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Primary Values

The Primary Values were created and designed to emphasise core values and to develop a more consistent language across our school community.



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St Michael's College will see a new era begin in 2023

St Michael's College will begin a new era as new Principal Tony Daley takes the helm in 2023. After a comprehensive consultation process with members of the community, a national recruitment campaign, and a thorough discernment by the interview panel, the St Michael's College Board appointed Tony to take the reins of the College.



Tony Daley comes to St Michael's College with a wealth of educational leadership experience. Tony, who was in his sixth year as Principal at St Patrick's College, Launceston, has held a range of senior leadership roles in schools in Queensland, including St Hilda's School and John Paul College

Tony holds a Master of Education from Australian Catholic University, a Bachelor of Science from Griffith University, a Graduate Certificate in Theology from Charles Sturt University, a Graduate Diploma in Teaching from QUT, and an Executive Leadership Certificate from Notre Dame University.

Tony was welcomed into the community in 2023 supported by a smooth transition process from Acting Principal, Mr Damian Patton. Tony's alignment with the College's Lasallian values is felicitous and he has shared the sentiment that, "developing authentic relationships with the College community is important for successful leadership, that education needs to be accessible, engaging, creative and challenging, as well as meeting the



needs of each student, and that the primary role of education is to equip the young people in our care with the skills, values and virtues to succeed in the world."

Br David Hawke FSC, on behalf of the De La Salle Brothers, reflected... "Tony brings with him a wealth of educational and leadership experience across Australia including working in several charisms. I am confident that his appointment will be well received as he continues to lead St Michael's as an excellent Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition."

The College Board is confident that Tony Daley will lead St Michael's College to, "not only embrace the challenges of the future but to flourish as it continues to grow and develop in the years ahead".

Tony was very well known in his previous community and was regularly invited to discuss

community and educational issues on the ABC Morning Radio. He and his wife, Tina, have three adult children, and one grandchild.

As the College community welcomes Tony to this new position, we also acknowledge and thank Mr Damian Patton who was in the Acting Principal position for the 2022 school year.



O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Family, Brothers and dear friends gathered on Sunday 14 August 2022 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Brother Rory Higgins FSC.

Brother (Br) Rory Higgins (1970)

The Jubilee Mass was held in the Chapel of Saint John Baptist de La Salle at Castle Hill, a special place for so many of the Brothers, for it was here that Br Rory, along with several other Novices pronounced their first vows.

The Presider at the Jubilee Mass was Fr Paul Pearce SM. Both Fr Paul and Br Rory joined the Brothers in 1971 when they began their Postulancy year. The direction of their lives has taken very different paths. Also present was Philip Cahill, another member of the 1972 Novitiate Group.

The hymns, prayers and readings for the Mass were chosen by Br Rory. The opening hymn – Christ be our Light, set the tone for what was a beautiful celebration of fifty years of witness as a Brother of the Christian Schools. Fr Paul's homily focused on the first reading chosen for the Mass – “seeking and knowing Christ and the power of his Resurrection”.



The celebrations continued with a celebratory dinner at Baulkham Hills. Br Quentin O'Halloran gave the occasional address. Br Quentin also focused on the theme of, “knowing and seeking Christ”. To quote: “Seeking and knowing Christ is the golden thread that links Rory's life and ministry over the fifty years since his Robe taking on 1st February 1972. This quest for Christ has had a decided impact not only on Rory but on the minds and hearts of youths and adults – other Christs – to whom he has announced Christ's love for him and his own personal quest to love Christ.”

Br Rory's Lasallian journey began in 1970 when he Matriculated from the senior campus and chose a life of commitment to the Brothers. Fifty years later, he has touched the hearts of the communities he has served including his return to Henley as the Principal from 1992-1994. Rory was part of the Fortieth Anniversary celebrations of our humble beginnings at Beverley



following Fr Hoy's invitation to the Brothers to establish a Catholic school in the western suburbs.

Br Rory in his response thanked all those who had gathered for the day – his beloved family, very dear friends, and the Brothers, most of whom have been a part of his journey over the past fifty years.

Sincere congratulations are extended to Br Rory Higgins on his Golden Jubilee. Br Quentin stated, “Rory, in your dutiful quest to know Christ and the power of his Resurrection, may you be inspired by the inscription on the ancient cathedral of St. Quentin – ‘a man is worth what he seeks’ and like John Quincy Adams, pursue that as your ‘duty’ so that your wanting to know Christ in all his richness extends into your completing the race you started in 1972.”



Who is like God



Brother (Br) Kevin Moloney

17 January 1937 - 16 March 2022

Brother Kevin was a beloved confrere of the De La Salle Brothers for 68 years. With great dedication, Br Kevin ministered in Lasallian schools and communities throughout Australia and served as Principal of St Michael's College from 1977 – 1982.

Br Kevin Moloney's driving ethos for St Michael's was a vision where the school would be a place where peace and justice would reign and where none shall wrong another. He maintained that enrolment at St Michael's involved undertaking a package which embraced the academic, the sporting, the care for others, involvement in social and community affairs and the taking up of leadership roles where possible, and, where not possible, the duty of positively supporting those who did take up those roles.

Br Kevin is also remembered for:

- Reintroducing the Cadet Unit in 1978
- Instigating a whole year of 25th Anniversary celebrations in 1979 which culminated in over 5,000 people attending a special Mass
- Planning further building extensions that would enable the College to widen its curriculum offerings, including the now Tech

Studies and Art area at the secondary campus

- Introducing the ceremony known as Graduation Evening, giving the College an opportunity to farewell the Year 12 cohort, an event which is still revered today.

We thank Br Kevin for his leadership and lasting impact on this magnificent College.

May He Rest in Peace.



Brother (Br) Geoffrey Kennewell

13 July 1940 – 12 July 2022

Br Geoff Kennewell passed away peacefully on Tuesday 12 July, surrounded by his loving family and the Brothers of the Cronulla community.

Br Geoff had a long association with St Michael's College, starting as a lay teacher in the 1960s along with Br John Pill. Both Br Geoff and Br John entered the De La Salle Brothers at the same time. Br Geoff taught and lived in the SMC Brothers community on several occasions over the years. In 2001, he was essential in helping establish Camp La Salle and the South Australian Lasallian Team (SALT) and remained connected to old scholars and members of the SMC community.

May Br Geoffrey Rest in Peace.



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Old Scholars - RIP

In November 2022, the College held our annual Memorial Mass – an opportunity for us to remember Old Scholars

Alice Olivia Dale	1990
Michael F Young	1983
Larry Simonetta	1993
Patrick McCartan	1971
Nicole Jane Donnelly	2001
John Mazzarolo	1969
Royce Duggan	1966
Christopher Prentice	2002

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3

Class of 2022

YEAR 12 AWARDS

As the 2022 school year drew to a close, formal classes for Year 12 students concluded and the traditional Graduation events were held.

Members of the 2022 cohort were recognised for their achievements at the Graduation Assembly, and we acknowledge and congratulate the award winners below and also thank them for their contributions to the College.

For Outstanding Contribution to the College and Community: Nick Boeyen

For Outstanding Contribution to the College and Community: Bailey Cortes

For Outstanding Contribution to the College and Community: Andjela Stojanovic

Co-curricular Artist Award: Megan Adrain

Female Athlete of the Year: Tayla Dawkins

Male Athlete of the Year: Riley Stubing

Service to the College: Madison Caldwell

Mary MacKillop Award: Anah Reaiche

ADF Award: Year 12: Lyndon Williamson

Ampol Best All Rounder: Avah Topp

Mary Colton Award: Nicholas Costa

Student Citizenship Award (Order Of Australia): Rana Hussien

College Community Leadership Award (Mark Butler School Award): Massimo Cavallo

Brian Gilbertson Co-curricular Artist Music Award: Harriet McClure

Avah Topp



Andjela Stojanovic, Bailey Cortes, Nick Boeyen



Riley Stubing



Lyndon Williamson



Rana Hussien



DE LA SALLE AWARD

Massimo Cavallo

The Graduation Mass is a significant event and perhaps the most special as it is a time when we openly celebrate St Michael's College as a Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition and recognise the unique gifts of the 2022 graduands. It is a tradition at this event to present the De La Salle Award to the student who best personifies the spirit and values of the College.

This is the highest award offered by the College and in 2022, it was presented to College Captain, Massimo Cavallo.

Massimo was exemplary in his leadership, service and dedication to the role of College Captain. He actively supported the religious and social justice initiatives of the College, was committed to study and achieved at a level commensurate with his ability, as well as being an active contributor to the co-curricular program and wider life of the College. Massimo set a fine example to his peers, and we congratulate and thank him for his service to the College.



Tayla Dawkins



Harriet McClure



Nicholas Costa

Madison Caldwell



Massimo Cavallo



Anah Reaiche



Megan Adrain

Year 12 Results

St Michael's College community celebrates the SACE achievements of the graduating Class of 2022.

Whilst we know that education is about much more than academic results, the annual release of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) results and Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) is always much anticipated. The SACE results provide a snapshot of student learning in their Stage 2 subjects, an indication of the skills, knowledge, understandings and capabilities evidenced, and a formal acknowledgement of the successful completion of 13 years of schooling. The ATAR is a ranking utilised by those looking to move into tertiary study either directly or soon after school.

