



Beda Boys' Bulletin

Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present & Shaping the Future

December 2014

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President's welcome



Welcome to the 2014 December edition of the Beda Boys Bulletin.

We are pleased to present to you all the latest Association and College news and are happy to acknowledge that this year has been one of increased Old Collegian activity. The Association continues to build an important presence within the St.Bede's community with many former students, teachers and Brothers gathering socially throughout the year and supporting several great causes within the College.

The presence of Old Collegians in the school community started this year with the Year 7 students interviewing 4 generations of Old Collegians. The Old Collegians were an integral part of the project 'What it means to belong to St.Bede's'. The year concluded with Year 12 students celebrating their final day at the College with the traditional Tie Changing ceremony. School ties were exchanged for Old Collegian ties with parents of the boys participating in the tie change at the Valete Mass.

Reunions continue to be the most popular ways to reconnect with others from the school. The Class of 2013 and the 10, 20, 25, 30 & 40-year anniversary reunions were celebrated this year at the new school Sports Centre function room. Many Old Collegians have a reunion in 2015 and should check our website for the dates of next years milestone anniversaries.

The Annual dinner this year celebrated the achievements of 8 past students with their elevation to the Hall of Fame. An America's Cup victory, VFL premierships, Commonwealth Games gold medals, politics, chart topping music and outstanding community service were all celebrated for those inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Brighton Savoy. Our website documents the individuals who were inducted this year. May 2015 focuses on the contributions made by Teachers, Brothers and staff at the Roll of Honour dinner.

The Finian Foundation and the student Careers night continue to be the most satisfying work of the Old Collegian Community. The Foundation raises funds from sponsorship of the Golf day and Social dinner. Financial assistance is provided to less privileged families to help with their son's educational expenses. Meanwhile, over 50 Old Collegians volunteered their time to speak with students about possible career paths at the Careers evening.

Anyone who has communicated with the Old Collegians this year will no doubt have been in touch with our Old Collegians Officer Jo Hynes. Jo's enthusiasm, passion and expertise in her first year in the role as Old Collegians Officer have underpinned the increased presence and success of our Association.

The Old Collegians receive strong support from the College Principal Br Garry Coyte and the Business Manager Dominic Langdon. Their support is greatly appreciated and vital to the current success of the Old Collegians.

I trust you will enjoy this edition of our Bulletin. This is the easiest way to keep in touch with all the news of those who are associated with the College.

I wish you an enjoyable Christmas and holiday season.

Steve Ager

President SBOCA



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From the Principal



With Joanne Hynes (Old Collegians Officer) being appointed in 2014, the Old Collegians Association is taking on a new direction and focus. She has provided a good link between the College community and the Old Collegians. The present focus has been on developing our data base for the Old Collegians as well as conducting a greater number of year level reunions, the golf day and the Careers evening. The latter being conducted under the leadership of the College Careers and Pathways Centre. The growth and development has been positive and will grow over these next years.

The appointment of such an officer to be the front person for the Old Collegians has been a positive move by the College and the Old Collegians Association. The College funds this role which clearly indicates its intent and commitment to the Association.

The Careers evening that was held at the College and supported by some 40 plus Old Collegians delivering advice to present students was an outstanding success. It was good to have former students of the College talking to present students about future career prospects and hopefully this will continue to grow over time. Thanks to all Old Collegians who gave their time and energy to such an important evening.

On the College front the Year 7 and 8 area has been renovated into a more modern learning environment for the students. There will be a large protective shade placed over the junior area to protect the students from the elements. Over the past six years the College Board has spent \$13 million on new building to provide an excellent learning environment for current students.

As you would be aware the College is an IT institution with every student having a device for learning. Most text books are on the device and in 2015 we move to having each student having the diary on the device with College daily messages being delivered to each student.

On the enrolment front, the College has nine streams in year 7 and these will now move through to year 8 in 2015. In year 7 and year 8 in 2015 there will be 252 students at each year level. The student population for 2015 will be 1500 students and when the ninth stream moves through the College over these next years the student population will be 1600. There are over 80 plus students who enrol in year 11 each years from St James College. The new buildings of the last six years have been constructed with this in mind.

