. Photo by Milton Wordley.
Dino Mennillo ~ Class of 1993

Dino started as a St. Michael’s College student in year 4 (1984) at a time where that year level was the entry level to the school. Having spent 12 months completing a scholarship at the AIS in Canberra in 1992, he returned to complete year 12 prior to entering into tertiary education studying Occupational Therapy at the University of South Australia. Whilst studying and eventually working as an Occupational Therapist, Dino managed a career as a professional soccer player, playing in the Australian National Soccer League for 10 years with Adelaide City Zebras and Wollongong Wolves, being fortunate enough to play in back to back winning National League Grand finals in 1999/2000 a 2000/2001 with Wollongong. Dino represented Australia at under 20 level competing in the World Youth Cup in Qatar in 1995, as well as playing as a professional overseas in England and Greece.

Married to Michelle in 2001 and having their first child in 2003 he moved back to Adelaide. In January 2005 he became the director of Occupational Therapy For Children, a private paediatric Occupational therapy service. His professional experience has involved working with children and adolescents in a variety of settings (private, community and government) in South Australia, Victoria and NSW. Dino is passionate about working with children with a range of conditions including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory processing difficulties/ dysfunction, and behavioural / emotional difficulties. With the amazing support of his wife, Michelle, he has been able to live a career that is humbling and enriching whilst being an active part of the lives of his 2 beautiful children, Isabella and Noah.

Currently, whilst managing and running Occupational Therapy For Children with Michelle, Dino continues to Play and Coach in the Amateur Soccer League whilst coaching Noah at Birkalla Eagles and trying desperately to follow the dance and musical theatre career of Isabella. His interests include music, sport of any kind, neuroscience and ‘useless’ general knowledge.

Dino continues to associate with the lifelong friends he grew up with at St. Michael’s, including his older brother, Anthony (St. Michael’s College Vice Captain 1991 and College Captain 1992). Along the way, in both sporting and professional pathways, Dino has managed to reconnect with many St. Michael’s old Scholars (and their children) and is always in admiration of the unique bond that exists amongst this group of people. In his role over the last 12 years, Dino has been privileged to see the emergence of St. Michael’s College as a leader and innovator in the education of young men and women in the community.
Catherine Miller (nee Cornish) ~ Class of 1977


Cathy’s resume is impressive. She has achieved so much; completing a Bachelor of Business (Personal & Industrial Relations) at the University of South Australia in 1980, followed by a Masters of Business Administration from Elton Mayo School of Management, a Bachelor of Health Service Administration in 1992 and graduating from an Australian Institute of Company Directors course in 2011.

Cathy’s professional appointments have been primarily in the health care industry:
- Human Resource Manager, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital;
- Executive Director, Adelaide Children’s Hospital, Division of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services;
- Senior Lecturer Coordinator Health Service Management Program, University of South Australia;
- Part Time Lecturer/Tutor, University of SA Graduation School of Management, Elton May School of Management;
- Chief Executive Officer of the Central Districts Private Hospital, Harwin Private Hospital, Wakefield Hospital, College Grove Private Hospital, North Eastern Community Hospital, Ramsey Health Care and the Benchmark Mutual Hospital Group;
- General Manager, Lyell McEwin Hospital (Central Northern Adelaide Health Service);
- Chief Executive Officer, Southern Adelaide Health Service, and,
- Chief Executive Officer, Minda Incorporated, 2010 to the present time.

Giving back to the community through membership of the following Boards, has also been a highlight for Cathy:
- Port Adelaide Football Club / Port Adelaide Power Football Club (Gala Ball Committee);
- Hospital Medical Management Service (Director / Owner);
- Med Set Go (Director / Owner);
- Pulteney Grammar Board of Directors (Director and Chair of various committees);
- Southern Adelaide Health Service (Director and Chair of Audit & Risk Committee);
- Northern Metropolitan Community Health Service (Director)
- Eastern Community Health Service (Director/Chairman);
- Australian Institute of Company Directors (Graduate AICD);
- Stirling Hospital (Director, Member of Finance Committee);
- Business SA (Director).

Cathy has a genuine passion to provide excellence in the delivery of quality human services and has excellent interpersonal, negotiation, networking and advocacy skills. Cathy’s proven ability to apply a strong business acumen to translate strategic objectives into pragmatic and operable strategies and her level of political savvy and understanding of contemporary organization issues is acknowledged.

On top of all these achievements, Cathy has managed to raise two sons and enjoy, when she gets some leisure time, being involved in netball, yoga and the chosen sports of her two boys.
Hi there! My name is Dr Ed Miller and I graduated from St Michael’s College in 2006. I have lots of fond memories of the College – friendships, playing sport on Saturdays, the mentorship of the teachers – but most importantly what I remember is the sense of community provided by the College and particularly by the Brothers. That sense of community and of togetherness is vital for us as individuals, as families, as schools, and as a society. We need that Spirit and that togetherness in society and it starts as students and individuals at school.

After graduating as Dux Proxi, I went on to Adelaide University and completed two years of a Bachelor of Science before transferring and completing an MBBS. As a medical student I won the graduating prize in psychiatry (the HK Fry Prize for Psychological Medicine) as well as the AMSF Travel Scholarship and the Insight New Ideas Fund – received for my work raising funds for an orphanage in Ghana that I had visited as a student. I also conducted research with the Department of Psychiatry at the University and presented my findings at the SMHR (Society for Mental Health Research) conference in 2014.

My focus has steadily turned to mental health and particularly mental health and education. After completing my internship at the Lyell McEwin Hospital and working in Glenside Psychiatric Hospital, together with my wife I have now moved to Oxford University in the UK to work on a Masters of Psychiatry by Research. There is a big international focus on changing the way we think about mental health, namely through remodelling education to not just foster academic excellence, but also emotional and psychological excellence through good mental health.

I am working with the Oxford Mindfulness Centre to contribute to research looking at the effects of mindfulness meditation on the developing mind and how this may contribute to mental health promotion. This is an exciting field and I would encourage anyone reading this to further your insight into mindfulness meditation by looking at its health benefits. A good place to start is the Oxford Mindfulness Centre website (http://www.oxfordmindfulness.org/).

I would like to say thank you to St Michael’s College for providing me with an excellent education and I would encourage all students to truly pursue your dreams through hard work and personal reflection, and always be proud of where you come from. Remember, it doesn’t matter what you end up achieving in life; what truly matters is the level of connection with others you make along the way.

Cheers,

Ed

October 2016
Anthony Murdaca ~ Class of 2013

Should St Michael’s College become an elite Golf School? Why not, when old scholars like Anthony Murdaca (Class of 2013) win their way into the 2015 US Masters at Augusta National by winning the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship.

South Australian amateur golfer Anthony, member of the Grange Golf Club, carded a final round 71 to finish with a 13 under tournament total of 275 to win the Asia Pacific Amateur Championship at Royal Melbourne last weekend by seven shots. His first three rounds were 69, 68 and 67 and he had an 8 shot buffer going into Sunday’s final round.

It was the biggest winning margin in the six-year history of the tournament which brings together the leading amateurs in the region.

As the championship winner, Anthony gains automatic entry into the 2015 Masters Tournament and final qualifying for the Open Championship at St Andrews.

Murdaca said he did not start to think about Augusta until he hit his second shot on the 18th. "I started to get goosebumps then," he said. "But until then I just stayed in the moment and concentrated on hitting good shots."

His coach of five years, Gareth Jones, caddied for him this week and played a key part in the win. "He keeps me relaxed. If I hit a bad shot we do not talk about it," Murdaca said. He is almost certain to take Jones with him as his caddie at Augusta.

Shortly after Murdaca lifted the trophy, Augusta Chairman, Billy Payne, congratulated him and invited him to practise at the famous Augusta course in January.

"This is a childhood dream come true for me," Murdaca said. Anthony’s dad, Dominic, first put a golf club, albeit plastic, in his hand when he was no more than two years of age.

Anthony said, "I have always wanted to play at Augusta as an amateur. I have been working really hard for a win this year and I have certainly won the right one," the dual Australian junior champion added.

We congratulate Anthony on this magnificent achievement and look forward to witnessing his future successes.

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Chris Murphy ~ Class of 1963

After leaving St Michael’s in 1963 (St Michael's was still contained at Beverley), I spent 4 years at Adelaide University and Adelaide Teacher's College where I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma in Teaching. My first teaching appointment was at Lefevre Boys Technical High School where I taught English and Social Studies, working for the State Education Department. I really enjoyed my time teaching at Lefevre. The school was well disciplined and the staff, especially the senior staff, were very helpful and supportive. It was natural to choose a mentor and even though such a position was not official, my mentor was ideal for me. He taught me to be 'firm and friendly' with the students.

I then entered the seminary in Sydney for late vocations in response to a nagging thought that I may have been called to be a priest. The ‘nagging thought’ came to fruition after much study of subjects like Scripture, Theology and Philosophy and much inspiration from experienced priests when I was ordained a Priest in Henley Beach Church in 1975.

My first appointment was to teach and to supervise a dormitory of more than 60 students. Hard work it was, but also very rewarding.

I was then sent to Moonah Parish in Hobart for 4 years which proved to be a happy time and a good introduction to 5 years of youth and parish work in Kippax Parish in Canberra before returning to Adelaide as Parish Priest of Hindmarsh for 3 years and then of Henley Beach for another 6 years. It was great to be back home.

6 years is often the length of time for an appointment and so I left Henley for Kippax again and then 6 years at Kensington where significant political figures were parishioners. Among them were a Deputy Prime Minister, Lionel Bowen, and a Premier of New South Wales, Kristina Keneally. Being next to Randwick meant that some very successful race horse trainers were also part of the congregation ... that was a more than interesting time!