Holly Dini, Dux



Bridie Dolan, Governor's Commendation



43

students achieved an ATAR in excess of 90

100%

SACE Completion

26

merits achieved by 20 students across 10 subjects

91

students achieved an ATAR in excess of 80

62

'A+' grades were achieved by 39 students

70

students achieved an 'A' grade in 3 or more subjects

86%

'A' or 'B' grades were achieved overall

College Captains

"A fine group of young men and women to lead us into 2023 as College Captains."

St Michael's College is extremely proud to introduce the fine group of young women and men who have been elected by their peers and senior leadership staff, to lead us into 2023. We congratulate our 2023 College Captains, Isabella Agnos and Luis Consalvo, and Vice-Captains, Lily-Mae Balkwill and Paul Choimes, as they accept the responsibilities that come with being a College leader, and represent the wider student cohort.

Throughout conversations with Mr Patton all candidates were able to eloquently describe how they have, and will, continue to live the St Michael's College Mission and Vision through Community, Challenge and Choice.

We wish our Captains all the very best in their new leadership roles in 2023, and we also extend our thanks and encouragement to all the students who submitted applications, which were all outstanding.

"Inspire and lead others by encouraging them."
(MTR 1:2 [Med 193.2])



College Enhancements

REFLECTIVE GARDEN PROJECT (SECONDARY CAMPUS)

The Reflective Garden provides a quiet and restful space for prayer and reflection for students and staff. The space has been designed as an outdoor learning space which includes stepped seating areas, a stream through the centre of the space, varied plantings, multiple seating spaces and winding paths creating a tranquil path for people of all backgrounds to nurture their spiritual self.

The Garden was inspired by Director of Mission, Robert Dempsey and his pilgrimage in 2019, the Tercentenary of St John Baptist de La Salle's death. During his travels in Europe, he was intrigued by the use of water in gardens and of walled structures to create a tranquil space that felt removed from the noise and bustle of cities. Some of these places were built in Roman times, others when Catholic Monasteries were common across Europe, and still more were in public gardens.

The garden is an inclusive space where all students can feel relaxed. The Eco Squad will help to maintain the space and develop new horticultural skills.

The Year 12 Photography students recently spent some time enjoying the newly established Garden while capturing the beautiful features, tranquillity, and serenity of this space. A special thanks to the following students for their beautiful photos: Cesar Machiste Guitian, James Burpee, Joshua Gurr, Natalia Marshall, Natasha Bone, Sarah Pahor and Zak Muzinic.



PRIMARY CAMPUS BUILDING PROJECT

Let us take you on a virtual tour exploring our wonderful new \$20 million Primary facilities building project.

We are excited to report that Stage 2 of the Primary Campus building project commenced in 2022 with Stage 2A completed prior to the beginning of the 2023 school year.

Stage 2A

2 new classrooms mirrored on our new Reception classrooms and breakout spaces including wet areas will support a variety of key learning areas. It will also comprise a staff preparation area and both boys' and girls' toilets.

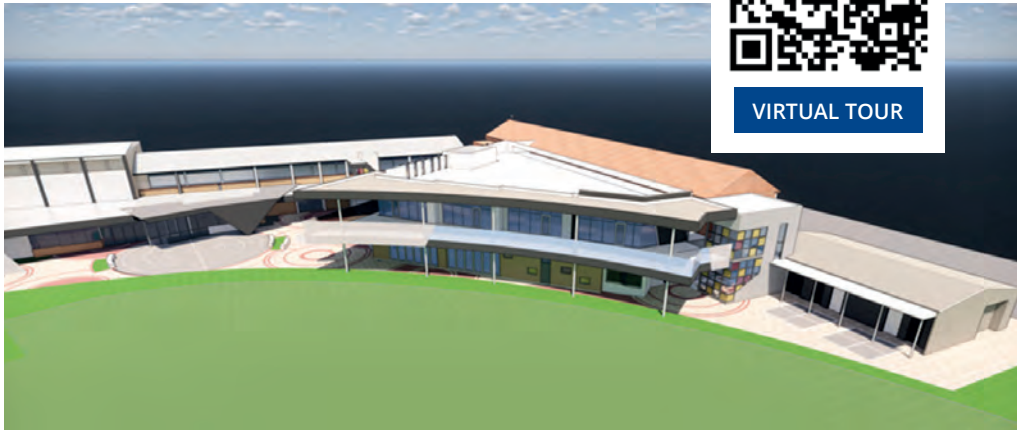
Stage 2B

The new two storey building, which includes a Performing Arts Centre including Music Centre, six Music Tutorial rooms, Dance and Drama areas will provide a specialist facility rarely seen in a Primary environment. The ground floor will also incorporate a new Canteen.

The first floor provides four additional modern classrooms with breakout space for our Year 5 and 6 students. A new Visual Arts learning area will also be included in this upstairs space. Stage 2B is expected to be completed prior to the end of the 2023 school year.



VIRTUAL TOUR



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Beyond Borders Program - Above And Beyond



"St Michael's College has opened its doors – and arms – to refugee children and their families in need."

The College's Beyond Borders program is one that the College is most proud of as it provides opportunities and support for refugee students to transition into mainstream schooling.

Every child matters. It's a simple philosophy but one that lies at the heart of Catholic Education. At St Michael's College it's a philosophy that has offered hope and opportunities to a new generation of children coming to Australia from across the globe.

Since 2006, the school has provided an Outreach program for a growing community of refugees from Africa, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Iraq, Pakistan and more. Now called Beyond Borders, the program supports students as they deal with the complexities of forced migration and the transition to mainstream schooling.

"Beyond Borders has grown in lots of ways," Bron Kemp, Acting Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning, said. "We started out with three students in 2006 and have 16 this year. We have a dedicated teacher who oversees the program and a dedicated teaching room which is open all day. We offer support lessons. Students are timetabled together as often as possible and they are provided with peer mentors, particularly when they're new to the school."

Students' families are also cared for in a variety of ways.

As a Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition, St Michael's welcomes refugees of all faiths. "We are working with students from Islamic, Buddhist and Orthodox Christian backgrounds who have fled their place of birth to escape persecution, but it is just one community and that's how we see it," Ms Kemp said.

The program's success speaks for itself, with previous students venturing into careers including

carpentry, nursing and childcare. "Others have gone on to university – it is absolutely wonderful."

Year 12 student Rana Hussien, who arrived in Australia from Eritrea in 2017, launched her own headscarf business to remove stigma around wearing the hijab, and is considering studying International Relations at university. "Beyond Borders has opened doors that weren't going to be opened if I had stayed in Eritrea," she maintains.

Classmate Khaled Mohammed, 18, who is also from Eritrea, is taking advantage of a school-based apprenticeship to begin a career in the Automotive industry. "I completed my VET course and am now looking for an apprenticeship," he said. "I love fixing cars. Coming to St Michael's has given me the opportunity to do what I love."

Pictured: St Michael's soccer players Elyas, Edilawit, Yonata, Amir and Abas are thriving thanks to the program.

Extract from article written by Lynn Cameron and featured in the SA Catholic Schools Magazine and published in The Advertiser, August 13 2022. Photograph by Russell Millard.

BREAKFAST CLUB

It was fun vibes as usual at our last Breakfast Club for 2022, when we farewelled our star trio of Year 12 helpers: College Captains Massimo Cavallo, Avah Topp and College Vice Captain Rana Hussien.

Each of our helpers were rewarded for their efforts throughout the year with their very own Breakfast Club Pack including Vegemite, Jam, Honey and a personally engraved Specialty Butter Knife. Special mention also to Nicholas Costa, who always brightened people's day with his barista skills on the coffee machine.

Breakfast Club takes place in the Food Tech Kitchen in the LEC every Thursday morning from approx. 8am-8:30am. It has grown into a significant weekly community event where hundreds of students attend each week for some tunes, fun atmosphere and various breakfast treats including toast, pancakes, fruit, juice, milk, and yoghurt.



MENTORING PROGRAM

Our recently developed Cross College Mentoring program now includes Receptions with Year 8 students and Year 1 students with Year 9 students. This provides our primary students with opportunities to develop relationships with secondary leaders to work together to develop skills to assist them with living out the Primary Values. The program allows for authentic leadership opportunities for student leaders and provides the primary students with mentors who role model our school values.

The Year 8's ventured to Beverley where they were shown around the campus and then did some art activities with their buddies. The Reception students came to the senior campus and participated in a Scavenger Hunt around the campus and played some games with their buddy.

The Year 1 students had a focus on 'being brave and trying new things'. Each group shared a special story about a time where they were brave and then collaborated to create bravery badges. The students were inspired by the Year 9's and have already shown the attributes of these wonderful leaders.

The Reception students had a focus on 'relationships and getting to know the big buddies'. They were very proud to show the leaders around our campus and share their favourite spaces. The students participated in some fun games to get to know their buddies and then created an artwork together.



Primary Campus - Snapshot of Activities

We believe that all our students are capable and competent learners and given the right environments and opportunity they will flourish. We are a growth mindset school and know that the little habits we do every day give us great powers to learn.

Our R-6 curriculum is underpinned by the latest technology, sustainable ideas, inquiry and all the things that matter. We continued to encourage our students to explore their passions and interests. We encourage them to be curious and ask questions.