As we come to the end of the year can I thank the Old Collegians Association for your support of the College in the so many different ways that are apparent. I offer my special thanks to Steve Ager (President) and the Committee for your support and to Joanne Hynes for settling into her new role with vigour and enthusiasm.

At this time of the year I wish each Old Collegian a happy and blessed Christmas.



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Annual Finian Foundation Golf Day and Social dinner 2014



Blue skies and plenty of wind provided the backdrop for another successful day on the beautiful Woodlands Golf Course. With over 45 golfers in attendance, the scene was set for some terrific competition. A shotgun start provided opportunities for all players to start together with the aim of finishing together!

Old Collegian Steve Gray and his team won in sensational fashion – a course record – with a score of 55. Closely followed by our team from St Bede's, including Jim Campbell, Brian Lambert, Robin McLeod and Greg McLeod with an impressive 57.5. The evening dinner was a great opportunity to reacquaint with old friends, share highlights and stories from the course and enjoy each other's company.

With the focus of the day on raising funds for the Finian Foundation we would like to thank all in attendance for your continued support in particular our major sponsor Jim McCarthy. The support of the St Bede's Mentone Tigers Football Club was also very much appreciated. The Finian Foundation aims to provide financial support to those boys who are currently attending St Bede's and whose parents may be experiencing financial hardship. To make a donation, please see the form at the end of this edition of the BedaBoys Bulletin.

2015 Golf Day and Social function—Save the Date Thursday 1st October, 2015



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Reunions

The second half of 2014 has seen the hosting of four class reunions. The Class of 1984 celebrating their 30 year reunion; the Class of 1989 celebrating their 25 year reunion; the Class of 2004 celebrating their 10 year reunion and the Class of 1974 celebrating their 40 year reunion.

All events have been well attended despite the difficulty we have had in tracking people down. The success of each reunion depends upon the number of attendees and with aging database details it remains very important to keep us informed of any changes to your contact details. Our aim as an organisation is to improve the content of our database to enable us to send invitations to the correct addresses in the hope of reaching as many Old Collegians as we can.

Invitations are sent both through the mail and, where we have email address, via email. The events are also advertised on our Facebook page and our LinkedIn group. We also rely heavily on those whose current contact details we have to "spread the word" and encourage those whose details we don't have to update us via our website or email directly to our Old Collegians Officer.

Reunions provide a terrific opportunity to rekindle old friendships, reconnect with the College, network with other BedaBoys and also with the opportunity to tour the College and its many updated facilities.

Reunions scheduled for 2015 include:

Class of 2014; Class of 2005; Class of 2000; Class of 1995; Class of 1990; Class of 1985; Class of 1975; Classes of 1965 and beyond

(More information later in this Bulletin)

If you know anyone in these year groups, please ask them to provide up to date contact details to us at oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au to ensure they receive their invitations.



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Reunions—Class of 1984



On Friday 31st October, a large group of 1984 class mates enjoyed a few drinks, plenty of laughs and an entertaining College tour by former class mate and current teacher Roger Grech. It was wonderful to see old friendships rekindled, and an opportunity for many of the boys to see how the College has changed in 30 years since they attended. It was particularly wonderful to welcome Br. Finian to the event to catch up with many of the boys. By all accounts the afters at The Edgy went well into the night!

A huge thanks to all who attended, ensuring it was a great night had by all.



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Reunions—Class of 1989



The 25 year reunion provided an opportunity for many of the guys to let their hair down and once more celebrate reconnecting with former peers and friends. Old Collegian and current St Bede's teacher Jamie Honan provided his peers with a wonderful tour of the College and his support in gathering the troops was very much appreciated.

The evening also marked a special occasion as one of the last functions to be held at the Edgy prior to it being closed - another reason for celebration!



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Reunions—Class of 1974



While numbers were down on the 40 year class reunion it was no less a success! Several Old Collegians made the journey from interstate, while good friend Jim Fury (Fuzz) kept the company entertained with a DVD he had produced to mark the occasion. The group also took a minute to remember former class mate Liam Davidson who was killed earlier during the year in the Malaysian Airlines tragedy over the Ukraine.