I was then asked by our Religious Order (The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) to work with our students for the priesthood, in Blackburn, Melbourne again for just over 6 years before returning to South Australia as Assistant Priest at Flinders Park, Hindmarsh where I have just taken up my position.

A nice seasoning of my time as a priest has been 6 months biblical study in Israel and later a 4 months renewal course in England.

Always I have found our Catholic lay people to be fine friends and strongly supportive.

In sum ... I have had A Fortunate Life.

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Ross Napoli ~ Class of 1995

I attended St Michael’s College from 1990-1995 and was extremely fortunate during my time at the College to have many caring, dedicated and supportive teachers who were instrumental in shaping both my career and values in life. I had keen sporting interests and played soccer all my life at various levels including representing the College in the 1st XI.

After my senior year and whilst at University, I continued to work for several years at the College as a first aid officer for the 1st XVIII and went on to complete my Bachelor of Dental Surgery at Adelaide University in 2000. I worked both in metropolitan South Australia and the Riverland before joining Parkside Dental Clinic as a partner in 2003 with a special interest in CAD CAM ceramics.

I have also been committed to various community health projects, most notably with orphanages caring for HIV infected children in Thailand with the Born to Live Charity. Since 2006 I have provided emergency dental care, education, and coordination of ongoing treatment for the children. I currently have plans to join a similar project in Central America in the coming years to continue my medical aid efforts.

Although I run a busy modern dental surgery in a developed nation we often forget how fortunate we really are even in the worst of times. It has been a grounding experience and immensely rewarding to be able to use my vocational talents to aid the underprivileged in difficult circumstances. My continued sporting interests have also taught me the importance of great teamwork and leadership in aiding to achieve your goals and forge successful friendships in the process.

Dr Ross Napoli
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Harry Nielsen ~ Class of 2012

As reported recently by FOX Sport, never in his wildest dreams did Harry Nielsen think he would keep wicket for South Africa. Given he’s Australian born and bred it seemed an impossible reality.

A Class of 2012 graduate of St Michael’s College, the 21-year-old son of former Australian coach Tim Nielsen was called upon to help the touring Proteas out of a sticky situation during their warm-up match against a Cricket Australia XI in October.

While playing for his grade side Woodville on Saturday he received a message telling him to make the dash to Adelaide Oval as soon as he could. South Africa’s star wicketkeeper-batsman Quinton de Kock had been struck down by illness and wasn’t well enough to don the gloves for his country despite notching a century with the bat earlier that day. Their reserve keeper Dane Vilas has not yet arrived in the country ahead of the first Test. So without a gloveman to fill in for de Kock, South Africa sent the S.O.S out to Nielsen to lend a hand ... or two.

A more daunting assignment you couldn’t hope to find in world cricket. Having only ever played a handful of Futures League games for South Australia and one appearance for a Cricket Australia XI side, Nielsen was asked to stand behind the stumps to the likes of South African star quicks Dale Steyn, Vernon Philander, and Morne Morkel.

Nielsen took no less than four catches to help the Proteas role the young Australian side on Sunday. The first three were regulation catches off edges, but the fourth was a towering top edge that forced Nielsen to run backwards to take. Needless to say his new teammates showed plenty of love towards the young local.

Harry’s slips cordon - Hashim Amla, Faf du Plessis, and Dean Elgar - even branded him with a flattering nickname.

“They kept calling me Hadds (Brad Haddin) because I kept like an Aussie, whereas the South Africans just sort of stand there and catch it,” Nielsen told media on Monday. “They kept getting in the way as I shuffled across and caught it like an Aussie does. “It made me feel really welcome, they had no egos on them.”

“They were really easy to talk to and they were really nice, and treated me like I was actually playing which was unexpected.”

Following the game the four South African players who took wickets with Neilsen’s catching signed the match ball and gave it to the young ring-in. He was even asked to stick around as the Proteas did a training session on the Adelaide Oval centre wicket under lights.

He could only sit back and watch as Steyn sent down deliveries to Amla barely metres from where he stood behind the stumps.

“They were quality, South Africa. I think the scoreboard shows how good they were,” Nielsen said. “But the bowlers were world class, they were really good. “I think Steyn was the one. He was only going half power, but he was still pretty impressive and too good.

“He wasn’t flat out, his pace was sort of reasonable without being super fast.

“Just his skill and control with the new ball, he had it on a string and pretty much doing whatever he wanted with it.”

2016 Fox Sports
I started attending St Michael’s in 2005 as a Year 8 student following my older brother. In my time at the college I participated in sports such as cricket and basketball. I was by no means an A grade student but I have always followed my interests with a passion.

I left the college pursuing an interest in electrotechnology. I eventually landed an apprenticeship in telecommunications, a 4 year apprenticeship for a Certificate 3 in Telecommunications. In the years during and after my apprenticeship I had the opportunity to work in many different areas of the trade including data and phones, optical fibre, security systems, CCTV, MATV and AV amongst others. Less than a year after completing my apprenticeship where I had been working mostly in the installation of telecommunications systems in commercial buildings, I found myself promoted to the position of Leading Hand.

Shortly after I decided to follow my interest in Shamanism, an esoteric practice that teaches a very detailed understanding of many elements of the world around us either unknown or misunderstood in Western Society. It includes teachings and practices that relate to psychology and other areas of human development such as integrative states of consciousness.

I decided to travel to Nepal to study traditional Nepalese shamanism and see some of the country. While studying I spent some time in the mountains with three other people also studying shamanism where we learnt about and experienced the different components of this ancient practice. After our time in the mountains we returned to Kathmandu.

On the morning of the 25 April (2015) we decided to go Kathmandu’s tourist district, Thamel. Shortly after our arrival we were met with an event which would make headlines around the world. A 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck just outside of Pokhara sending the country into turmoil. While we escaped relatively unharmed, we later found out that the villages of the shaman where we had been studying and had departed from just the day before had now been almost completely destroyed.

After witnessing the devastation first hand we knew that we couldn’t just leave and return home feeling sorry for ourselves. We had to do something to help, so in the days after we started raising money and gathering resources to bring aid to an area that would not receive it from the government or other organisations. Together we managed to make a group effort that resulted in us being able to provide food, shelter and medical aid to over 5000 people.

I’ve learnt over the years that there is knowledge to be gained from every experience, whether you consider it a good or bad experience there is always a lesson to be learned from it. Seemingly bad experiences offer just as many opportunities to learn and grow as the good ones do.

I still hold close to me the values that St Michael’s actively encouraged us to possess. I’ll never forget the time I spent at St Michael’s as it will always be of great importance to me.

In the future I intend to continue studying shamanism and combine the knowledge with modern day studies of consciousness to form a more complete understanding of the world around and within us.

What the future holds? I don’t know and that’s what I find most exciting.
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Sean O’Connor ~ Class of 1992

After graduating from SMC in 1992 I studied a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Aboriginal Studies from the old University of SA campus in Underdale. During my degree I gained a deeper understanding of the richness and complexity of Australian Aboriginal culture and history.

I was fortunate to study under several inspiring lecturers at the time including Dr MaryAnn Bin-Sallik, the first Aboriginal person to receive a doctorate from Harvard University and the late Reverend Bill Edwards who taught Pitjantjatjara language from the northern part of South Australia.

In 1998 I took up a position in Housing SA as a graduate officer and went on to perform several project officer roles including housing advisor to those in the inner city of Adelaide who were homeless and in housing crisis. The most challenging and rewarding role during my 10 years with the department was working closely with recently arrived refugees and asylum seekers who had been released from detention after fleeing war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Many of their stories of loss and suffering were heartbreaking but it was incredibly humbling to work with these families and help re-settle them into new lives in Australia. As I watch the Syrian refugee crisis unfold in the news at present I am reminded now more than ever of how important it is to extend compassion and sanctuary to those in need.

In 2001 after practicing yoga for many years I decided to take a radical departure from my life in Adelaide and travel to India where I studied and practiced yoga in an ashram for one year. It was a period of intense discipline and self-discovery which exposed me to a wide variety of spiritual and cultural traditions across north India.

In 2007 I was invited by friends who had started a health and development NGO to travel to Ethiopia to assist with some of their projects. It was a pivotal experience in which I saw the power of primary healthcare at work in a remote setting. Upon returning to Australia, I studied a nursing degree at Flinders University and spent 5 years in Far North Queensland nursing in several locations throughout the Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands. During this time I developed my skills as a remote area nurse and completed a Masters in Public Health and Tropical Medicine through James Cook University.

In November 2014, after watching the Ebola crisis unfold in West Africa, I was moved to volunteer my new knowledge and skills as part of the Australian government contribution to help those who had contracted the deadly virus in Sierra Leone. I worked in an Ebola treatment centre for six weeks over the Christmas period as part of a large international effort to eradicate the virus. The work was incredibly demanding on many levels but thankfully due to the combined efforts of many health professionals around the world Sierra Leone is now Ebola free.

I am currently residing in Tennant Creek with my partner Sara, who is also a nurse, and we both work for an Aboriginal Health Corporation and continue to commit ourselves to improving the health outcomes of Indigenous Australians. If I have any advice for students, it would be to travel widely, learn a language and work in remote Australia at some stage. The Indigenous people of this country have much to share with us!
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John Oswald ~ Class of 1961

Some memories of my first year of St Michael’s College Beverley.

My family moved to Adelaide in the early 50’s; Dad was a school teacher at small schools in the mid-north. The first five years of my life was at Booboorowie, in the lower Flinders Ranges where my father taught all students; there were I think less than 12, in all grades, and that included my two elder sisters (and me, who up to that stage would have been lucky to get into a kindergarten, if such existed in those days).