The Pastoral program provides opportunities for students to learn and develop skills in a safe and enjoyable environment. Students are supported to develop an understanding of how they learn, skills on how to establish positive relationships and face challenges through connection to the world and those around them.

The Primary Values continue to be further embedded daily allowing students to develop personal and community identity and connection. With these values as our focus, all students are able to be the best they can be. #alwayslearningalwayswillbe



The First Reception Class - Celebrating 20 Years



Cathie Gaffney – the Reception teacher provides us with her memories of this cohort:

It was very exciting for the St Michael's College Community to welcome Reception students to our Primary Campus in 2002. It was a leap of faith by the Board and Br John Pill (Principal) to introduce the younger students and it was definitely a wonderful decision.

We commenced with 12 students in January and grew to 15 students by September. We had some terrific adventures inside and outside the classroom with regular visitors wanting to, “check out how the little guys were going”. We did our English, Maths and Science, just like the big boys, but they always seemed curious as to why it looked like so much fun!

We had dress ups for English, to learn about sounds, and lots of coloured things for counting. Cooking with Dads for Mother's Day, and Sports Day games were a treat.

From 15 students in January 2002, we have now grown to 75 students in Reception. Thanks for the wonderful memories Class of 2002 - it was awesome!!

Cathie Gaffney
RGA Class Teacher 2002

**If you are part of this cohort we would like to hear from you for future features of the Community News. Let us know what you are doing now by emailing community@smc.sa.edu.au.*

Co-Curricular Sport Summary

PRIMARY

In 2022 the Primary Campus fielded an incredible 63 sporting teams which were represented in several sporting carnivals and weekly competitions throughout the year. Through these competitions, the students took part in various sports including: Athletics, Cross Country, Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, AFL Football, Netball and Touch Football. The Reception to Year 1 students were also provided opportunities to participate in afterschool sporting clinics including Joey Cricket, Auskick, Soccer, Netball and Tennis. The Kelly Sports program was also offered to our early primary students with sports involving Basketball, T-ball and Hockey. Overall, we had an 87% participation rate involved in our sporting program.

Some highlights for the year included:

- Winning 4 out of 7 pennants at the Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival.
- Runners up at the Year 5/6 SANFL Football Cup Carnival.
- 5th place overall at the Division 1 Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival.
- Undefeated at the Year 4 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival.
- Winners of the Year 5/6 SACA Cricket Cup Carnival.
- Winners of the District ANZ Tennis Hotshots Carnival.

Soccer



Athletics

Football



Athletics



SECONDARY – GIRLS

First XVIII Football

The First XVIII Football team had another outstanding year as we introduced a 16 a-side team to the SACSSGSA weekly competition. They defeated Sacred Heart in the weekly Grand Final. They also, for a third year in a row, played in the Statewide Open Girls Knockout Grand Final at Thebarton, but unfortunately went down to a very strong Scotch College.

First XVIII Football



Open A1 Netball

Open A1 and A2 Netball - Premiers

The Open A1 and A2 teams played in the same combined division in 2022 for their weekly SACSSGSA games. The grades were then split for semifinals with both teams finishing minor premiers, and both went on to play in the Grand Final and won the Premiership.

This year was also one of the most successful years with our Open A1 team defeating Henley in the Caica Cup and narrowly going down to Trinity in Intercol.

Year 9/10 Girls Netball Knockout – State Premiers

We had a very strong group of Year 9 and 10 girls who won through to the Grand Final round of Statewide KO netball. The weather was torrential rain on the games held outside but thankfully the girls won their semi final and headed to the indoor courts to play their Grand Final match against Westminster. The game was a very hard fought one, however our girls were outstanding and were victorious by three goals.

9/10 Basketball



Girls 9/10 Netball

Year 9/10 Basketball

Another terrific year with our Senior A Basketball girls finishing minor premiers in Term 4. They also played an outstanding Knockout tournament and finished in third position.

Our combined Year 9/10 Girls Knockout Basketball team played a fantastic tournament and won through to the Grand Final against Immanuel College but went down by 1 point in a nail biting finish, ending State runners up.

Open A2 Netball



Co-Curricular Sport Summary

SECONDARY - BOYS

First XVIII Football

The First XVIII Football had an outstanding year going undefeated throughout the season. Making their first Grand Final in several years, which is a fantastic achievement, the boys unfortunately just went down to Sacred Heart College in the decider.

First XVIII Football



Reconciliation Round

This year for the first time, St Michael's College was proud to host its first Reconciliation Round for sport. We were honoured to have our pre-game ceremony lead by Mickey O'Brien with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. It was a very special day for the College Community.



Reconciliation Round

First XI T20 Cricket Grand Final

Our 1st XI Cricket team had an incredibly successful Term 4 season, going undefeated through both the Friday T20 and Saturday afternoon competitions. The 1st XI T20 Cricket team made it through to the Grand Final won.

First XI T20 Cricket



Catholic Co-Ed Athletic Carnival

Our Athletics team competed in the Catholic Co-Ed Athletics Carnival and came away with some fantastic results. Our small team of 23 students managed to achieve 34 places throughout the day. A fantastic achievement.

Cross Country State Championships

Our Cross Country team competed in the annual State Cross Country Championships at Oakbank. We had an Open Boys team who achieved a fantastic result winning the Open Boys team event.



Reconciliation Round



Cross Country Open Boys

Music and Arts

PRIMARY

The skills learnt in our Primary Performing Arts program, increase self-confidence and camaraderie. These learning areas have the capacity to engage, inspire and enrich all students, exciting the imagination and encouraging them to reach their creative and expressive potential, by developing artistic skills, as well as self-esteem and the ability to work well within a team environment.

With a range of opportunities for students to participate in, 2022 was a very exciting year for those involved in the Dance Concert, Footsteps program, the Instrumental Concert and The Musical – The Trading Game for students in Years 4 – 6 and the Music is Fun interactive performance.



SECONDARY MUSIC

It is well documented that playing and listening to music engages the brain's neural pathways in ways that benefit students in their cognitive dexterity and problem-solving skills. At St Michael's, we offer the opportunity for all students to experience the best of music education through our exciting curriculum pathways, co-curricular band program and extensive Instrumental Music program.

Pulse 14 – SMC Live in Concert with the Billy Joel Tribute Show Australia

Once again, the SMC 'Pulse' tradition continued, in showcasing the vast array of hard work and talent in our College's Music Department. Ensembles including Big Bands, Concert Bands, Drum Corps, Choirs, Rock Bands, String Ensembles, and so much more, performed to a very appreciative audience of nearly 600.

The Billy Joel Tribute Band, led by SMC old scholars Anthony Marafioti and Daniel Braiotta, were fabulous, and worked so well with our students, allowing them to really shine on stage. It was such a diverse and wonderful program, and we were so proud of our students.



Ensemble Fest

Ensemble Fest included nearly 100 music students across 18 different ensembles performing a wide variety of styles of music. These ensembles included Rock Bands, Big Bands, Concert Bands, Jazz Combo, String Ensembles, Percussion Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Drum Corps and more.

Congratulations to our hard-working music students, and we thank our wonderful music staff and ensemble directors for their great work, and Music Captain Harriet M, and Vice Captain Carla F for compering on the night. We can't wait until Ensemble Fest 2023!

Catholic Schools Music Festival

Congratulations to Big Band 1 on their fantastic performance at the Catholic Schools Music Festival - a wonderful opportunity to perform on the main stage at the Adelaide Festival Centre!

Music and Arts

SECONDARY DRAMA

A rich and diverse Arts Education not only builds essential skills for students' futures, but it also enriches our human experience and allows us to understand one another.

Through producing performances and creative projects in Drama, students develop higher order thinking skills, they collaborate, empathise, create, analyse, critique and innovate.

Audiences were deeply moved by the Year 11's production of Sean Riley's 'Beautiful Words', an epic tale of family, migration and human interconnectedness. The Year 9

Drama class presented Barry Kay's play, 'Dreams' which explores the pressures put on young people to decide their futures early. Finally, the two Year 10 Drama classes presented works which were connected to their study of Shakespeare's Macbeth: 'The Curse of Macbeth' by Kristen Doherty and 'Living with Lady Macbeth' by Rob John.

The St Michael's College Theatre Company, Archangel Theatre Co. proudly presented their inaugural production of 'Girl Asleep' by Matthew Whittet. The Archangel

Theatre Co. was launched earlier in the year to facilitate further opportunities for students to extend themselves in the Performing Arts.

2023 College Musical will Rock You!

We are excited to announce that the 2023 College Musical will be 'We Will Rock You' by Queen and Ben Elton. This hilarious futurist comedy contains Queen's biggest hit songs and will be performed in May of 2023 at the Woodville Town Hall.



SECONDARY DANCE

The students from Years 7 through to Year 11 have the opportunity to perform in two Dance Showcases throughout the year, gaining valuable experience in performing in front of an audience and the opportunity for students to showcase all they have learnt during the curriculum and co-curricular programs.

Their hard work and commitment were executed through their energy and charisma on stage showcasing the exceptional talent and skills we have at St Michael's College.

The 2022 Senior Dance students, performed a powerful, emotional, and inspiring final showcase. The students' continuous commitment and dedication blew the audience away!