Garry McInerney who was College Captain in 1974 welcomed the group before Br Garry Coyte took them on an extensive tour of the College. With the closure of the Mentone Hotel, the party continued over the road at the Mentone RSL—an old stomping ground for many of the gentlemen in attendance!



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Valette Service — tie swapping ceremony

Plenty of emotion surrounded the annual tie swapping ceremony as part of the Valette Mass for this year's leaving Year 12 boys in October. As is tradition, the boys were presented with an Old Collegian's tie and their parent(s) were ask to remove the school tie and replace it with the Old Collegians tie, signifying the end of their schooling at the College and the beginning of their journey as Old Collegians.

We warmly welcome our "newest Old Collegians" and wish all the boys all the best for life after Year 12 in whatever fields they choose to pursue. We look forward to welcoming them into the Old Collegians community in the years to come.

"Once a Beda Boy, always a Beda Boy"





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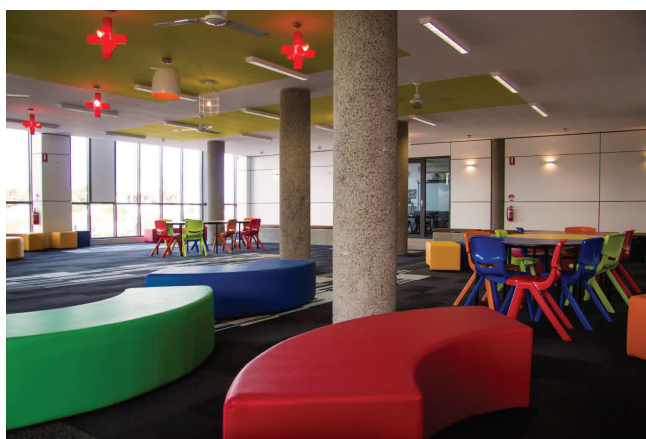
Recent Events

Year 7 and 8 Building redevelopment



Year 7 and 8 Classroom Redevelopment – Miguel Block

St Bede's College has completed the redevelopment of the Year 7 and 8 classroom block, otherwise known as the Miguel Building at a cost of \$2.9million. The project marks a very exciting time for the College community. The renovations have created a more modern learning environment allowing for upgraded technology and flexible learning spaces. The renovated buildings include two science labs, a science prep room, New Offices, new purpose classrooms and shared open areas and locker spaces.





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ACC Hall of Fame



The ACC Sporting Hall of Fame highlights the achievements of a selection of Old Collegians who have achieved success in their chosen sport.

Currently on display in the entrance foyer to the new sports stadium at the College are 24 athletes who meet the ACC strict selection criteria for induction into their Hall of Fame. This display is constantly evolving and will change over time with new achievers added and current displays updated. It is a wonderful opportunity for current St Bede's students to recognise Old Collegians and their achievements.

Documentary on Australian Cricket—Bradley Hodge



In early December, we welcomed a film crew from Channel Nine to St Bede's to film a documentary featuring Old Collegian Bradley Hodge as part of a series on influential Australians. Brad is Victoria's most-capped first-class cricketer and its most successful batsman. He moved from Melbourne Stars to Adelaide late last year to further his career and kick-start a coaching career outside his home state.



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From the Archives

Boarders of 1938



1938

Throughout a very hot summer of 1938, the Brothers and local tradesmen toiled long hours to ensure St Bede's College was open for business at the start of the 1938 school year. The Keyte brothers, Frank Quinn, Kevin Lyons and Charlie Weale were among the earliest of boys to arrive at the Boarders residence. Once settled, they were also put to work to ensure the school was ready for its February 8th Opening. Boarders have played a very significant role at St Bede's College since its inception and have had a very definite influence on the place. St Bede's was their home and they identified with it in a very special way.

Boarders were last at St Bede's in the late 1990's.