I went to St Joseph’s Primary school in Hindmarsh, and Mum and Dad brought a house in Frederick Street, Welland. I worked after school and during school holidays with my Uncle Leo, who was a baker. In those days he baked his own bread, and delivered it by horse-drawn cart; then, as his delivery round expanded, he needed to motorise his deliveries, and brought a three wheeled motor bike with a bin in the front. He was based at Flinders Park, where many Italian migrants settling around there becoming customers. He soon specialised in what was known then as Dago bread. I used to get two shillings from Uncle Leo for every new customer I brought in. I learnt enough Italian to get a foot-hold into the doors of all prospective customers in the Underdale area. However, with existing deliveries into North Adelaide, eventually a Commer was purchased. I can remember huddling against the warm motor, (which was in the cabin in lieu of a passenger seat) in the winter.

With the deliveries to North Adelaide, we watched as Blackfriars was opened in 1953. I think my parents briefly entertained the idea that I would go there next year when I went into grade 5. But at that stage the Hindmarsh Catholic Parish decided that it needed a boy’s school in its area; The De La Salle Brothers were invited to set up a school in Beverley, only a few streets away from our new home.

Thus in early February 1954, 29 of us turned up on that first day at this new school, St Michael’s College, East Avenue, Beverley. It certainly sounded a lot grander than St Joseph’s Convent, Hindmarsh. All was new. It was a boy’s school. There were three teachers – Brother Victor, the Headmaster, Brother George and Brother Ephraim.

At St Joseph’s we had about 80 students to a teacher. This new teacher student ratio meant an entirely new way of learning. Everything was fairly intense, but we were all in the same boat. We were all very close.

We were all from working class origins. I think the fees were 6 pounds a term, perhaps not in the first year, but sometime in those first years. This was up on the two shillings a week that we paid at the convent. Several of us had come from St Joseph’s Hindmarsh, but there were others from other parish schools in other directions. Quite a few were children of post war immigrants. Amongst my best friends were Peter Mayberry who was still being treated for Potts disease of the spine (Tuberculosis) and David Lovell who was recovering from poliomyelitis. Chris Wojciak (I think that is how it was spelt) was one of several who came from the Baltic countries, and who had survived an awful post war refugee process.

I was always enthusiastic to go to school, even when we got thrashed at football (Australian Rules of course in those days) by Allenby Gardens Primary School. I think it took three years before we won our first game of football against our local nemesis. I think I played in the first eighteen for most of my school career as we only ever had 17 other players.

I was even worse at cricket than I was at footie, and can remember playing Blackfriars in the North Adelaide Parkland. I remember Brendan Roberts scored 20, but most of the rest of us were lucky not to score a duck. I wasn’t invited to play cricket for St Michael’s again, as it was relatively easier to get at team of 11 together than a team of 18.
Later in the year, as numbers in the school rose, some classes were held in the back part of the chapel, with the concertina doors drawn across to separate the church area from our study area. Immediately behind was a science laboratory, which was only one bench wide, but was our first inkling of the role of practical application of our studies.

Out on the oval, which in that first year was only on the southern part of today’s fields, were thousands, if not millions of ‘marshmallows’, a significant weed, growing. Always as part of a detention process, or not, we had to go and pull out thirty marshmallows. You will not see too many growing on those fields now.

We grew very close to our teachers who lived a very spartan life. We were amazed to see Brother Victor, who in our eyes was absolutely ancient, getting about on a bicycle, but generally they seemed to walk everywhere. Brother George principally taught grades 6 and 7, and was to go on to be Headmaster when Brother Victor left after three years. Brother Ephraim was our teacher and I think he also left after the third year. He was probably only in his early twenties, but he was a great teacher; he taught us French later, as I recall. I wished I had tried harder, but all this was very new to us, and I never knew anyone in those early years who spoke French outside school. In retrospect, I would have been much better off with Italian. “Quanto pane oggi”.

That first year, there were two students in Grade 4. Grade 5 and Grade 6 probably had about 15 each by the end of the year; there were only a handful of students in Grade 7, and two in 1st year (High). A total of about 40 by the end of the year. One could only dream of what it might grow to back in those days.

**Doctor John Oswald, was College Captain and Dux of St Michael’s College in 1961. In January 2011 he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day Awards for services not only to medicine as an anaesthetist, but also for his community service work with the Twinning Program in Tonga, the Interplast programs in South East Asia and the Rotary Club of Ballarat West.**

Dr Oswald helped set up the Twinning Program, which involved an exchange program of both staff and equipment between St John of God Hospital and Vaiola Hospital in Tonga. He also volunteered in the Interplast program for many years, which provided plastic surgery to underprivileged people in South East Asia.

**Over his distinguished medical career, Dr Oswald has spent 35 years working for Ballarat Health Services, with seven years as Director of the anaesthesia department, as well as several years as Director of Intensive Care at St John of God Hospital.**

2014
Peter Oswald (Class of 1961)

Peter attended St Michael’s from 1961 to 1968 following in the footsteps of his older brother John, who attended from 1954 to 1961. After Matriculating, Peter spent three years with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart interstate before returning to Adelaide to finish his education at the University of Adelaide and embarking on a teaching career, firstly with the SA Education Department and then subsequently with Catholic Education. Peter graduated with a BA in 1974 majoring in History and Economics and a Dip Ed in 1975. In 1976 he was appointed to Underdale High School where he taught History and Economics until 1982.

In September 1982, Peter successfully applied for the position of Student Counsellor at Sacred Heart College where he stayed until 1995. During this period he spent a year (1991) at Mt Carmel College on exchange and then, in 1994 he came to St Michael’s also for a year. Peter’s year at St Michael’s was so enjoyable and energizing that, when he had the opportunity to return on a permanent basis, he jumped at it. In the ensuing nine years he worked as Student Counsellor, Careers Advisor and VET Coordinator as well as teaching Religious Education. From a professional point of view, Peter regards this period as the most fulfilling and rewarding of his career. However, when, in 2005, the opportunity came to go to Rostrevor College, he made the difficult decision to leave St Michael’s and to take up a position to which he had long aspired, Director of Boarding. The last nine years have also been very rewarding while, at the same time being very challenging. One of the highlights of this position has been the setting up of the Rostrevor Indigenous Sporting Academy that has seen the number of Aboriginal students attending the College and completing their Matriculation year increase enormously. Peter has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with Aboriginal lads and regards it as a privilege to be involved in supporting them as they pursue their educational, social and sporting ambitions. He has also enjoyed caring for boys from a range of different places around Australia and overseas. Working in boarding adds a deeper dimension to that relationship which already exists between educator and student because one is involved closely in the ups and downs of the lives of the boys in one’s care.

Peter has continued the lifelong education process begun at St Michael’s College over forty years ago and has completed Graduate Diplomas in Counselling and Vocational Education as well as a Masters Degree in Social Science (Counselling). He has never lost contact with the College having been involved as an Old Scholar with SMOSH in its early years, a parent of three boys who attended the College as well as working there himself over a ten year period. Peter’s wife, Xenia, was also a teacher at St Michael’s Primary Campus from 1975 to 1977. He has many fond memories of life in the early days of the College and is only too willing to share these memories with his old friends and former school mates and anyone who wants to listen.

This week, Peter is heading off to Beijing to visit one of his sons, Jimmy (Class of ’99) who is doing a PhD in International Studies at Adelaide University and is spending 12 months in Beijing researching his thesis. Peter says Jimmy’s story is more interesting than his! After Year 12, Jimmy decided to get a trade rather than go to University so he did an apprenticeship as an Electrician at Arnotts. However, after completing his trade and working for a couple of years he decided to go back to University to study Chinese and Politics. He completed First Class Honours in a BA in International Studies and is now doing his PhD. He recently gained a Prime Minister’s Scholarship worth $63,500 for 12 months to assist in his studies. He was one of only 20 recipients around Australia. Jimmy married Chinese girl, Xiaojiao Li, before Christmas and is now getting married again in a Chinese ceremony in Jinan, Xiaojiao’s home town in Shandong province in front of her Chinese family and friends. This all started, Peter believes, because, when Jimmy was at St Michael’s, he had the opportunity to study Chinese!
Mary-Kyri Pallaras ~ Class of 1996

On leaving St Michael’s College, and after completing a Diploma in Counselling at the age of twenty, Mary-Kyri made an impulse decision and enrolled to study Fashion Design. She completed a 3 year Diploma in Fashion Design, Clothing and Textiles at the Marleston Design Institute in South Australia in 2003. Shortly after, she was employed in a number of design apparel roles, however shoes were her absolute passion. It was during this period she gained valuable industry experience to assist her in her journey.

In late 2005, Mary-Kyri boldly set her sights on creating her first shoe collection. She sold her car and purchased a return ticket to Italy to fulfil this dream. Once there, she secured a meeting with one of Italy's most prestigious manufacturers who created footwear for the world’s most renowned designer labels. Mary-Kyri then worked in the factory, learning every aspect of high fashion shoe manufacture and began to design her first collection. In March 2006 Mary-Kyri’s dream was realised and her first collection 'Virago' was released in Australia and New Zealand.

The MARY-KYRI collections have featured in global magazines Vogue, Instyle, Cosmo, Grazia, Ultimate Accessories NY and Collezioni Italia. Mary-Kyri’s first celebrity recognition came with Australia’s Kylie Minogue stepping out in the Elisav in Manchester in 2007. The image of Kylie brought international acclaim to the Australian brand. Celebrities and stylists requested shoes including Kim Kardashian, Jennifer Lopez, Pink, Kristen Stewart and Sarah Jessica Parker.