Music and Arts

SECONDARY EXHIBITION

Visual Arts, Design, Photography and Design & Technology

The 2022 Visual Art & Design, Photography, Design & Technology Exhibition, showcases the exceptional work of our 2022 Year 12 students. The exhibition highlighted the resilience and creativity of young practitioners, who have worked under difficult circumstances again this year. The opening night was a great success and provided opportunities for families and the wider community to celebrate the outstanding work of our senior students.



DE LA SALLE DAY

De La Salle Day saw our primary and secondary students come together to celebrate. The day began with a liturgy followed by music performances, carnival games, a teacher dunk tank, and lots of fun entertainment.

The annual tradition of the Year 12 mascot race on De La Salle Day also continued, with the usual fun, frivolity and colour!

Music is educational and fun!

Music can be educational and fun, especially when you invite multi-instrumentalist and looping guru Adam Page to perform! Our early primary students were entertained by 'Music is Fun' in an interactive concert during our De La Salle Day celebrations.



A Call to Action

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week is a time to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples but it is also a time for action. This year's theme was *Get up! Stand up! Show up!* It called for all Australians to continue advocating for systematic change. It is a call for all Australians to get involved not only during NAIDOC Week but all year round, and to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

Each campus highlighted NAIDOC week with a variety of creative activities including Indigenous incursions, NAIDOC themed prayers, posters and visual displays, Indigenous inspired food, creating Indigenous artworks, murals and drawings and celebrating Indigenous women.

The Primary Campus has been involved with the *'Drawing Us Together'* project again this year where students create a children's story book. Our youngest learners in Early Primary collaborated to create a snake mural, Year 2 and 3 students to take up the beat of their feet and create sand art inspired by Lowell Hunter, and the Year 4 team tried their hands at basket weaving.

Year 7 History students participated in a VR Indigenous Experience and our SMC community had the opportunity to try kangaroo sliders with a bush tomato chutney. Secondary teachers received a range of the most recent Indigenous resources to deliver to students and a special thanks to Ms Brouwer's class for making a NAIDOC themed wreath for their classroom to celebrate the week.

We celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations. The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians needs to be based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights. The challenge for us all is to GET UP, STAND UP and SHOW UP not just in NAIDOC week but every week. Connection is what makes us human and may we all continue to learn from each other.



REFUGEE WEEK

Every year Australia celebrates our refugee communities and our diversity during Refugee Week with the theme in 2022 being 'healing'.

The Primary Campus attended the Children's ArtSpace in the new venue at the Festival Theatre. The students created a group poster depicting The Guernica inside a Greek crumbling theatre with the Picasso eye symbol shaded with the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

Three of our Year 12 Beyond Borders students visited the Primary Campus to share their personal stories with Reception students. Khaled described what it is like to

say 'Goodbye' to home and loved ones, Rana revealed how she crossed the desert on camels to come to safety and Zahra revealed her emotional reunion with her father after a separation of seven years. The Reception students asked lots of insightful questions and were incredibly welcoming.

At the Secondary Campus, healing occurred through storytelling, community, and sport. Some of our Beyond Borders students recorded and wrote their personal stories and prayers which were shared with students in Pastoral class each morning and students were excited

and proud to share some of their favourite traditional dishes with staff at lunch. Our soccer-mad Beyond Border students challenged their teachers to a 5-a-side-non-contact-indoor-soccer match, with Sr Nithya as the staff goalkeeper.

Thank you to our Beyond Borders students for being brave in sharing their stories and thank you to all staff and students for celebrating the diversity in our College and wider community.



A Call to Action

MAKE MUSIC DAY (KICKSTART FOR KIDS)

The Primary Campus celebrated with students dressing up as their favourite musicians and raised money for the charity Kickstart for Kids.

There were lunch time performances from DJ Luke (our resident staff DJ) and the Primary Staff Band. It was great to be joined by our College Captain Massimo Cavallo, Music Captain Henry Cook and Music Vice Captain Luca Camozzatto for performances after lunch, whilst also sharing their music journey from Primary to Secondary.



RAP LAUNCH

St Michael's was proud to launch our College-wide Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at the Primary Campus, an initiative led by Indigenous Coordinators, Ms Kate Tyrwhitt and Mr Andrew Spencer.

The ceremony included a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony led by Kurna Senior Uncle Mickey O'Brien, followed by a presentation of the RAP by Ms Tyrwhitt.

Endorsed by Reconciliation Australia, the College vision for reconciliation is for students and staff to recognise, acknowledge, understand, and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures. As a college, we acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are connected to the oldest continuing cultures on the planet. We also recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and connections to their lands and waterways are of ongoing importance today and into the future.

To view the RAP, please follow the link www.smc.sa.edu.au/about/reconciliation-action-plan/



Student Spotlight



JAXON BOWSHIRE

Keep your eye out for Jaxon who's making a splash as a springboard and platform diver. Jaxon was the top ranked 18 and Under male diver in Australia at only 15 years of age. He is currently ranked 17th in the 3 metre springboard and 6th in the platform for Under 18s.

Placed 3rd in the 2022 Open Nationals at age 16, Jaxon will trial for the World Championships. Jaxon's recent competitions include:

- 3rd 2022 Australian Open Championships (Platform)
- 1st 2021 Australian Elite Junior Virtual Championships (3m and 10m)
- 3rd 2021 Australian Open Champs. inc. Nomination Trials (Platform)
- 3rd 2019 Australian Domestic Grand Prix - Knockout (3 Metre)
- 1st 2019 Australian Elite Junior Championships (All Boards)
- 1st 2019 Victorian Elite Junior Championships (All Boards)



MEGAN ADRAIN

Congratulations to Megan Adrain, who has been selected to be a part of the inaugural South Australian Student Representative Council (SA SRC). The Council was formed by the Commissioner for Children and Young People SA and includes 165 other students in Years 10 to 12 from across the state who will be given the opportunity to have a platform to voice their opinions and act on their concerns.

Megan explained, "To be in the SA SRC means that I will be involved in an action group that will focus on an issue that we think is important to address through a project that will be implemented in our local communities. I, along with the other SA SRCs, attended a summit in May where we met other students who are passionate about making change in their community. We met and had a chat with a local Member of Parliament, and heard from other groups and individuals who are making a positive impact in Australia. We learnt about how change is made, thought about what issues are important to us, and how we as students can start creating change within our community."



SIENNA NESCI

Congratulations to Sienna Nesci for being awarded the Junior Elite Athlete of the Year Award for Women's Artistic Gymnastics at the South Australian Gymnastic Awards.

Sienna has been selected in the South Australian State Team where she will be travelling to Queensland to compete at the Australian Gymnastics Championships.

The College community wishes you the best of luck Sienna.



NIKITA LORIA

Congratulations to Nikita Loria who has recently returned to Adelaide after a month-long trip to Germany playing Ice Hockey.

Nikita was selected to train with the U15 Youth team of the professional men's team, The Straubing Tigers. After only three days into Nikita's training, he was given the opportunity to train and play a season with the U17 and U20 squads.

Nikita trains 3-4 times a day on and off the ice, and through this hard work he has also been given the opportunity to travel to Finland to play professional Ice Hockey.

The College community wishes Nikita the best of luck in all his future endeavours.



JOE BIRD – THEATRE

We congratulate Joe Bird who has a starring role in a new edgy Australian horror film titled 'Talk to Me'. This film was chosen to be screened at the Adelaide Film Festival Closing Night Gala at Her Majesty's Theatre, and Joe, along with his friends in the cast and crew, celebrated together on the pre-show red carpet as well as at a post-gala event.

In the film Joe plays a pivotal role and gives a genuine and engaging performance, highlighting his range and skill as an actor. In his feature film debut, Joe worked alongside an impressive cast including Miranda Otto (The Lord of the Rings), Sophie Wilde (You Don't Know Me) Alexandra Jensen (Amazing Grace, The Letdown) and Zoe Terakes.



DANIELLA D – CABARET

Congratulations to, Daniella D on her outstanding Class of Cabaret performance at the Dunstan Playhouse, Adelaide Festival Centre. Daniella sang an original piece she wrote titled 'Mr Genie Man' as well as 'Born This Way' by Lady Gaga. Daniella is a skilled singer, an engaging performer, and a wonderful advocate for Arts at the College.

The Class of Cabaret is an annual program produced by Adelaide Cabaret Festival and Adelaide Festival Centre's centrED with support from the South Australian Department for Education. Each year students from around South Australia audition, and only twenty are chosen to develop a performance for the Adelaide Cabaret Festival.

Daniella said of the experience, "It's a place where you can be yourself and meet others who share the same passions as you. Working with the mentors has been one of my highlights as they supported me as an artist and pushed me to reach my full potential".

Thank you Mr Crierie

ALAN CRIERIE (AKA MR EDVAL)

The SMC community takes this opportunity to again farewell Alan Crierie from the College, but this time in his capacity as Timetable Consultant. As many of you would be aware, Alan was a long-serving Deputy Principal and Senior Biology Teacher of high standing in the teaching community before he “retired” from St Michael’s in 2014.

If you wanted something done at SMC - you’d go and speak to Alan. For the best part of twenty years this great servant of the College has been the one who has listened to and solved the day to day issues of staff and students. In his position as Deputy Principal he was always able to smooth over troubled waters and find solutions to the many crises that emerged on a daily basis.