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Upcoming Events

Role of Honour Dinner—Thursday 7th May 2015

The St Bede's Old Collegians Role of Honour aims to recognise those Brothers, teachers, support staff, parents or volunteers who have made a significant contribution to St Bede's College over many years. The successful candidates embody St Bede's College's guiding principles of Integrity, Respect and Brotherhood.

Those to receive this honour in 2015 include: Br Coleman Molloy who was Principal of the College, Tom Perfect, Allan Drummond, David Bristow past student and significant contributor to the reinvigoration of the Old Collegians Association and Br Ken Ormerod.

The event will be held at the Savoy of Brighton on Thursday 7th May. It will include a formal dinner and awards ceremony with entertaining and informative citations provided on all inductees. Please put this date in your diaries and think about getting together a table for this event.

Any queries, please contact Jo Hynes at oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Current Roll of Honour board on display in the Performing Arts Centre at St Bede's College



Annual Golf Day and Social event—Thursday 1st October 2015



Please save the date for our major fundraiser for the year to support The Finian Foundation. The proceeds from this event will assist those families who currently have boys attending St Bede's and are experiencing financial difficulties. We look forward to working closely with the St Bede's Mentone Tigers Football Club in bringing you this event

Sponsorship of this event is also available and a flyer will be distributed early in the new year with more information.



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Reunion dates for 2015



Reunions run from 6.30pm—8.30pm on a Friday evening and are held in the new Sports Centre Function room. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. A short welcome speech and DVD presentation is followed by pizzas before a brief school tour. These reunions provide a wonderful opportunity to catch up with former peers, reconnect with the College and enjoy some great memories.

Class of 1995 20 year reunion 27th February

Class of 2014 1 year reunion 13th March

Class of 2000 15 year reunion 29th May

Class of 2005 10 year reunion 12th June

Class of 1990 25 year reunion 7th August

Class of 1985 30 year reunion 21st August

Class of 1975 40 year reunion 23rd October

Class of 1965 and before 50+ 13th November

Please update your contact details (or a friends) so we can invite everyone to these events.

Website www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au and follow to Old Collegians area or by emailing oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au



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Committee Meetings

St Bede's Old Collegians hold Committee meetings six times a year. All Old Collegians are welcomed and encouraged to attend. It is always terrific to see new faces - we would love you to get involved. The meetings are held on a Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Board room of the College. The meeting dates for 2015 are:

10th February; 14th April (this is also the AGM); 9th June; 11th August; 13th October; 8th December.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jo Hynes on 9582 5722

New Treasurer

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the Committee as our new Treasurer. Paul Diggerson will continue to be involved with the Finian Foundation but will step aside from his role as Treasurer of SBOCA. Please contact Jo Hynes oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au if you would like to know more or to volunteer your services.

Brother Peter Smyth—Lasallian Foundation

Brother Peter Smyth has been welcomed to the Lasallian Foundation team. Brother Peter was principal at De La Salle Malvern for six years. He was Assistant Boarding Master at St Bede's College in 1988 and from 1995-1997 he assisted the College with teachers, boarders and Building programs.

During this time at St Bede's he was part of a group of students and staff that volunteered at Mainohana School in Papua New Guinea for three months at the end of 1987. Members of the St Bede's College maintenance staff led the group and trained everyone in building a new dormitory and toilet/shower block. Brother Peter thoroughly enjoyed this experience particularly the interaction between students and those who wanted to help.



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Stay in touch

10 Ways to Stay Connected to SBOCA



01. Update contact details

Access the SBOCA website via the link on the College website and keep your latest contact details up to date:

www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/oldcolls

02. Log into Facebook

facebook.com/stbedesoldcolls

03. Read BedaBoys Bulletin

Available via our website twice yearly in June and December

04 . Attend Annual Dinner

Held every May to celebrate our "Hall of Fame" and "Roll of Honour" recipients

05. Play in Golf Day

Held every October at Woodlands Golf Club together with a social dinner

06. Reunite for milestones

Celebrate years 1, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and beyond at our reunions

07. Mentoring

Offer work experience, careers insight or email advice to current and past students

08. Support

Contribute to the Finian Foundation or assist the St Bede's Old Collegians Association Committee with a McCristal membership

09. Join our affiliated clubs

St Bede's Mentone Tigers / SBOC Hockey Club / Kingston Saints Cricket Club

10. Contact Us

Old Collegians Officer:

email: oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

phone: 9582 5722



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In the News

Br. Michael Lynch SDB

Br. Michael Lynch SDB was Monash University's first-ever graduate. Fifty years ago he graduated in Economics and Politics from Monash University. Br Michael is currently director of the Salesian Overseas Mission Office, which supports development aid programs in Salesian schools, orphanages and parishes. Br Michael was inducted into the St Bede's College Hall of Fame in 2012.