Mary-Kyri is a passionate, energetic and dynamic business woman who has been profiled in many long-lead magazines and newspapers, also speaking at a number of business seminars and appearing on TV shows. Now setting her sights on expanding throughout the world market, she constantly receives amazing opportunities to participate in renowned international fashion weeks and exhibit at the world’s most prestigious showrooms. Constantly exercising her innovative passions, Mary-Kyri is currently developing a fashion online site www.doodlein.com, one that is unique within the fashion industry. The design and concept will redefine the boundaries of fashion, launching August 2014.

Mary-Kyri offers some good advice to our current students … "Invest in your future, become educated, learn and study hard. In the real world you may use skills from high school, you may not, but one thing is guaranteed … only the disciplined and determined succeed and become successful".

Congratulations Mary-Kyri.
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Fr Paul Pearce SM JP ~ Class of 1970

At the end of his schooling at St Michael’s College, Paul joined the De La Salle Brothers community in 1971. He trained in Sydney and gained his Diploma of Teaching and Diploma of Education and went on to teach in three De La Salle schools, becoming Deputy Principal for a period of time.

In 1988, Paul answered the call to become a Marist Father and studied at the Marist Seminary in Sydney, gaining a Bachelor of Theology. He went on to teach at the Marist Regional College in Tasmania for 10 years.

Ordained a priest in 1993, Fr Paul has since spent time as a School Chaplain, Counsellor and assistant Priest in two Parishes.

Now semi-retired and working in the Parish of Hunter’s Hill, Fr Paul looks forward to maybe one day returning to Adelaide on a permanent basis after not having lived permanently here since 1971.

(Fr Paul is pictured at the Tomb of Saint Paul in Rome.)
Michael Phillips ~ Class of 2014

Michael, as part of a two man team of University of Adelaide students has taken out first prize in the 2015 Australian eChallenge with a new app that aims to boost efficiency in the workplace and reduce absenteeism by keeping track of shifts.

"The winning project, known simply as Shift, helps to fix an age-old problem: the creation and management of staff rosters. Shift is a mobile app and cloud-based device designed to help companies save money and time by doing away with spreadsheets and printouts, a time-consuming process that often results in miscommunication with staff."

The Shift team – comprising Michael and Rye Smith – has won cash and prizes valued at almost $19,000. Shift also won the People's Choice Award.

A wonderful achievement from Michael which we’re sure is a sign of things to come.


2015
Luke Reynolds ~ Class of 2012

Athlete of the Year in 2012, Luke Reynolds represented the College in a variety of sports. He excelled on the playing field, provided exceptional leadership and had an uncompromising attitude towards representing the College, which is often challenging when involved in high grade competition.

Whilst a student at St Michael’s, Luke was a member of the First XI cricket team, represented Port Adelaide in the Under 16 Reds premiership team whilst in the same year playing senior grade cricket. He was a valuable member of the First XVIII football team from 2010 – 2012, represented Port Adelaide Magpies in the Under 18s and reserves football teams, gained selection in the Under 16 State Team at the National Championships and was a member of the Under 18 State Football squad, and through these performances, gained selection in the AIS Academy.

After completing his secondary schooling, Luke built on his football prowess and was drafted by Carlton in the 2014 rookie draft. Unable to secure a game in the AFL that year, Luke returned to South Australia to resume his SANFL career with Port Adelaide in 2015.

Port Adelaide might have found an exciting forward in its own backyard. Former Carlton rookie, Luke Reynolds, has been so impressive as a SANFL contracted player for the Port Magpies this season that State League Coach, Chad Cornes, says he has emerged as a genuine AFL draft prospect for the Power and other clubs.

“He’s been really good and I know there is interest in him from different AFL clubs.” Port Power coach, Ken Hinkley, chats with him regularly and he’s improved everything that Kenny put on him at the start of the year that he needed to improve.

“He’s got some talent and he works as hard as anyone in our footy team. I know there’s a lot of teams looking at him and I’d love to keep him here obviously, so we’ll just have to wait to see what happens at the end of the year.”

The agile 188cm Reynolds sits fourth on the SANFL goalkicking list with 38. He kicked three goals, took six marks and had 22 disposals in the Magpies’ 10 goal thumping of North Adelaide at Prospect on Sunday and has taken his game to a new level under Cornes. “He’s come back from there (Carlton) and really worked on his toughness and the competitive side of his game, which was the knock on him before I met him,” Cornes said. “But I can’t fault him for that this year because he works harder than anyone on the list and he’s genuinely competitive now.”
Julia Ritorto ~ Class of 1999

Since leaving St Michael's in 1999, I studied Textile, Clothing and Footwear, majoring in Fashion Design at Marleston TAFE.

I then moved to Melbourne in 2004 at the age of 21 where I headed up Melbourne based and produced Label Pilgrim. I was head designer at Pilgrim until late 2009, where I had decided to move back to Adelaide and try and set up here. I designed for George Gross and Harry Who briefly, as well as designing and manufacturing sleepwear accessories for Peter Alexander in that first year of being back in Adelaide.

In 2010 I landed the role of Head Designer for local label Finders Keepers which was then a company of 5 full time staff - now Finders Keepers, which is part of Australian Fashion Labels, has over 150 staff globally. I was with the company for 4 years and was a part of this exceptional growth period.

Then in 2013 I decided to take a break, re-group and travel/live in Europe. I took nearly 12 months off to recharge and think about what direction I wanted to go in next. By the end of 2013 I started working with Los Angeles based label Style Stalker as a freelance designer and moved to Los Angeles in early 2014 for a three month consultancy contract which was fantastic.

By mid-2014, I was ready to start my own business and launched into creating Acler with fellow designer Kathryn Forth. Our common goal was to bring the design process back to its fundamentally tactile roots and dispel the cookie-cutter digital design.

In 2015 we launched the new fashion label and also signed a deal with Myer.

Each Acler piece is developed over a process of 12 months, and is subtly redrafted, and redraped along the way. This development process, along with the refined tailoring and Japanese influences, allow the design to take on its own form naturally. The end result is a meticulously constructed piece which has an organic sculptural shape and an ultimately refined minimalism.

Check out the Acler range via Facebook https://www.facebook.com/aclerwoman/ or website http://acler.com.au/
Anthony Louzikiotis, Michael Caroscio & Anthony Roccisano ~ Class of 2010

Michael Caroscio, Anthony Louzikiotis and Anthony Roccisano (pictured L – R) began together at St Michael’s in 2006 in Year 8. They completed their schooling together and went on to study Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide with their final year being completed this year in 2014.

Looking back at the years spent at St Michael’s, all three agree that the College prepares students well for university studies. The boys have a vision to assist in bridging the gap between high school and university life in order to make the transition smoother and more enjoyable for students. They hope to do this by working closely with the school and students at college events, class talks and providing advice to students from past experience.

They are also keen to show students, particularly those with an interest in Engineering, what career paths they can follow in engineering disciplines.

Anthony, Michael and Anthony are working together on their University Honours project called “Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) Wake Interaction”. Their project is aiming to improve wind turbine/wind farm efficiencies by building knowledge about wind turbine wake and the wake interaction between wind turbines.

In addition, the old scholars will be in attendance at the upcoming Careers Night (Monday 4 August) to talk to students and parents about subject selections and possible future career paths.

For further information about the project or University of Adelaide Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering degrees contact Anthony Louzikiotis – Project Manager HAWT Wake Interaction on anthony.louzikiotis@student.adelaide.edu.au.
Steven Rypp ~ Class of 2006

The one line that I always remember from my time at St Michael’s College is ‘Be the best you can be’ and this is the motto I try to live by. During my time with St Michael’s College from 2002-2006 the College taught me the importance of being an active participant in supporting a well engaged local community.

Since graduating from St Michael’s in the Class of 2006; between 2007-2013 I have successfully gone on to complete 3 degrees with UniSA as a Bachelor of Management (Honours) and a Business Double Degree: Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management and Bachelor of Tourism and Events Management. My Honours Thesis with UniSA focussed on working with Surf Life Saving South Australia to undertake a study on Motivation, Involvement, Satisfaction and Loyalty of their volunteers.

The main highlight of my time with UniSA was completing an exchange program in 2010 to study the sports management electives as part of my Business Double Degree at Brock University in Ontario; Canada and traveling through the United States of America.

I am currently employed as the Student Support Officer in the UniSA Business School and have been in this role for the past three years. This job involves a variety of events, project management, administration and marketing on a daily basis. Previously to this job I have had the opportunity to work casually for the Port Adelaide Football Club, Surf Life Saving SA, South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) and Domino’s Pizza as a Store Assistant Manager.

I am extremely proud of my recent career achievement which was getting elected to the City of West Torrens Council as a Councillor representing the Lockleys Ward. In June 2014 I decided that I wanted to pursue my passion for Community Engagement in a deeper and more meaningful way and run for Council. I gathered a few close friends and developed a local campaign plan. I am really proud that in seven to eight weeks I was able to door knock the entire Lockleys Ward (around 3,500 houses) and all the businesses and community groups in the Ward in amongst putting out flyers and developing a Social Media presence. I am very grateful to my amazing support crew of family and friends who helped me and enabled me to achieve this.

Since graduating from St Michael’s I have been heavily involved in my Local Community outside of my study, employment and Councillor role including:

- Assisting Surf Life Saving SA as a State Assessor, Patrol Inspector and Training Officer. A key achievement was delivering community “Be Active” coaching programs. As a result I received the 2011 AASC National Community Coach of the Year Award and the 2010 Term 4 AASC Community Coach of SA Award. My involvement with the state body enabled me to recently complete a Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training.