The College was extremely fortunate to retain Alan’s services as our Manager of HR in 2015 and from 2016, Manager of Timetable and Staffing, albeit in a part-time capacity. During the 8 years in this role, Alan led significant development across our timetable model, always with good grace, a sense of humour and, above all, a commitment to ensuring that students could achieve their best. There is no doubt that the welfare of students was a priority in his modelling.

Alan’s understanding of the complexities associated with developing a quality timetable is second to none. There were times when Edval approached him for advice, and they were particularly impressed with what he was able to construct for St Michael’s as they considered our timetable as one of the most complex in Australia.



We wish Alan well as he leaves the College he has been associated with for 21 years to spend time with his family and friends enjoying the great outdoors, whether it be on the briny or the fairway.

When did you start working at SMC and what have your roles been?

I commenced working at SMC in 2003 as Deputy Principal of Staff and Administration. I assumed a variety of leadership roles in the first eleven years and thoroughly enjoyed my interaction with both staff and students, especially teaching Senior Biology.

I spent eight years revamping and updating our timetable modelling and enjoyed prioritising the needs of students, and their curriculum choices, into our busy weekly schedule.

In 2015 and 2016, I also undertook the role of the HR Manager and enjoyed the robust discussions and interactions ensuring that staff

and student wellbeing was at the forefront of our resolutions.

What do you love most about working at SMC?

In the past nineteen years I have come to truly appreciate what a Lasallian family looks like. I have experienced first hand the ability of the community to wrap their arms around me and support my family as we dealt with confronting issues in our lives. The introduction of ‘Frocktober’ in memory of my daughter Jenna is something I will be forever grateful for and I know the legacy will be a part of the fabric of SMC for many years to come.

What was your job/role prior to commencing at SMC?

Previously I had taught for several years in the Education Department and at Blackfriars and was also responsible for the development of the Biology Curriculum for SACE. I also spent time developing the text book still in vogue for Senior Biology in 2022.

Outside of SMC, what other interests do you enjoy?

If you ever travel to New Zealand I hope you too may experience the euphoria of a hole in one! My obsession is playing, watching and breathing golf! I play regularly at Grange and can’t wait for the Liv experience next year.

If you could only listen to one song/band/album for the rest of your life, what would it be?

I would have to say Meatloaf ‘Bat out of Hell’ and trying to forget his performance at the ‘G’.

I occasionally enjoy a glass or two of red and have even been renowned as a ‘craft brewer’ of a fine Crierie Stout!

Who is someone you admire and why?

I respect and admire those people in life who are humble and simply go out of their way to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi inspire others by their dedication, perseverance and zeal to ensure future generations could prosper without the shackles of racism and prejudice.

What has been your most rewarding experience at work?

Being a part of the team that facilitated an incredible growth in student numbers was undoubtedly both a rewarding and challenging time. Steve Byrne’s vision, John Foley’s support and our Lasallian ethos meant SMC became a place of ‘choice’ for families, students and staff. As I walk around the campus today I have to pinch myself to realise I had a hand in what has become a truly respected educational facility in the western suburbs.

Thank you for the Memories

In any given year, in any workplace, staff come and go.

As circumstances would have it, the end of 2022 signaled a new beginning and journey for a significant number of staff leaving the College community for a wide variety of career and lifestyle choices.

Amongst the list of staff are a number with long and illustrious careers. Whether it be these “veterans” of St Michael’s College or those with a lesser tenure, we thank them for their valued contributions to the community.

- Alan Crierie
- Angelo Zoanetti
- Anna Porcelli
- Anne Finlay
- Anthony Martino
- Aruna Manuelrayan
- Ashley Behrendt
- Bonita Dorian
- Brian Stokes
- Carmen Swan
- Cathy James
- Chris Georgiou
- Deborah Lapsley
- Ebony Brouwers
- Gerry Paul
- Giacomo Guttilla
- Gloria-Rita Maieli
- Heidi Claus

- Isabella Barila
- Isabella Tocchetti
- Kate Redemski
- Kim Wong
- Lidia Calio
- Lora Smith
- Martin Grace
- Mary Price
- Matthew Sammut
- Mayumi Pudney
- Melissa Boden
- Michelle Haldane-Spencer
- Rocco Schirripa
- Ryan Fleetwood
- Sophie Andonopoulos
- Stephanie Iannotti
- Teresa Cimmino
- Terina Elphick
- Tim Edwards
- Tim Wetherell
- Tyler Mickan

Staff Awards



RALPH BROUGHTON
Volunteer Award Recipient

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools held its inaugural Catholic Education Awards South Australia in 2022. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the commitment many individuals have had in Catholic Education, and most importantly, the education of young people in South Australia.

Our own Mr Ralph Broughton was recognised as the Volunteer Award winner. Over 20 years ago, this now amazing octogenarian approached St Michael's College, offering his time and expertise as a retired educator. Ralph's support has been overwhelming in both its extent and diversity. The timing and nature of his contribution has enriched the educational rewards for students and the effectiveness of, and satisfaction gained from, our teaching careers. Ralph assists students in the classroom setting as well as during recess and lunch breaks, after hours and during holiday periods. He has run exam revision sessions, prepared teaching materials, assisted with marking and the development of curriculum

and assessment plans, as well as contributing extensively to the development of a VET program. Ralph never hesitates to give his time or energy to all members of our community. He also offers collegiate support to our hard-working teachers, offering both practical and emotional support, giving us the benefit of his decades of experience in education which is both benevolent and inspiring. Ralph's positive association is uplifting and affirming for us as practitioners.

In his acceptance speech, Ralph dedicated the award to his mother who worked tirelessly raising him and his sister by herself following the death of his father at a very young age. He acknowledged that his life was influenced by many wonderful Josephite Nuns and Marist Brothers during his primary and secondary education.

When talking about St Michael's College, Ralph said, "I acknowledge that I give some of my time in helping students achieve a measure of success in their learning. However, it is important to stress that I enjoy every minute of it. It adds purpose for my life, keeps my mind active and alert, and improves quality of life in these latter years. The respect shown to me by students and seeing them achieving success is extremely rewarding. The camaraderie of the staff, their acceptance, friendship, and respect they so freely give, is greatly appreciated".

Ralph is an inspiration to us all and a wonderful example of the wisdom, insights and knowledge that a life rich with experience brings.



COLLEEN ANNE BILLOWS OAM

The St Michael's College community congratulates former colleague, Colleen Anne Billows, on her Order of Australia Medal for her service to the community through charitable organisations.

Colleen has been supporting families with seriously ill children for more than two decades through her volunteer work with Ronald McDonald House (RMH), and recently abseiled down a 33 storey building to raise money for the charity. Affectionately known as Nanna Col, Colleen is also a recipient of a Westfield Local Heroes Award for the West Lakes region.



KATE TYRWHITT

Congratulations to Ms Kate Tyrwhitt who was named as the 2022 as the EdTechSA Educator of the Year.

Kate is a specialist teacher of Visual Arts and Design at the Primary Campus and has been awarded this title in recognition for her contribution to the use of ICTs in the school.

Kate has been a driving force behind the integration of a wide range of digital technologies to enhance student learning at the Primary Campus. She has pioneered the use of Showbie and Green Screen both for and with teachers, has designed and conducted global design projects with educators in several countries which has had a direct and positive impact upon student engagement and motivation, and in her own classroom practice, utilises various technologies so that all students can access their creative capabilities. Some of these technologies include Augmented Reality, laser cutting, Flipgrid, CoSpaces, 3D Design and printing using Makers Empire, and Tinkercad. Kate has also presented at CEGSA since 2007, EdTechSA conferences, ACCE in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney, and the National Art Gallery in Canberra to showcase students' use of iPads in Visual Arts education.

Congratulations Kate, the College is grateful for your contributions to our school community.



STACEY MOROS

Stacey Moros, Head of History at St Michael's College, was selected as the recipient of the 2021 Gandel Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education. The Gandel Award aims to recognise outstanding efforts of alumni of the Gandel Holocaust Studies Program in delivering Holocaust education in their schools and in the wider community. Stacey completed the Gandel Program in 2014, when she was a teacher at Tatchilla Lutheran College, and she continued implementing a range of Holocaust education initiatives ever since.

The Gandel Award was established in May 2019 during the inaugural Gandel Holocaust Education Conference held in Melbourne and is awarded annually and encourages the winning teacher to continue building the awareness and preserving the memory of the Holocaust and the lessons it holds for today.

On hearing the news, announced during an online Holocaust study session organised by Gandel Foundation, Yad Vashem and Adelaide and Perth Holocaust Museums, Stacey said she was 'shocked and humbled' by the announcement. "I am so proud.

Holocaust education has definitely been my passion and I feel a strong sense of duty to teach my students about the dangers of prejudice and hate. I am so grateful to have been given this amazing opportunity to study at Yad Vashem as part of the Gandel Holocaust Studies Program back in 2014. Thanks to the Gandel Foundation for their continued generosity in supporting Holocaust education in Australia," said Ms Moros.

CEO of Gandel Foundation, Vedran Drakulic OAM said Ms Moros was an outstanding educator. "Stacey has been involved in a broad range of Holocaust education initiatives both in her school and more broadly. She is also a regular presenter at the History Teachers Association conferences, delivering workshops on Holocaust pedagogy, and she was also involved at the Gandel Holocaust Conference in 2019. She is definitely a most-worthy recipient", added Mr Drakulic.