Patrick Moloney graduated St Bede's 2011



One of Victoria's top apprentices. Patrick graduated from St Bede's in 2011. After suffering a terrible injury earlier this year where he broke both ankles, he has come back stronger, fitter and more determined than ever. In hindsight he says, "it's probably the best thing that has happened to me. It has knocked me down a couple of pegs and its actually given me a whole new challenge". With a long road to recovery and with the aid of trainer and horse breaker Julien Welsh, Patrick has come back to racing not only stronger but wiser.

Patrick's father Gerald, a well known Caulfield horse trainer, is also a St Bede's Old Collegian. He took some convincing to allow Patrick to pursue his dream of becoming a jockey but that appears to be paying dividends now. Patrick comes from a rich family racing history—his Grandfather Jim was one of Australia's most respected Horse Trainers horse trainer. He trained superstar sprinters , Vain winner of the 1969 Golden Slipper. His Uncle John is also a well respected Caulfield trainer.

Ronnie Di Stasio graduated St Bede's 1967

Owner of the famed Di Stasio restaurant in St Kilda, Old Collegian Ronnie Di Stasio is hoping to erect a significant new building on his winery at Coldstream. The building in question is the original Australian Venice Biennale pavilion located in Venice that is to be replaced by a new state of the art structure. Di Stasio has been given permission to dismantle the original structure and ship it to Australia with the hope of rebuilding it at his Coldstream property (pending Council approval.) This structure was used in 1988 in the Giardini della Biennale to house an exhibition of Arthur Boyd's paintings.

The Venice Biennale is a major contemporary art exhibition that takes place once every two years in Venice Italy. The Art Biennale (which forms a part of the event) has been in operation since 1895.



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The power of serendipity

Matthew McParland—St Bedes graduate Class of 1978

I have always had a thing for languages.

After having repeated my HSC year in 1978 (an opportunity that I was granted thanks to Brother William), I was clearly eager to get started at university (even though my parents would have preferred to have me join them and my other siblings in Daylesford, where they had decided to make a “new start” with a mixed business). As it turned out, I received offers to do an Arts degree from Melbourne, Monash and LaTrobe. I chose Melbourne Uni, the more prestigious of the three and, in particular, renowned for its Italian Language Department.

Fast-forward to late 1981. I decided that I had had enough of studying (I still had to complete my fourth and final Honours year) and would do head off to Europe for some first-hand experience in Italian language and culture. After a year of working doing odd jobs, as a salesman first in the city then in Lygon St. as a waiter, and with a three-month scholarship from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to study an advanced Italian language course at a faculty for foreigners in Florence under my belt, I finally headed off to Italy.

I decided to stay on in Florence at the end of the course, trying to hone my language skills further and in the meantime enjoying the atmosphere of *la dolce vita*. To cut a long story short, not quite sure what prospects I had awaiting me in Melbourne once my fourth year was over, and still enjoying the Italian way of life, in 1985 I took the entrance exam at the University of Trieste, passed and enrolled in the course for interpreters and translators. At the time it was the only university-level and internationally recognized faculty of its type in Italy, so to be selected was an achievement in itself. As a foreigner my first language of study was of course Italian, while the locals enrolled in courses with English, French or German as their first language.

It was a bit of a struggle to complete my studies in Trieste, not least because I had to finance myself (and had chosen Russian as my second language). But thanks to odd jobs as a salesman during the summer, working part time giving English lessons in private or in schools, and a steadily increasing amount of translation work, I managed to survive, pay the rent, participate in three language exchanges to Moscow (each for no less than three months, mid-winter!), pass all my exams, write a thesis and graduate in conference interpreting in 1994.