- For the past 10 years I have been a Goal Umpire for the South Australian National Football League (SANFL). Key achievements were umpiring the 2014 and 2012 AFL NAB U18’s National Tournament in Melbourne and Geelong, umpiring the 2014 SANFL Reserves Grand Final at Adelaide Oval and having umpired around 30 SANFL League
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games to date. I also love my role on the SANFL Umpires Association Committee as the Director of Sponsorship and work on Fundraising initiatives.

- Being the former Director of Education and Training and the Community Liaison Officer at the West Beach Surf Life Saving Club. A key achievement was working with other club trainers to assist in the training of the 1st multicultural group to pass their Bronze Medallion in South Australia. As a result I was awarded the 2012 Australian Institute of Emergency Services (AIES) National Youth Volunteer Award and a scholarship to sail on the Young Endeavour in December 2013. I was also nominated for a Pride of Australia Award for the Community Spirit section.

Overall St Michael’s College helped me to realise that nothing comes free in life and if you want to succeed then you need to have a positive attitude, be willing to work hard and the importance of networking should never be underestimated.

If I could give any advice to young students at St Michael’s it would be:

- To realise that ‘opportunities are taken and not freely handed out’.
- You need to develop a positive attitude and be the type of person who sees an opportunity and then takes up that opportunity.
- Success only comes from trying different things, taking a few risks and not being afraid of having a few failures along the way.
- If you’re planning to go onto further study then use this as an opportunity to gain casual employment in your desired field, take up volunteer work, experience practicums, study, travel and volunteer overseas and volunteer specifically in your field in a local community organisation to make yourself more employable and competitive in the long run.

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2015
Renmark man Nicholas Sciancalepore is now the second youngest Master working on the Murray River after being elevated to captain of the ps Murray Princess.

Mr Sciancalepore, 25, came to the Riverland three years ago to drive a tug boat for a construction company, but only stuck around because he met the love of his life, Nicole.

“My intentions were to go back to Adelaide where I come from, and then I met my now wife,” he said. “If that wasn’t the case I’d probably be in Adelaide”.

Nevertheless the self-confessed “ocean boy” said he enjoys the challenges of working on the river.

“It has different challenges to the ocean,” he said. “I never used to like it but since I’ve worked on it it’s growing on me. If you’re taking about the Princess, driving her is a whole different ball game, bringing vessel handling and ship knowledge to a new degree.”

Mr Sciancalepore is the second youngest Master working on the Murray River, by a margin of only two months. He described the captaincy as a “big responsibility.”

“It’s overwhelming sometimes”, he said. But I started in 2008 as a deckhand on the Princess, so I know the boat, top to bottom.”

The young Master credited third generation river skipper Trevor Bedford for teaching him “the best knowledge”.

The paddle steamer the Murray Princess runs three, four and seven day cruises along the Murray River.

Nicholas is pictured above with his daughter, Jorja. This story is reprinted with the permission of the Murray Pioneer. Journalist: Mat Drogemuller. Photo: Will Slee
It is incredible how a simple request to document my journey beyond St Michael’s has evoked a memory recall using neurons that have for a long time remained idle. I shall attempt to be brief; however, I’m sure you’ll forgive my ramblings, after sooo... many years, as most of we old scholars are want to do.

From the outset, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and foresight of the De La Salle Brothers that helped shape my journey in those formative years and who directed my education and more importantly my preparation for life’s future journey. Particularly, Brothers Finbar, George (Leo Kane), William (Bill Neville), Athanasius (Peter Wallace) and also to Mrs Bellows, who at the time was employed by Bro Finbar as the first female teacher, as an introduction to feminism, in an all boys school.

Bro Finbar had a unique style, which I’m sure would today be labelled draconian, however, in those days, discipline and expectation of regulation was paramount. His will, know-how and vision for an educational school for boys was next to none and is now fully justified with two campuses, Beverley and Henley Beach, which have had enormous success with a grand legacy. Since the inception of St Michael’s at Beverley, there have been world class professionals in all aspects of life that have graduated and left their mark on society; but with even greater pride, they can be traced indelibly back to St Michael’s.

For myself, I have always been and am still extremely proud to be called a De La Salle student and will be forever more. I started and completed my education at the Beverley Campus, commencing in 1956, in Grade 6. If my memory hasn’t completely deserted me, our classroom was in the rear of the Chapel until the new wing along East Avenue was completed the following year. I completed my education in 1965, in the then class of Leaving Honours, in the classroom on the ground floor near the stairs to the Hall. I reluctantly left St Michael’s College as an 18 year old, having entirely enjoyed my schooling and friendships, but in a way cocooned within the confines and security of the school, not really understanding what was out there in the “rat race”. Unfortunately as is common with other students, once out in the world, you throw your energies into your new environment and slowly lose contact with “old mates” - shame on me, as I very much regret the loss of that comradeship and hope that regular reunions remain a priority.

In 1966 I began my Science Degree course at the University of Adelaide, hoping to enrol into Medicine the next year. Digressing for a moment, whilst at school, as Senior Under Officer of the Cadet Unit, I was earmarked by the Army to visit Duntroon, to hopefully enter their Officer Training Programme, but alas, due for my desire to embark on a Medical Degree, I could not avail myself of their offer until after 3 years of the Medical Course. As history now declares, I did not do Medicine. What might have been! We are constantly on swings and roundabouts. Undaunted, I completed the Science Degree, graduating in 1969, with majors in Biochemistry and Organic Chemistry.

In an attempt to completely throw myself into the Science Course, I spent all my time on my studies, with the fear that giving anything less would not deliver success. I soon discovered that this is a fallacy and makes one stale and so in 1967, I joined the CYMS Hindmarsh Football
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Club (Catholic Young Men’s Society), which was later to become the St Michael’s Old Scholar’s and Hindmarsh Football Club (SMOSH). There I reacquainted with some old scholars and with them had many successful years; a premiership in 1967 in the Adelaide Metropolitan League, entry into Amateur League, Grade A-IV then promotion into A-III. The highlight at the Club was to win the best and fairest in the A-Grade. I enjoyed my time at the club, where I was able to meet many younger old scholars that joined over 20 years, as well as Bro Paul, who was an enormous ambassador for the College. I finally ended my career in 1987, with my son participating as the boundary umpire.

On completion of my Science degree, I was employed by the Department of Biochemistry at the Institute of medical and Veterinary Science, Frome Road; now rebadged as Pathology SA, where I remained employed for almost 40 years. Over those years I obtained a post graduate degree (Member of the Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists) and gained world-wide notoriety as an expert in the field of biochemical coronary heart disease testing, with the highlight, becoming a Reference Laboratory for South East Asia, there are also many journal publications under my authorship. I also had a tremendous association and interaction with clinicians in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, setting up new testing regimes and helping to investigate better methods for diagnosis or for the detection of early disease.

For the record, I am married to Annie (pictured) and have 3 children, one of whom, Elizabeth, was a reserve for the 2012 London Paralympics and also represented Australia at the 2014, World Equestrian Games, in the discipline of Dressage, where she finished 10th. I am now retired and at the age of 69 years enjoying life at home in the beautiful surrounds of Lobethal. Also thanks to God’s Grace, both my parents are still with us and now in their 90s still live independently in the old family home in Seaton.

Last but not least, I want to give my best wishes to all my past friends and parents from those years past and thank them for their part in my life’s journey. I always believe that the end product is a reflection of the ingredients that have gone into process. So thank you again my friends and to my past teachers. Also, for any of my classmates and students who are no longer with us. You are never forgotten, Vale from the bottom of my heart.

Regards
Stan Sobecki

PS … These words, I believe, are from the College song at my time.

“Cheers cheers for OLD SMC
We’ll win whatever the battle may be
Lift our Royal Banners high
Bring down the marks from out of the sky
Whether the odds be greater or small
Old SMC will win overall
While Her Royal sons are marching
Onwards to Vic tor yyyy”
Old Scholars, Felicia and Paul (pictured) are heading over to Bali next week, along with other volunteers, to teach at the Lodtunduh Government Primary School and volunteer their time at the Jodie O’Shea Orphanage as part of Catch my Drift which is a volunteer based organisation that empowers young people to make positive life choices and become actively involved in their community and abroad. The group hopes to raise enough funds to buy much needed classroom items.

Felicia and Paul are true Lasallians, giving back to those in need.

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Davis Teakle ~ Class of 2012

We were delighted to receive contact from Davis when he updated his details recently via the website. Davis wrote ...

"After leaving St Michael's in 2012 I enlisted into the Australian Army on the 7th of January 2013. On completion of my Recruit training at Kapooka in Wagga Wagga I was later posted to my initial employment training at the School of Infantry in Singleton NSW.

After I successfully marched out of Singleton, I was then posted to the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville as a part of 3rd Brigade Lavarack Barracks. Since my time in the Battalion started, I have been part of many major exercises such as Talismansaber 2013 and exercise Hamel 2014. These exercises are the only ones in Australia where various other countries take part, ie New Zealand, United Kingdom and the United States.

I was lucky enough to get my first support course in 3RAR so early on in my career which qualified me as an Assault Pioneer, giving me a wide range of skills and knowledge of demolitions, water insertions, booby trapping and field engineering. I also successfully completed a 3 week drivers course which awarded me my Defence Force Drivers license.

My Battalion is currently the Ready Battle Group (RBG) of the Army and Alpha Company, the Company I am currently with, is the Ready Combat Team (RCT). The RBG is on a 7 day notice to move to react to anything that happens across the world and the RCT is on 48 hours notice to move. This ensures that every soldier is always ready and can always be counted on to move anywhere in less than 3 days.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Army and 3RAR thus far. I have made life-long friends all over Australia and also members that have joined the ADF from overseas.