Stacey's citation notes that she received the Gandel Award "in recognition of her continuous and broad-ranging efforts in promoting, developing and delivering Holocaust education activities and initiatives".

Reunions

MILESTONE – FIRST YEAR 8 GIRLS

Class reunions are a perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends and teachers, share stories and make new contacts. This year we celebrated the classes of 1972, 1982, 1991 & 1992, 2002, 2012.

A significant milestone this year was welcoming back the first cohort of Year 8 girls to attend St Michael's College, to celebrate their 10 Year Reunion.

Rebecca Biggs who was the Girls' Middle School Director at the time reflects on the milestone:

We remember the introduction of girls into the Middle School at St Michael's College in 2008.

As Girls' Middle School Director, I reported at that time "they strive to be the best that they can be".

Indeed, at the recent reunion, of the inaugural Year 8 class of girls, we witnessed a reflection of their commitment to the ethos that ensued from those early days. The initiative of all to keep in contact, to maintain friendships and to reach towards their potential was uplifting. So many careers, teachers, doctors, various professionals, and a range of success in achieving each person's particular goal.

All enjoyed reminiscing as we toured the latest College facilities, buildings, and hearing the vision for the future. Much appreciated was the opportunity to connect on the grounds of the College.

Rebecca Biggs



Reunions

Class of 1982

In 1974 a group of 8 year olds found themselves in Year 4 at SMC. By some quirk of classroom allocation we did Years 4 to 8 at Beverley, and then Years 9 to 12 at Henley. There were still plenty of De La Salle Brothers around, the occasional nun, and Beverly even had its own Chaplain. It was strictly a boys only school through until Year 12 when the fine ladies from Siena joined us.

When the school reached out earlier in 2022 to propose a 40 year reunion we already had an assembled cohort keen to attend. 1982 didn't need much priming to sign up en masse.

On 28th October cohorts from 72, 82, 92, 02 and 12 assembled at the school for a few drinks and a school tour. While the school is utterly familiar it has of course evolved enormously since '82 and is now a really impressive modern campus. After the tour we adjourned to the Mosaic, where we teamed up with the 1972 cohort, many of whom I knew from SMOSH. That was a mind bend.

The evening was one, long, loud, laugh. Friendships rekindled. Stories embellished.

Looking back - I'm genuinely fond of my school days and thankful for the opportunities St Michael's provided. I loved the wide open spaces, and it was a proper cross section of society with different socio-economic backgrounds, and the opportunity to realise different ambitions - academic, the arts, sport, trades, or whatever else draws you.

So if you ever get the opportunity to get to a reunion - seize it - it's a little bit of a treasure.

Damien Carey



Reunions

Class of 2002

The 20 Year Reunion of the St Michael's Class of 2002 came at a funny time for me, as a teacher, just one day before I had waved goodbye to my own cohort of Year 12s, watched them tear up through graduation videos, listen to commencement speeches, and sign school uniforms. I had talked to them about their plans, their hopes for the future, and their promises to stay in touch with each other. And then here I was, walking into my own Alma Mater, wondering what would have changed and what stayed the same - both the people and the place.

The Class of 2002 had enjoyed a successful 10 year reunion, informally catching up at our old

stomping ground, The Ramsgate, through a haphazard Facebook event invite. The energy then was good, as it was again for this reunion. Old rivalries were once again put aside (or, more accurately, laughed about), old friendships were reignited, and we, like my own students, once again made promises to 'keep in touch' and 'do this more often'.

Many chose to attend the school tour, and while the new buildings were impressive, it was the corners of the schools that hadn't changed too much that really made us feel like we were home. We found our old lockers, visited the old study room, and were shocked by how much smaller the classrooms were than in



our memory. The turn of each corner sparked more memories, more laughter, more cries of 'remember when' (you threw my school bag out of that window, we skipped that class, we terrorised that relief teacher) - the wave of nostalgia was palpable.

The cohort then moved to Pirate Life Brewing where we were joined by more familiar faces. Stories flowed, and our thanks must go to whoever it was at SMC who coordinated the event - it was fantastic. The venue was great, and facilitated more mingling, more memories, and creating connections with people we weren't so close with 20 years ago. But as the night wore on conversations turned to those we had hoped to see...

I think it was The Sunscreen Song that said, "work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young". If you're reading this, Class of 2002, and you didn't make it to the reunion this time - please join us in another decade.

You were thought of, and you were missed.

Brigitta Ragg



Reunions

Class of 2012

It was as if it was yesterday! The Class of 2012 sank right back into their familiar habits, as they came together for their ten year reunion. As the year level with the first class of girls to start in Year 8, you could tell that the connection they have is special.

The night began with a tour of the school, which had changed drastically since our time here. The double court hall was being constructed in our final year, and in quite a sporty year level, this was a significant area of interest. The LEC was a favourite area for many on the tour, as they "fondly" remembered sitting in front of the Science Labs and in the LaSalle Courtyard during

recess and lunches throughout winter. A highlight of the night was catching up with Rebecca Biggs, who was the Year 8 Girls' Coordinator in 2008. She was the first in the role, and we were her first group of students. It was so nice to show her how far we have come in life, and how much she inspired us to be strong, hard-working females.

At the Port Admiral, the conversations continued, and it was noted by many attending that the year level was always very close. Being a part of the Graduating Class of 2012 was an honour for those who could be in attendance, and you could feel the collegiately

in the room. Many of us still see each other, and have remained really close friends. There are even multiple couples from high school who are still together (and are now married), including Laura Cassidy and Luke Trenorden, Fanoula Thomolaris and Jake Hawson, and Kellie Muirhead and Joe Bottin. It was great to catch up with those who we hadn't seen in a while, and we look forward to the twenty year reunion to see what other amazing things we can conquer in the next ten years.

Melissa Fiacchi



Before and...



...after!

Cuz's Corner...

A snapshot of what has been happening in and around our sporting Lasallian world...



Chris McHugh



Back-to-back gold! Congratulations to **Chris McHugh (2007)** and new beach volleyball partner Paul Burnett on a sensational performance at the recent Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. The pair saved two match points and prevailed 20-18 in the decider.

The boys from West Torrens struck paydirt in this year's West End Premier cricket grand final defeating Kensington by 93 runs.

Daniel Drew (2014) and **Warren Peters (2014)** held the innings together and spearhead, **Spencer Johnson (2013)**, starred with the ball.

Alex Mudronja (2017) is taking his career to new heights and is part of the Illawarra Hawks' campaign in the NBL.

West Torrens Premiers



One of the stars of the Henley and Grange Division two final was our very own **Luke Trevaskis (2021)** who Judd-like hit a sizzler to midfield to get the Rams over the line in a tense battle against their rivals.



Luke Trevaskis



Alex Mudronja

Cuz's Corner...

Lasallians out and about in the sporting world...

In the local grudge match in the 2022 Premier League grand final **Hannah Schwarz's (2014)** Matrix secured netball redemption by 11 goals in the "big dance."

Maddie Turner (2013) continues to set the court alight for the Sydney Swifts and was a part of the successful Diamonds squad in the recent test series against England.

Olivia Parker (2014) continues to develop like a fine wine and her stunning Lacrosse career culminated in her being awarded the Shelley Maher Trophy which recognises Australia's Women's Best and Fairest player for 2021.

Adam D'Aloia (2021) was selected in the AFL Under 18 All Australian team after being named SA's MVP at the championships. His form in the carnival was exceptional.

Hannah Schwarz



Olivia Parker



Maddie Turner

Adam D'Aloia



Cuz's Corner...

Has anyone found Oblio and Arrow?

Let the following cater for a variety of your needs...

If buying or selling your dream home you can't go past the expertise of **David Paladino (2004)** at National Realty or **Tim Tierney (1987)** at Living Real Estate who will turn it into a reality.

Looking for the latest trends in interior design contact **Naomi Firms (2015)** who was recognised as the most outstanding student in 2019 at the Tafe Building and Construction Awards who will leave you breathless with her simple yet sophisticated styling recommendations.

Why not satisfy your taste buds and call into the Avellino Pizza Bar and

Naomi Firms



David Paladino

let **Jake Condelli (2018)** remind you of some of Nonna's best cooking!

In need of a cleansing ale or two you can't go past the views at the Birkenhead Hotel or just a stone's throw away mine host **Heidi Barreau (1997)**, will pour you a well-earned frothy at the Lighthouse Hotel.

Jake and Josh Shepherd (2007) at PM Sports can assist with any type of sporting equipment or alterations and are happy to follow up any enquiries.

Rhys Crampton (2006) at Crampton Contracting will ensure all your domestic or industrial earthworks are completed to your utmost satisfaction and no job is too big or small.

Jake, Peter and Josh Shepherd



Rhys Crampton

In need of a buzz cut or the latest mullet look pop into The Modern Man on Tapleys Hill Rd and **Chris Zampaglione (2016)** will make you look sharp for all occasions.

Want your wheels to be the envy of the crowd? Contact **Massimo (2022)** at Cavallo Automatic Detailing and you will be ready to cruise.

Don't forget to see **Hayley** at The Podiatry Place who will make sure you step out in style and rectify any problems you may be experiencing.



Tim Tierney



Where Are They Now?