My ambitions were now firmly set on an international organization, but first I had to work: I had not a few debts to pay off and then I wanted to make a return trip to Australia – I hadn't seen my parents in nearly 10 years. Fortunately there was plenty of work for English-mother-tongue translators, so I left Trieste to settle in Modena – home of balsamic vinegar and Ferrari, but most importantly for me, also of one of Italy's largest translation companies.

After a number of years working free-lancing as a translator, and much less than I had hoped as an interpreter, I had the feeling that my career was treading water. A friend from Trieste had recently moved to Paris with his fiancée, and invited me to come visit for a week or so. In all those years in Italy, I had never even been to Paris, so I jumped at the chance. It only took me a few days in the *ville de lumière* to realise where my future lay. I could continue working with my translation agencies and customers via e-mail, learn a new, truly international language, and kick-start my career. When I returned to Modena I immediately



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The power of serendipity (cont..)

Matthew McParland—St Bedes graduate Class of 1978

enrolled in an evening French course. I moved to Paris less than a year later, in 1997. Having French up my sleeve – like acquiring any new skill – opened up a new perspective for me, personally and professionally. New prospects, too.

In 2002, the European Union started a new recruiting drive for translators as did the United Nations I took every competitive exam that I could. In 2003, I was finally shortlisted for recruitment as a translator by the Council of the EU. The same year I found out that I had passed an exam with the UN (my gamble on studying Russian was finally paying off), though a little to my annoyance, not as a translator, but as an editor. I thought my chances were much better with the EU, also given the proximity of Brussels. But as it turned out, I received an offer to train as an editor with the UN Secretariat (un.org), in New York. I started in 2005, and was trained in editing the documents and reports of the main bodies of the UN, including the General Assembly and the Security Council.



But as much as I loved the bright lights and excitement of the big city, I missed Europe and its more sedate, civilised ways (not to mention the food). So when I discovered that there was an opening for an editor with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR; ohchr.org), in Geneva, I applied. Six months later, in October 2007, I was set up my new office, in the Palais Wilson, a beautiful heritage building right on Lake Geneva that most famously housed the League of Nations – the predecessor of the United Nations Organization – between the two world wars.

Today I advise OHCHR colleagues on the editorial practices and policies of the UN Secretariat, and edit the reports of the High Commissioner and the Office, as well as the resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council focusing on all major events in the international arena with an impact on human rights. Considering the current state of affairs in so many parts of the world – Syria, Iraq, Ukraine, Mali, North Korea, the Middle East – there is, needless to say, still plenty of work to be done. Even for this Beda Boy! To paraphrase a quote once made by John Lennon, life really is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

Geneva, Switzerland 2014



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Where are they now?

Egan Family

Kevin Egan (1953) – currently resides in Torquay with his wife. A member of many local community groups including Lions, Relay for Life, SES; RSL; part of the local Parish St Therese's. He has two sons Jeremy and Michael.

Jeremy Egan (1988) – spent five years in the RAN where he excelled in the IT area and which now sees him 20 years later as a Senior Executive with a leading security engineering consultancy firm. Jeremy is married and they have two daughters. They live in central Geelong.

Michael Egan (1990) – member of the Victorian Police force with over 20 years' experience, currently a Senior Sergeant at Colac. He is married to Megan and with their four young children live in Belmont

Anthony Walsh attended St Bede's 1978-1983

Anthony works on the Sunshine Coast as a broker with Morgan –CBIM. His spare time is devoted to his sons, being involved in life saving at Alexandra Headlands Club; coaching one of the Maroochydore Junior Football sides & watching two of the boys playing soccer; both Anthony & his wife Kylie are members of the Maroochydore Stella Maris Primary School Council. Needless to state he lives an enjoyable lifestyle.

Xavier Walsh attended St Bede's 1978-1983

Lives in Australia after five years in Las Vegas working in the Casino business. Xavier's family are now back living in Brighton except their eldest daughter, who has returned to Rochester University in New York State undertaking her third year of a four year course. His other daughters have also enjoyed strong academic results. Xavier is still in contact with old friends with Greg Healey, Tim Antony, and Ted Turner all in the last class of Grade 6 at St. Bede's.