I thank the Staff of St Michael's College for helping me achieve my goal of becoming an Australian Soldier and will be forever in the school’s debt."

We wish Davis well as he continues his Army career and will keep him and other members of the armed forces in our prayers.

2014
Nicholas Thompson, Class of 2008, received the highest Australian Bravery Award after helping in the rescue of his friend, Chris Blowes, who was attacked by a six-metre white pointer shark at Fishery Bay, near Port Lincoln, on April 25, 2015. The Star of Courage Award was announced in March 2016.

Without the quick thinking and bravery of Nicholas and stranger Christian Pyke, surfer Chris Blowes was unlikely to have survived this terrifying shark attack.

Nicholas was surfing with his friends when he heard another surfer call out “shark”. He and another friend frantically paddled to where Mr Blowes had been attacked and pulled him from the water.

After Mr Blowes was dragged to shore, a leg rope was used as a tourniquet to stem the blood flowing from his severed leg. Mr Blowes was clinically dead for 90 minutes before he was revived, and is now on the road to recovery despite losing his left leg and more blood than the average human body contains.
Scott Thompson ~ Class of 2000

Scott was drafted by AFL Club Melbourne with the 16th selection in the 2000 AFL Draft from Port Adelaide in the SANFL. Debuting with the Melbourne Demons in 2001 as a 18-year-old, he struggled to break through into the side. He only played 27 games in his first three seasons, until 2004 when he only missed one game in the first half of the season before breaking his foot in round 13 and missing the remainder of the year.

At the end of the 2004 season Thompson asked to return to South Australia and Adelaide was able to complete a trade, exchanging their first round draft selection, (number 12 overall). He missed the first game of the 2005 season but played every game from then on for Adelaide, kicking 27 goals for the year. Thompson continued to improve and by 2007 was arguably one of the elite players in the AFL, averaging almost 25 disposals and 6 marks per game and polling 18 votes in the 2007 Brownlow Medal to finish equal 7th.

Thompson played every game in 2008 and really stepped up to becoming an elite midfielder, finishing third in the Malcolm Blight Medal (Adelaide best and fairest) and for the second year in a row polling the most votes for his club in the Brownlow Medal. Thompson was chosen to play for Australia in the 2008 International Rules Series against Ireland in October 2008 along with teammate Nathan Bock, but was only able to play in the first match due to a leg injury.

In 2011’s round 22 match against the Gold Coast Suns, Thompson recorded a career high 51 disposals, with 18 in the first quarter. It was the second highest amount of disposals by a VFL/AFL player since the recording of statistics, falling two short of Greg Williams' 53 disposals in 1989 against St Kilda.

The two-time best-and-fairest winner continued to play a leading role in the Crows midfield in 2014. The durable Crow’s streak of 99 consecutive games came to an end in Round 20 as a result of a nagging back-related hamstring injury. Despite missing or being substituted out of a handful of matches, Thompson ranked third at the Club in total possessions (519) and also contested possessions (224). He was second at Adelaide and top-20 in the AFL in clearances (118), and third in tackles (86). Scott led the Crows Club Champion count prior to his hamstring injury and finished sixth overall.

Scott celebrated his 250th AFL game against Greater Western Sydney in Round Five of 2014 and is a member of the six-man leadership group for Season 2015.
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John Tobin ~ Class of 1984

I graduated from SMC in 1984 and then went onto complete a Bachelor of Economics degree at the University of Adelaide. I then worked in the banking industry before embarking on a boyhood dream of a solo backpacking trip and I spent 18 months travelling through Europe, in particular, and North America.

On coming back to Adelaide I worked for the State Government for 8 years in the areas of economic policy and attraction of foreign investment into South Australia. As part of the latter role, I was transferred to London for three years where my “territory” was all of Europe so that was an amazing experience.

After returning to Adelaide in 2000, in addition to working, I started volunteering with a number of not for profit organisations and this ultimately resulted in me making a quite significant shift in my professional career in 2003 to the not for profit sector, when I joined the Royal Flying Doctor Service to head up their fundraising and marketing activities in SA/NT.

I had close to 5 fabulous years at the RFDS, but at the end of 2007 my then partner (now wife, Michelle) and I decided to embark on an Australian Volunteers International program in central Vietnam where we spent around 15 months working with children from very disadvantaged backgrounds. It was an amazing experience with both highs and lows, and I was particularly heartened when a group of students from SMC came over to visit us in Hoi An in 2008 with a generous cheque to help fund vital education programs to assist the very poor kids in the surrounding countryside.

Upon returning to Australia in 2009, I took up a post with St Hilarion Aged Care, running their fundraising and marketing campaign to support the new House of St Hilarion aged care facility at Seaton.

In 2013 it was time for another change and I took up the position of General Manager, Business Development & Marketing at scosa, which has been supporting South Australians living with disabilities since 1950. I love this role as I see the profound and positive impact that scosa has every day on people with a wide range of physical and intellectual disabilities. One of our clients, who has been with scosa for 15 years, recently left us after being awarded an arts scholarship at the University of South Australia – so inspiring to see him go on to realise his dream!

Away from work, I have a comfortable home at Henley Beach, although Michelle’s allegiances to Carlton and mine to the Crows causes some occasional friction! As for school links, it was great to see my nephew, Zack Fantus commence at SMC Henley this year and I’m sure he will enjoy this important period of his life.
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Rev Dr Michael Trainor ~ Class of 1967

MA (Biblical literature and languages, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois, US), MEd (Boston College, Boston, MA, USA), D.Theol (MCD, Melbourne, Australia)

Graduating from St Michael’s College in 1967, Michael Trainor has been involved in tertiary level education for over 25 years. Michael has been a Catholic Priest since 1974 with the Archdiocese of Adelaide, been involved in parish life (in Clearview, Brighton, St Marys, Elizabeth and Lockleys), has taught theology and biblical studies since the early ’80s and was part of a team working on an archeological study in Turkey.

Michael has an MA in Biblical Literature and Languages (1982, Chicago, Catholic Theological Union) an MEd (1988, Boston College, MA, USA) and a D.Theol (1990, Melbourne College of Divinity).

Michael is senior lecturer in biblical studies with the Australian Catholic University, adjunct lecturer in biblical studies within the department of theology, Flinders University, South Australia. He is also involved in interfaith and interreligious matters, is an executive member of the Australian Council of Christians and Jews, co-chairs the SA Council of Christians and Jews, co-chairs the SA Uniting Church-Roman Catholic Dialogue, and currently sits on the executive board of the International Council of Christians and Jews and chairs its theological committee.

Michael’s research interests continue to be the interface of archaeology and bible, and the popular understanding of theology, especially the Bible with particular focus on the gospels. This interest is expressed in his several books and journal entries.

In all aspects of his work, Reverend Michael Trainor brings people together. On Australia Day in 2007, Michael was named a Member of Australia (AM) for services to education, particularly in theology, archeology, inter-national and inter-faith relations and ecumenism.

2015
Warren Tredrea ~ Class of 1995

Today, Thursday 5 June, 2014, we are celebrating the achievement of Warren Tredrea (Class of 1995) following his induction into the Australian Football League’s Hall of Fame. A talented sportsman from an early age, Warren won the St Michael’s College Student Athlete of the Year Award in 1995 and left school to pursue his football career. The following are extracts from an article written by Warren from today’s Advertiser.

"... In 14 years of AFL football I never let myself sit back and smell the roses. There was always another challenge, something else to achieve and another box to tick off. As a little fella I was no different to most. I would play in the backyard with my brother Brad. At 17, I made my league debut with Port Adelaide in the SANFL. My dream was to play 100 games and get my name engraved on a locker at Alberton. As I grew older that dream grew too. I wanted to taste premiership success with Port. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame.

As my career began to take off I realised I had to become professional and get the best out of myself. I started to live my life through football. My philosophy was that if I let my standards slip I wouldn’t become the best player I could be. I never relaxed, never stopped moving forward, learning about new opponents and game trends, watching vision and keeping notes on my opponents. I lived for 14 years scared of failure. That is professional sport. It comes at a cost. You sacrifice a lot. There’s missing your friends’ 21st birthdays and staying at home to train when they left for holidays at Easter or made the annual pilgrimage to the Oakbank races.

My intensity only increased when the Power fell short of the ultimate prize in 2002 and 2003 after being minor premiers. I didn’t want any small lapse in my professionalism to cost me my dream of winning an AFL premiership.

Being inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame is something I will forever cherish. Quite unbelievably my name now sits in the same company as the superstar forwards I grew up watching. It doesn’t quite seem right to me.”

Warren is a humble man, on and off the field. He mentored NAB Rising Star nominee Justin Westhoff who has gone on to become an inspiring AFL player. In 2004, Warren realised his dream by leading Port Adelaide to its first AFL premiership in the absence of the injured captain Matthew Primus.

Warren has continued his career in media since retiring from football, having worked for ESPN, Fox Footy Channel, 5AA 1395 Radio, Channel Nine, Nova FM’s and Triple M. In January this year Warren was appointed by the Nine Network as Weekday Sport Presenter.

Leading a very busy life, Warren juggles his media commitments, his support of many charities and his family life. Hopefully the College will continue its contact with the Tredrea family through the enrolment of his three children.

The St Michael’s College community congratulate Warren on this magnificent achievement.
Matthew Underwood - Class of 1993

I completed high school in 1993, having gone all the way through from St Michael's Grade 4 - the first year of enrolment offered at the time.