NARELLE HARDS

Political Advisor

Class of 1995

A courageous decision to leave a cloistered life at St. Dominic's set the wheels in motion for Narelle Hards to find her niche in life, albeit some twenty-seven years later. Initially it was a love of sport that was the catalyst for her change, but it didn't take Narelle long to realize that SMC was more than that. She was elected Vice-Captain of Jaime House and immersed herself in all aspects of her new Lasallian world. The inaugural winner of the prestigious De La Salle Award, further highlights the impact she had on the academic, spiritual, and co-curricular life of the College.

In those days tennis was her passion and Mr Georgiou remembers Narelle as one of the cornerstones for our successful Drive team in 1995. She followed her dream and trained professionally for two years acknowledging that her on court strategy just couldn't cut it. Returning to University she completed an International Studies Degree and was the recipient of the RA Simpson International Scholarship. She dipped her toe into the political arena and loved her time on Capitol Hill in Washington and was mesmerized by Bill Clinton's prowess in a Democratic rally.

In 2001 Narelle began working at the Commonwealth Treasury in Canberra, completed her Masters Degree and was part of the delegation responsible for the Asean Agreement. After failing to turn left at Albuquerque, she spent



the next eight years in Sydney which she said gave her innate ability to talk to people from all walks of life- a far cry from the shy girl who walked through the College gates in 1995!

One never quite knows just where life's journey will take us and she remembered a promise she made to herself on a Year 7 Field trip, 'One day I'm going to work here in Parliament House'. Life has come full circle and Narelle is currently part of the Liberal Party in Opposition working for Nicola Centafonti and is best known as a "jill of all trades." Previously amidst the chaos created by the pandemic, she found herself at the forefront of the vaccine rollout and assisted the Health Minister and Emergency Management committee in facilitating this important innovation against Covid-19.

Safely ensconced back in Adelaide and despite some old aches and pains she still enjoys her downtime at the gym, riding, and her two-favourite people - Indy and Tilly. Her next challenge is to undertake further study in Digital Media and during her stroll down memory lane reflected on her time at SMC and firmly believes that each step we take, hurdle we overcome, challenge we accept and striving to be the best version of ourselves, is something all students should aspire to.

Where Are They Now?

MATTHIAS PRIEBE

Stevedore Foreman

Class of 1995

Australia is the lucky country, just ask Matt Priebe! Beginning his Lasallian journey at the Beverley Campus in 1991, he quickly adapted to life at SMC. Under the guidance of Mr Sommariva in Benildus, his time at Henley paved the way for his final destination- 'the waterfront.' Matt's forte was in the Technology field, and he really enjoyed the hands-on subjects such as Metalwork and Woodwork, as well as developing an obsession with maintaining a strict fitness regime.

Matt was one of the lucky ones as a Traineeship in Year 12 meant his future pathway was secured. As he said, "My final year of schooling was relatively stress free compared to today's students who are focused on their final ATAR score." Matt undertook his studies with fourteen others, including one of his SMC mates, Brad Tredrea, and successfully completed his tickets in Heavy Machinery, Crane Operator and Forklift Driver.

Similar to his on-field role in the 1st XVIII, it was not long before Flinders Port Holdings realised his leadership potential. 'Guns' Priebe was always someone who had empathy for others and a genuine desire to create a working environment that ensured everyone's safety, and getting things done in a professional and efficient manner.

As Stevedore Foreman, Matt has fifteen members in his crew and each day is truly a joy. The adage, 'Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life' rings true for someone who strongly believes that there is no



substitute for hard work. Quite a number of old scholars are part of the Flinders Ports organisation, and they often reminisce about their school days and their exploits on the footy field, recess, and lunchtimes and who was the handball King when the bell rang.

These days Matt is happily married to Nina and his two children Mila and Rocky attend the Primary school. He still is a gym junkie, and many suggest he is a burglar off 15 at Grange. Matt credits St Michael's for laying the foundations

in his career path and life journey and he certainly personifies the motto, 'be the best you can be', living out the values and principles that Lasallian education provided.



DARRYL POOLE

Professional Photographer

Class of 1989

Some people are born with black and white flowing through their veins - add a little teal and you have discovered Darryl Poole's DNA! As a member of the Class of 1989, he has fond memories of his time at the College and still maintains a strong bond with a core group of his mates. In a very different era of education, Darryl appreciated the structure he learnt through the various courses and subjects he studied. Dreams can become a reality and it was noticeable early on how talented Darryl was with a football in his hands. As Captain of the 1st XVIII, he was instrumental in ensuring the team's success against quality opposition in the Independent Association.

I should be so lucky encompasses the period after leaving school. Darryl actively pursued his ultimate goal- playing League football for

his beloved Port Adelaide. Donning his first guernsey he had to pinch himself running out alongside his childhood heroes. Premierships became the norm for this powerful Magpie juggernaut and behind the scenes negotiations for an AFL licence was going to be the next step in his footballing career. Number 30 strode on to the MCG in the Power's first game against Collingwood and as he gazed at his surroundings Darryl had a watershed moment. This was bigger than individuals or sporting clubs - he was a representative of every family member who played for, supported, or was deemed a part of the black and white family. Entrenched into Port Adelaide folklore with the first kick for the new franchise, his career stalled unfortunately and ended before its time as he was crippled by niggling injuries.

One door closed and for Pooley many doors opened. He tried his hand at various occupations including operating heavy machinery in a mining environment, various

entrepreneurial enterprises and even spent a year travelling the world and tasting all it had to offer. However, little did he realize that his epiphany was going to dramatically change his perception of the world forever.

Darryl strongly believes that life lessons shape you and it was the love of his Port Adelaide and a growing social conscience that has become his passion and raison d'être. The boy from Lowana Terrace suddenly found himself behind a camera lens and as they say in the classics a "star was born." Darryl's flair and creative interpretations of the heartbeat of the Port sets him apart and as Magpie icon Tim Ginever stated, "Darryl has the unique ability to delve below the surface and discover the essence of our amazing suburb and its residents." His life has changed dramatically with the establishment of the Gallery at the revamped Port Adelaide Plaza and his exhibitions are responsible for the donations that assist many grassroots initiatives and programs.

The birth of his son Aden made Darryl and PJ's life complete, and he will treasure that moment forever. Darryl strongly believes that you need to be kind to yourself, ride the ups and downs that life will provide and find, "the thing that makes you excited and go for it." Finally, surround yourself with good people and everything else will take care of itself.

For anyone interested in following this on social media the site is @itsPortAdelaide

A snapshot of Darryl's work can be found on page 53.

Where Are They Now?

DR KIMBERLEY BATLEY

Environmental Geneticist

Class of 2012

Someone who has responded to Mother Nature's call is Dr Kimberley Batley. As a member of the first group of Year 8 girls in 2012 she was inspired by the words of Ms Jaeschke, "We need more women in the field of science". She never forgot the mantra and completed her studies in a variety of Science subjects as well as Physical Education. At her recent ten year reunion, Kimberley and the gang posed for the 'then and now' photo and reflected on how much fun they had shared and continue to do so celebrating numerous weddings and welcoming newborn Lasallians into the world.

Kimberley's love of the ocean began at a very young age, and she fondly recalled the family spending their spare time at local beaches. Her love of dolphins was the catalyst behind her completion of an Honours degree in Marine Biology focusing her thesis on the impact of heat stress in the Gulf of Saint Vincent on their environment. Another aspect of the study was examining biopsies to determine the cause of a virus (similar to measles in humans) in conjunction with the South Australian Museum.

Kimberley continued her studies and completed a four-year PhD focusing again on her beloved mammals. Her study of the Southern Hemisphere included research on diseases affecting dolphin pods as well as their resistance and ability to adapt to changing environmental conditions. At present she's



working in the Australasian Wildlife Genomics laboratory in Sydney and the team is determined to ensure that the Tasmanian Devil is not just a distant memory.

Kimberley is fully aware of a biodiversity crisis in our country and every extreme weather event is placing enormous pressure on the survival rate of Australia's wildlife. The recent bushfires and flooding have taken their toll on our marsupials and whilst the human cost is quite traumatic, one wonders just how our beloved fauna is going to recover once the waters subside. Her team's research goal is to ensure that future generations of marsupials are protected by continuing to

investigate the role peptides play in their long term survival.

A talented sportswoman in her own right Kimberley was selected in the Australian AFL team in Year 12 and played for the Metro Jets in the Premier League Netball competition and led the side for several years. Her on court leadership reflects her genuine Lasallian qualities, which is now on show donning the Sydney North Shore Bombers guernsey in the local AFLW competition. Her advice to current students is to approach all that you do with drive, passion and commitment and make sure you have fun along the way. Let's hope more old scholars embrace the spirit of one of SMC's most passionate eco warriors!

OLIVIA PARKER

Marketing Manager Serafina Label

Class of 2014

Apparently, there are only twenty four hours in a day, something the world forgot to tell Olivia Parker. She commenced her studies in Year 8 and is forever grateful to Mr Balic for the extra support she received and stated, "I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for the learning support I was given". She enjoyed her formative years at the College and her gregarious, caring nature earned her the respect of staff and students alike.