Benedict Walsh attended St Bede's 1984-1989

Benedict works in the property industry as a consultant. Ben has spent a number of years working in the Funds/Asset Management Area, and is currently with an International Property Co. in Perth. During the past 18 months Ben has spent the majority of that time renovating his McKinnon home during which time his wife Jackie pursued her career in the OH & S now working in a senior role with a major ASX listed transport Company. Their children attend St Kevin's Bentleigh Primary.

Jerome Walsh attended St Bede's 1985-1990

Jerome works with NAB Melbourne in a senior role; Jerome & family sold up in West Brunswick & relocated to Kew closer to Genazzano & Burke Hall. Jerome continues with his bike riding while his wife Alison continues her involvement with the Brunswick Dragons Football Club. On the AFL Xavier, Jerome and his son Ben are passionate North Melbourne supporters



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Where are they now?

Paul Regan attended St Bede's 1985-1987

Paul boarded at the College for three years after moving from his home town of Bunyip to further his educational opportunities.

Paul has fond memories of his time at St Bede's including Br Michael McCabe who was the boarding Master at the time. Paul particularly enjoyed the sport participating in football and cricket. He remembers well heading down to Kilbreda at lunchtimes and after school to socialise with the girls!

Paul is currently working at St Vincent's hospital as a Theatre Technician. He started at St Vincent's over 20 years ago after a stint with the Bank. Paul has recently returned to his old "stomping" ground, having just purchased a home around the corner in Mentone!

Luke Gattuso attended St Bede's 1988-1993

Luke was school captain of St Bede's in 1983. His father Fred was also school captain, making them the first father/son school captains of the College. Luke is currently Managing Associate at Allen's Arthur Robinsons inc. Linklaters in Melbourne where he specialises in Workplace Relations Law. He has held the positions of Special Council and Associate during the last 12 years with the firm.

Tim Gattuso attended St Bede's 1981-1986

Tim is co-director at Slade's and Parsons and is a Specialist Criminal Lawyer. He was joint chairperson of the Criminal Law Division of the Law Institute of Victoria for three years from 2010-2012. Tim has been LIV representative on the Victorian Custody Reference Group since 2009, focusing on the rights and treatment of those in custody. Also a representative of the LIV at the Magistrates Court Summary Crime Users Group and the Dept. Of Justice's Summary Procedure Steering Group for the last 4 years. He has represented the LIV on number of other Magistrates, County and Supreme Court Submissions to Government, Victorian Legal Aid, the Sentencing Advisory Council, the Department of Justice and the County, Magistrate and Supreme Courts in relation to a wide range of criminal law matters.

Father Nicholas Punch attended St Bede's 1950-1957

Nicholas was ordained as a Priest in the Dominican Order in December 1966. He was Provincial of the Dominicans between 1980 and 1989. Nick worked with a Preaching Team, Thomas More Preaching Centre, Webster, W1, under the auspices of the Chicago Province of the Dominicans. He currently works for three months a year in Australia, the rest of the time in the USA. Fr Nick credits Br Finian with "giving me my life's religious ethics since he was Principal and taught us religion in the senior grades".



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Congratulations



Jim Ryan graduated St Bede's 1977

Jim was awarded the OAM in the Queen's Birthday list earlier this year for his work within his local Community of Colac. Jim has lived in Colac for many years and he was awarded for his numerous stints as Mayor and other contributions to the community

Julian Punch graduated St Bede's 1955

Julian was awarded the AOM for his work with Tasmanian youth. Julian along with his brother William were boarders during the 1950's at St Bede's. He entered the seminary in 1958. When his father became unwell in 1965, Julian left the seminary to care for him and to help with the family.