I went on to Flinders University, which in turn took me on exchange to UCLA in Los Angeles. I returned to Adelaide and finalised my degree at the University of South Australia and graduated with a degree in Marketing.

I relocated to Melbourne and from there was recruited into a Consulting role with a public relations firm. I moved to Asia, where I worked for two years in Singapore in a regional role.

After being approached to move to Vietnam, I co-founded the nation's first international public relations firm.

Six years into that role it was time to branch out on my own and with members of my team, Matterhorn Communications was founded. Matterhorn has grown to be one of the most successful firms in the nation, with offices in both HCMC and Hanoi and a client list resembling a who's who of multinational firms.

On a personal note, I married Julia, my partner of five years, in a small ceremony on a private island in Thailand in early 2015. Vietnam has been my home for nearly 12 years now.
Tyler Venter ~ Class of 2014

Congratulations to Tyler Venter (Class of 2014) who won a “Downbeat” Magazine Music Award in 2016 in the *Latin Ensemble* Category for the 39th Annual Student Music Awards.

Tyler won this award along with fellow student and vocalist, Erin McKellar.

“Downbeat” is the world’s foremost Jazz and Blues magazine.

After graduating from St Michael’s in 2014, Tyler successfully auditioned for the Bachelor of Music (Jazz) at the Elder Conservatorium, University of Adelaide and is becoming widely known as an outstanding Jazz and Latin guitarist.

The Elder Conservatorium is the only tertiary institution in Australia to win a Downbeat Student Music award.

St Michael’s College, and particularly the Music Department, are incredibly proud of Tyler and his achievements thus far. We warmly congratulate Tyler on this magnificent achievement and will be following his career with great interest!

2016
Felicia Vozzo (Class of 2010) and Paul Spagnoletti (Class of 2009)

Old Scholars, Felicia and Paul (pictured) are heading over to Bali next week, along with other volunteers, to teach at the Lodtunduh Government Primary School and volunteer their time at the Jodie O’Shea Orphanage as part of Catch my Drift which is a volunteer based organisation that empowers young people to make positive life choices and become actively involved in their community and abroad. The group hopes to raise enough funds to buy much needed classroom items.

Felicia and Paul are true Lasallians, giving back to those in need.

Visit the link below to see more of the good work done by this group of young people. http://www.youcaring.com/mission-trip-fundraiser/help-lodtunduh-government-primary-school-indonesia/146164
Simon Watkinson - Class of 1999

Since graduating from St Michael’s College in 1999 as College Dux, Simon completed a degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering at The University of Adelaide. He worked for three years in an Adelaide engineering company before moving to London in 2006 to further his career and spend time travelling Europe. Simon landed himself a job on the London 2012 Olympic Games, spending six years designing various engineering elements on the Olympic Park. This job was extremely rewarding as Simon was part of transforming the Olympic Park from a derelict wasteland in east London to the sparkling showcase which was such a success. Following this, Simon has continued to work on some of Europe’s largest engineering projects including delivery of a new high speed railway line.

In 2011, Simon’s life took an unusual turn. From about the age of 12, many people had commented on his resemblance to Prince William. This became more frequent following his move to London to the point where he decided to do something about it. He sent his photo to a lookalike agency and the following weekend he started a photographic shoot for a tongue-in-cheek book about the life of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Since then his life has been crazy.

Simon has appeared in movies, TV and on front pages of newspapers and magazines across the world. He has also been lucky enough to travel the world to makes appearances at celebrities’ private parties and carry out PR stunts. Last year he was flown to Hong Kong and Australia twice to film a TV commercial and promote a clothing brand, including making appearances on Australian breakfast TV shows. During one of his publicity stunts, he was mobbed by hundreds of people and one girl burst into tears when she had a photo with him because she was so excited. At one point, security had to pull him out of the masses of people because it was getting dangerous.

Despite receiving the ‘Royal’ treatment, Simon still considers his engineering job as his main career. He says “It is really enjoyable to have a respectable job during the day and then be able to do all the crazy lookalike jobs during the evenings and on the weekends. It is such a contrast and I’m very lucky to have those experiences. And while being a lookalike can be well paid, the work is not always consistent so it wouldn’t be possible to pay all the bills by just doing that. Plus if I don’t go bald like Prince William, I could be out of a job!”

If you’d like to see more of Simon’s ‘Royal’ adventures, check out www.princewilliamlookalike.com or www.facebook.com/princewilliamlookalike.
Adelaide Festival Centre's GreenRoom membership program celebrating 10 years with a brand new look and feel. Adelaide Festival Centre's GreenRoom membership program has hit double digits, having not only encouraged young people to become involved in the arts but rewarding them for their passion for the past 10 years. To celebrate its 10th birthday, GreenRoom partnered with University of South Australia's match studio and final year Bachelor of Design (Communication Design) students, led by lecturers Doreen Donovan, Niki Wallace and Yianni Hill to rebrand the logo, look, and feel of the program.

Ten talented finalists were selected and the winner, Jake Wyatt, was announced by Adelaide Festival Centre CEO and Artistic Director Douglas Gautier on Thursday 24 November at the University of South Australia's Communication Design final year graduation event Imprint.

"Adelaide Festival Centre is committed to partnering with educational institutions to help develop our future arts professionals. **Jake Wyatt’s** winning design epitomises the core beliefs of the GreenRoom program. It is creative, fresh, energetic, quirky and humorous, and it captures the program's desire to provide out of the ordinary experiences which are all about encouraging and inspiring the next generation of art lovers”, Douglas said.

Aimed at 18-30 year olds, members pay a small annual fee and receive numerous benefits throughout the year, including heavily reduced ticket prices. This means that no matter what their budget, the arts are affordable and accessible. Members also gain access to free workshops with artists, giving them priceless experiences with some of the world's most acclaimed artistic minds. There are also competitions, giveaways, and other backstage opportunities all year long!

GreenRoom Coordinator Leanne Cotter said the competition was a great opportunity for design students to develop their skills. "GreenRoom is all about supporting young people who are interested in the arts, and the re-branding competition was an exciting initiative that allowed emerging designers to showcase their work”, she said.

Jake’s winning design of the GreenRoom branding will be rolled out across all of the program’s print and digital collateral. Jake will receive $600 for his winning concept, along with a two-week internship opportunity to work at Adelaide Festival Centre Design Studio. During this time he will be mentored by the Adelaide Festival Centre design team to finalise the concept and oversee its implementation into real-world marketing collateral and digital assets.

Winning design student Jake said, "I am really excited to get a glimpse into how Adelaide Festival Centre Design Studio’s creative team works and cannot wait to get started."

GreenRoom also runs a unique advocacy program. The successful professional development program gives its young members the opportunity to develop hands-on arts industry experience. Advocates get to coordinate their very own arts projects during one of Adelaide Festival Centre's major festivals and are mentored across a variety of areas. It is not just work experience but an important building block in the careers of young aspiring arts professionals.
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Mark Williamson ~ Class of 1990

Mark graduated from St Michael’s in 1990 and entered the competitive market of the national foods industry.

Mark is now a strategic sales and marketing leader with extensive experience in the FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) industry, with a track record of success in building business strategies and marketing plans to meet brand, sales and profit targets.

Mark is an energetic and dedicated people leader, who is passionate about developing self, individuals and teams to deliver superior results often within tight time frames and limited budgets. He has successfully established business relationships built on trust, integrity and service, working with International, National and State Clients across multiple channels and multiple categories. With demonstrated ability, Mark develops knowledge profiles related to products, market segments, industry, issues and risks, to lead the development and implement comprehensive plans to motivate and inspire sales teams to reach and exceed sales, revenue and distribution targets.

Being a clear and concise communicator, Mark has experience in leading the implementation of significant organisational change programs, with the proven ability to engage an audience and successfully sell a vision.

In his current role as Director of Gnab Strategic Partners, Mark helps small to medium size businesses in South Australia achieve their goals, whether these goals are sales related, people related or strategy related. Current clients engaging Gnab Strategic Partners come from a variety of different business areas, including label manufacturing, value added meat products, organic dairy production, a non for profit organisation and a state sporting body.

Mark and Gnab Strategic Partners are passionate about South Australia and helping the many great businesses within South Australia achieve their goals.

Mark is an avid basketball fan and is currently President of the West Adelaide Bearcats Basketball Club. His son, Connor, is following in his father’s footsteps as a student at St Michael’s College. Connor is in Year 2 this year (2015).
IN REMEMBRANCE

Dr Jennifer Bourne

22 June 1946 – 20 November 2015

In 1990, the College instigated a wider involvement in school matters with the establishment of a School Board. Dr Jennie Bourne responded to the call for members of the parent community to provide expertise and opinion to assist the then Headmaster, Br Paul Rogers, to manage the College.

The Board acted in an advisory capacity initially, awaiting formal approval of its establishment and Constitution by the Provincial of the De La Salle Brothers. Jennie was the only female representative on this advisory Board and her input was highly regarded.

The role of the Board continued to develop and provide advice to the Principal about future directions that the College should pursue.

In 1992 the St Michael’s College Advisory Board was formed, operating under the current Constitution. Jennie was the inaugural Chair and served until her retirement in 1999.

Jennie served the St Michael’s community as a concerned, committed and competent administrator who put the welfare of the College first and foremost. Jennie’s two sons attended St Michael’s College, Andrew (Class of 1987) and David (Class of 1998).

May she rest in peace.
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OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONALIST ~ MR ROB KEENAN

On Thursday May 17 2001, one of the foremost teachers and administrators in the history of St Michael's College passed away suddenly at home. Robin Anthony Keenan, affectionately known as Rob, was of the most significant influences in 28 years (1965 – 1993) providing shape, both philosophically and structurally, to the position that the College now occupies as one of the leading educational organisations in the western suburbs of Adelaide.