Since graduating in 2014 she has stepped aboard the rollercoaster called 'life' and there has never been a dull moment. Olivia completed her tertiary studies in 2019 with a Media Communications and Marketing Degree and set about changing the world from that point on. To date she has been employed by a PR Agency where she learnt the invaluable life lesson - 'networking is the key'. Her next position was with HomeStart Finance as an Account Manager before moving on to Ryderwear for the next two and a half years. No doubt word soon spread of this Energizer bunny, and she is currently working for the Serafina Label as its Marketing Manager. Her brief is to turn this local brand into a National Identity and her focus is interstate meetings and looking into ways it can be incorporated and expanded within the Westfield chain.

If that wasn't enough Olivia's list of sporting achievements and prowess are something else. In 2015, Olivia played in her first U19 Lacrosse World Cup in Scotland and has competed in the 2022 World

Cup and World Games in Alabama and wears a Bronze medal with pride after victory against England. She was also the recipient of the Shelley Maher trophy in 2021 which recognises the Best and Fairest Women's player in Australia. Locally she has joined with other family members in representing the Woodville Lacrosse Club with distinction as a player, coach and umpire. Did we mention that she also was a personal trainer for the Adelaide Thunderbirds and Sturt Football Club in between lectures in her University days?

Olivia has embraced the true meaning of Lasallian in her volunteer work. As part of the Henley Lifesaving Club initiative, she has visited the APY lands on three occasions and is part of the program teaching the indigenous students the skills required to become lifeguards. She is also happy to utilise her various skill sets at Wiltja Residence which caters for

indigenous students from remote communities studying in Adelaide. Olivia is always available to assist with various sporting requests at the College and is someone who can always be relied on to assist those who are marginalised by society.

What's next? Olivia embodies every essence of 'be the best you can be' and her humility, commitment, perseverance, and zeal are qualities that De la Salle and Saint Michael would be proud of. She is a true Lasallian with an incredible ability to touch the hearts of everyone she meets. The world is her oyster and there is little doubt she will be recounting amazing anecdotes at future school reunions.



Where Are They Now?

MATTHEW "FOOTY" HORVATH

Manager Clarity Records Class of 2001

Someone who has always walked to the beat of a different bass guitar is Matthew Horvath. Fate conspired one day on the oval when he was inadvertently hit on the head by a football. Dubbed 'Footy' by Tim Doyle the nickname is still in vogue 21 years later, but life has turntable in a very different direction. Matt enjoyed his school days and followed an academic pathway aspiring to join the ranks of educators but quickly realized that career wasn't for him.

Biding his time as a manager at a local Henley Foodland, his real love, music, came to the fore. Completing an interview for an English assignment Matt met his mentor Sam Vinall and as they say the rest is history. He developed a skill set and the bass guitar became an extension and expression of life's challenges and experiences. On tour with Stolen Youth, he fell in love with everything Japanese and as rock gods they were treated like royalty wherever they went. The band experienced the highs and lows of touring and even ventured into Europe.

Reality hit home and Matt realized that he couldn't keep literally pouring money down the drain and joined the '9 to 5' workforce at Big Star records in Rundle Street. Five years flew by but his music interests never waned, and his love of the Punk Rock genre taught him that you make up your own rules and keep learning and adapting from life experiences and mistakes.



Consequently, Matt and Laura (his partner of 22 years) decided to roll the dice and rented a property on Pulteney Street and established their own record business.

13 years later, Clarity Records is going gangbusters and recently they purchased the adjacent building to cope with the renewed interest in all things vinyl. Matt explained that the pure quality of sound on a turntable appeals to all generations of music lovers including a steady stream of Baby Boomers who are reliving their childhood favourites. Another great selling point is the album covers that continue to be collectible items, appreciate in value and the store even caters for the used album market.

If you're into the live music scene you can catch Matt and his new band Division playing gigs at local venues such as the Crown and Anchor and Metropolitan Hotels. He also loves spending time volunteering at his daughter Ruby's primary school and coaching various sporting teams. His advice is simply to be yourself, follow your passion and listen to your own drum beat or guitar riff!

CHRISTIAN ALEXANDROU

Co-founder of Ortomi Class of 2018

One of our eight-year veterans, Christian Alexandrou can hardly believe where he found himself in 2022. Christian excelled academically in his time at the College and quickly focused on an Engineering pathway which required Higher Level learning in Mathematics and Science. He is forever grateful for a minor detour in Year 11 and Mr Stephens' guidance in CAD laid the groundwork for the practical skills required to produce their original product design named Ortomi.

Christian studied a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at Adelaide University and credits much of his academic prowess to the inspiration and expertise of Ms Papuc and Mr Luppino. Some would say 'a match made in heaven' when Christian met Sam Messina and they began working together on fun projects focusing initially on making car products and the way car computers function. The next brainchild was a robot helicopter, but they soon realized that it would be too expensive and complicated to get off the ground.

Lightning struck in December 2021 when their previous idea morphed into a robot cube that simply sat on a desk and displayed animation through its eyes. The project is now in its third phase and the latest model has a battery and sensor which means it can be touched, shaken, and spun around. The boys are planning new functions such as speakers for sound and



an app that allows users to change characteristics and make personal animations.

Christian and Sam, the factotums of their business venture design, package and promote the robots to an ever-expanding market. Christian's 3D skills in printing have been crucial in the project's development. Each robot takes approximately twenty minutes to make, retails for \$65 and to date they have sold over three hundred units to a widespread market in the USA.

The great appeal of the Ortomi (meaning machines designed to enable life) robot is companionship in an ever-increasing world of isolation. It has also taken on the persona of a robot built for those with wellbeing issues and with the expansion of the brand, many new

customers are using it as a diversion from their busy work schedules and respite from looking at a screen all day.

In the future, Christian would love to introduce the project as part of the Electronics curriculum and recommends CAD as another option for students considering a career in this industry. As he said, "I thought life was taking me in one direction, never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined having my own company at twenty years of age."

SMOSH Update

Playing in Division 3 was a revelation, and it soon became obvious that there was a distinct gap between the top and bottom half of the competition.

Consolidation of our promotion was the main objective for Cohen's charges and that was accomplished with two rounds to go. The A Grade were able to match it with several of the final's teams which bodes well for next season. Congratulations to old scholars Aidan Parham (2004) and Martyn Davidson (1999) on achieving their 300 game milestones. Special mention also of evergreen Cal Masson who became the first player to reach 400 games exclusively since the amalgamation in 1996.

The B and C Grade teams did well to play finals in their respective grades and this experience will stand the younger players in good stead for next year's tilt at going deeper into the final series. The Senior Women's teams were able to win the coveted Holy Grail in both grades. The B's put their demons to rest albeit by one point in a thrilling, closely fought contest against Payneham. While the A Grade were able to wear

the underdog tag with pride and outplay their nemesis and defeat Morphies by six points. Captain Alysha Fitzgerald (2019) raised the cup with pride and congratulations to Charlotte Dolan (2021) and Remy Grant (2011) on being named in the League's 2022 Team of the Year. The Lions welcomed Barry Murphy to the fold and look forward to challenging for the premiership next year under his guidance.

The Senior Men's Football Club is proud to announce the appointment of Nick Harnas as its senior coach in 2023. He has been heavily involved in Division 1 with both the SPOC and Payneham Norwood Union Football Clubs and brings a wealth of experience to the role. Nick believes in creating a fun environment for the playing group as well as reinforcing the strong culture at the Den. A warm invitation is extended to all old scholars to join pre-season training at the College on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The club would also like to thank Cohen Mattner for his enthusiasm and professionalism and wish him and the family all the best in the future. Rumour has it he will be back in Maroon, Gold and Blue next year!

Peter Curran
President



Love is in the Air...

Lakkari Rigney (2012) married **Luke McInerney (2013)** on the 4/3/2022 at Sunnybrae Estate.
Simon Ascoli (2012) married **Lucy Burg** on the 15/01/2022 at Lloyd Brothers Wine & Olive Company.
Rebecca Clingly (2011) married **Kyle Johnston (2011)** on the 2/10/2022 at Woodburn Homestead.

Laura Cassidy (2012) married **Luke Trenorden (2012)** on the 14/10/2022 at One Paddock, Currency Creek.
Fanoula Thomalaris (2012) married **Jake Hawson (2012)** on the 28/10/22 at Glen Ewin Estate.

Lakkari Rigney and Luke McInerney



Simon Ascoli and Lucy Burg



Laura Cassidy and Luke Trenorden



Rebecca Clingly and Kyle Johnston



Jake Hawson and Fanoula Thomalaris

Darryl Poole Snapshot



Let us know what is happening

Our community loves to hear where classmates and fellow old scholars are and what they're up to. If you have something interesting to share, whether it be your business, elite level sporting achievements or you have recently celebrated a wedding, please send through your photos and some brief information to be included in the next edition of Cuz's Corner.

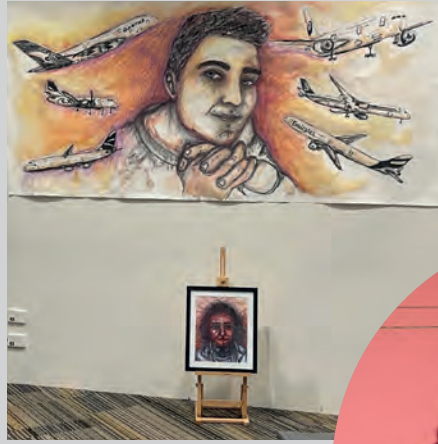
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