Rob was an outstanding educationalist in the broadest and richest scope of the term. He possessed an enquiring mind, encyclopaedic knowledge, colourful personality who challenged students, whether they were inside or outside of the classroom. Rob held a deep respect for learning that encouraged others, both staff and students, to do the same. Over an exceptional career, Rob taught almost every subject to every level of the secondary. In senior secondary he taught Mathematics, English, Geography, Religious Education, Vocational Education, and his great love – History. Those who had Mr Keenan as their teacher will always remember him, and be enriched by the inimitable manner in which he conducted his classes.

As a man of extraordinary personal faith, Rob contributed meaningfully to the Christian ethos of the school. Rob believed that the highest form of Christian expression was service - service to community organisations, to the disadvantaged in the community and the marginalised. Rob took pains to establish and support outreach programmes that augmented the works of St Vincent de Paul, Meals on Wheels, and of course, the local church. So exceptional was Rob’s service to the mission of the Brothers that he was made a benefactor of the de la Salle Brothers, an honour that he was particularly proud of before his retirement in 1993.

If Rob left an indelible signature on the College, it was his uncompromising desire to assist those with learning difficulties. In the latter 1970’s and 1980’s Rob worked tirelessly to implement ILM, Transition Education and Vocational Education Programmes. These were designed to present valid learning experiences for students who did not respond to conventional classroom teaching and learning. When there were no teachers available or willing to take such classes, Rob took them himself. It was Rob’s concern that, for those who had the least, the most should be made available.

One aspect of Rob’s life that was distinctive was his irrepressible sense of humour. His laugh was contagious and sense of mischief infectious – at all times Rob’s wit and sense of fun prevailed, often in times of adversity. Indeed, Rob Keenan was a good bloke to be around, whether student, colleague or friend.

Rob’s spirit is part of the College, for he has made an enduring contribution to the shape he provided to the educational mission of the College. May he rest in peace.
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Br Paul Kent ~ RIP
20/6/46 – 5/8/2010

Br Paul was born in Newcastle, north of Sydney on 20 June 1946. The family moved to Orange, west of Sydney, where Paul went to the Brothers’ School. On finishing school he decided to become a Brother in 1963. He took vows of Chastity, Poverty, Obedience, Association for the Service of the Poor through Education and Stability in 1964 and renewed them each year until December 1971 when he made these vows for the rest of his life.

Br Paul was a teacher for just over 40 years. Almost half of that time was spent here at St Michael’s, first at Beverley in 1973-1975, again at Beverley in 1991 and 1994 and finally at Henley Beach from 1995 until the end of 2009. For some years he taught Aboriginal children in Western Australia in three different places. As a result, Br Paul became a fierce supporter of the Aboriginal people, their rights and their needs. He also had some years teaching in Queensland as well as New South Wales.

Br Paul was a dedicated teacher. He paid special attention to those students who found school difficult either because of a struggle to learn or because of difficulties at home. Paul went out of his way to help these students, encouraging them when there were small successes and doing all he could to bring some joy into unhappy young lives. The slow learner, the “outcast” were his favourite students. He would stand up for them if he saw them belittled or disregarded by other teachers who regarded them as nuisances. He would be prepared to take the Principal to task if necessary to defend his special students.

With these students in mind, he improved his Educational Qualifications. Commencing in 1995, he obtained a Graduate Diploma in Religious Education, a Bachelor of Education both from the University of South Australia as well as a Bachelor of Education in Special Education and a Masters Degree in Special Education from Flinders University. All this was done while teaching here at Henley Beach.

Br Paul made good friends wherever he went. If you became a friend of Paul you were a friend for life. He was very loyal to his friends. He would mind animals, keep an eye on houses, water gardens, chop wood, go camping, help paint a house, organize a BBQ: nothing was ever a trouble and if it was, Paul would never tell you.

He enjoyed life and brought much joy into the lives of many people. He greeted everyone: shop assistants, bartenders, mechanics, council workers. Every weekend he visited a Southern Cross Nursing Home where he brought laughter into the lives of frail, elderly people. For a few, he was their only visitor.

People in authority be they Principals, Provincials of the Brothers or Leaders of the Brothers’ Communities could find Paul difficult at times. He was a ‘free Spirit” not always in agreement with the ‘establishment’. He liked doing his ‘own thing’.

When the St Michael’s College community farewelled Br Paul at the end 2009, no one would have thought that he would have passed away in just over six months. Paul was transferred to New Zealand mid-January 2010 and toured the South Island on his motor
began to feel unwell, but was determined to finish the tour. On arrival in Auckland he was taken to the local doctor who took some tests. Within 48 hours Br Paul was told to report to the Auckland Hospital. Tests had shown an advanced stage of leukemia. Chemotherapy was commenced in the hope of arresting its progress and in the remaining months Paul was a frequent visitor to hospitals. Br Paul’s body was broken but his spirit was as alive as ever.

Br Paul died peacefully on 5 August 2010 a few weeks after his 64th birthday. His instructions for his funeral were: “Make it short and, for God’s sake, don’t make me out to be a saint because you know that I’m not!”

Those who knew Br Paul miss him very much but lives are richer because Paul was part of them. We thank God for the many gifts He gave Br Paul for enabling Paul to use those gifts to bring much joy, hope, encouragement and love into so many lives.
IN REMEMBRANCE

Mrs Mary Wahrbichler (RIP)

6 February 1922 ~ 1 January, 2015
Much loved Mother of Raymond (Class of 1981) and St Michael’s College staff member 1960 – 1984

(Extract from The Chronicle, October 2012.)

Mary Wahrbichler was a beloved teacher at St Michael’s Beverley for 24 years.

Now 90 years old, Mary’s fond memories of her years teaching at St Michael’s have not faded. She remembers clearly fellow teachers and students, and has many stories that help create a picture of what the school was like over 50 years ago.

Mary first started teaching at St Michael’s in 1960, on the same day as Peter Wallace. When Mary began teaching at St Michael’s her class consisted of 63 Grade 5 boys and she remembers that, at that time, most of the boys were from Croydon, Hindmarsh and surrounding areas.

Mary describes St Michael’s as financially strained when she first started teaching. She remembers that local families would supply food for the Brothers and Sisters living at Beverley.

“There were three or four Catholic families that used to bring them food,” she explained. Mary had very few supplies in 1960; “I didn’t have a textbook, not a single textbook in the whole classroom,” she explains.

“They weren’t easy days but they were very good and the most important thing was you had the backing of all the parents,” she said.

As a strong-willed and tenacious woman, it did not take Mary long to adjust to life at the school. Mary recalls a situation on her first day teaching at the school; “Can you tell me where I could wash my hands,” she asked a male teacher. “He looked at me and said ‘you will have to ask one of the lady teachers about that,’ and I said ‘for the love of God, I only want a tap.’”

She also remembers when the school was opening their library and the same teacher was charging students to enter. “You should be paying them, not charging them,” she admonished him; “you should be paying them for coming in.”

Mary came out to Australia from Ireland when she was 17, at the end of September 1939. She was on the last ship that came through the Mediterranean, the O’Ryan, after the outbreak of World War II. Even after over 70 years living in Australia her accent is extremely pronounced.

Mary recalls that when she trained to become a teacher, in Western Australia, she was told to hold on to her accent. ‘You have to modify your accent, but don’t ever lose it,’ she was told.
Mary had always loved choirs, and with 63 young boys at Beverley, she naturally started a choir. Her students performed at Woodville Hall, and that first year, she had the only class doing a concert. After one of her class’s performances, an audience member said ‘I’ll bet their teacher is an Irish teacher.’ Her accent and Irish mannerisms were present in their singing.

Mary remembers fondly when St Michael’s at Beverley expanded with lower grades. “I went to the opening of the primary hall, I couldn’t believe it, to see all these little ones in their school uniforms, they were running up to their teachers and putting their arms around them,” described Mary.

Over her years teaching at St Michael’s, there were many students who have provided Mary with funny stories that she relishes repeating, including a young boy who was less than fond of PE.

“I had a little boy and he didn’t like going to Phys Ed,” Mary explained. “He’d always find an excuse; he’d be terribly sick when Phys Ed was coming, and he’d say ‘Aww Mrs Wahrbichler, I’m sick, I can’t go,’ and I’d say ‘Oh, just sit down, don’t worry about it.’ All the others would go, and they wouldn’t be gone three minutes before he’d recovered,” she laughed.

Mary recalls an endearing incident with a student on the college’s sports day;

“I was sitting with my class,” explains Mary, “and this little boy came up to me and said ‘Mrs Wahrbichler, I need to go to the toilet,’ and I said ‘Right, off you go, run off to toilet.’ While he was gone the class had to start on their race around the oval... he came back and he said to me ‘Aww Mrs Wahrbichler, I was supposed to be in that race and they’ve gone off without me.’ I said ‘Don’t worry, hop in there.’ By this time the class had been around the oval at least three times.

“He won it, naturally,” she laughed.

A couple of days later, they were discussing the sports day and several teachers exclaimed their surprise over this particular boy’s win. Mrs Wahrbichler immediately told them what had led to the student’s success.

“You should have seen the reaction,” she said. “The men in the staff room nearly went insane! The women were roaring laughing.”

One of the men, chastised her; “Your own son was in that race!”

“So, what?” she replied. “It’s winning a race around the oval, for God’s sake. What did it matter? Anyone would think it was the Olympics or something,” she says dumfounded.