John Punch graduated St Bede's 1960

John was awarded an AOM for his work with the Salvation Army in Queensland

Luke Beveridge graduated St Bede's 1988

Appointed Coach Western Bulldogs 2015 (see more in the St Bede's Mentone Tigers report at the end of this Bulletin)

Gerard Brennan graduated St Bede's 1955

Co-authored a book released last Christmas entitled "The Australian-Chinese Investment-Law Governance and Policy. In the words of his mate Ron Farrell "a very timely publication considering our new Free Trade agreement with China".



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In Memoriam



Brother Brendan Crowe, FSC (1942-2014)



Brother Brendan Crowe died on Tuesday 10th June in Melbourne, aged 71 years. He spent many years in Papua New Guinea and leaves behind a great legacy of work, achievements and most importantly friends.

Br Bede Mackrell remembers his “commitment, generosity, set purpose and dare we say devotion (to his beloved North Melbourne), this could well be an allegory for his life both professional and religious. Everywhere Brendan served he left a lasting impression. People naturally responded to his genuine interest in them and their families.”

He was a people person who led the Brothers community with empathy and careful concern and understanding.

Brother Brendan spent many years in Goilala PNG establishing small community schools, finding teachers and ensuring they were in attendance. He felt if the teacher was in the school, the children were being taught. Like others before him, he was a real apostle to the Goilala bringing the benefits of education to many remote villages. His care for the teachers ensured they received their salary and supplies needed in these remote areas.

Brother Brendan was so highly regarded by the people that he could walk into Goilala settlements in Port Moresby without fear. As his health declined, Brother Brendan moved to Trinity Teachers College in Mt Hagen. Here he became the primary writer of the PNG Catechism. This is highly acclaimed work.

As best summed up by Brother Bede - “He used all his powers to be with God all the time whether in duty or prayer. He can be held up as an example of our way of life and having taught many unto justice will shine as a star for all eternity.” May he rest in peace.

Frank Power (died 25/7/2014)

Frank died in Bairnsdale after a brave, five year battle with cancer. Frank (formerly known as Perce) was a College Leader, an excellent student and a highly gifted sportsman representing the College in cricket, tennis, football and handball. After school, he played AFL football with distinction for Mordialloc and Prahran. In later life he reached the status of Grand Master in bridge.

As well as being involved in his family’s restaurant, Frank was Business Manager of Catholic College in Sale until his retirement. Frank’s Requiem Mass was held in Bairnsdale and attended by many of his former St Bede’s Classmates and teachers. Br. Quentin attended together with a group of past pupils including Paddy O’Brien, Fred Gattuso, Tom Hynes, Bill English and Peter Woods. John Rhoden set off to attend but had to turn back due to wild weather and road blockages. Frank is survived by Chris, Bev, Damien, Katherine and Michael. May he rest in peace.



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In Memoriam

Richard Haire (died 26/10/2014)

Richard had been a boarder at the College in his school days. After retirement, he took on a special role as a literary reader for radio. May he rest in peace.



John Weatherill Quinn (died 3/11/2013)

Son of Patrick and May Quinn and younger brother of Frank, the first student to attend St Bede's.

After completing his education at St Bede's, he began working with the ANZ Bank in Queensland. In 1962 he bought and ran the Pascoe Vale Newsagency, which he sold in 1966, after which he bought and ran the Blackburn Newsagency. During the 1970's he established Austley Timber group and in 1974 bought and ran Flair Furniture.

John was a very keen Collingwood supporter and his daughter Ann was Pat Cash's coach when he won the Wimbledon Men's Singles tennis Championship in 1987.

Frank and John Quinn were uncles to Martin and Simon Quinn, both of whom were students at St Bede's. Martin was also spent time on the teaching staff and his sons Nicholas and Thomas (RIP) were also students at St Bede's College. This indicates that the Quinn family has had three generations at St Bede's College. May he rest in peace.

Chris Papworth (died in late July 2014)

Chris died in the town of Darvo in the Philippines. He was the son of Carmel and Michael (dec.) who were great supporters of St Bede's and, brother of ex-students Michael, Richard and Greg all of whom attended the College in the late 50's, early 60's. Chris resided in The Philippines where he had been in charge of the CARITAS organisation in South East Asia and did excellent work with the organisation. May he rest in peace.

Rimgaudas Slizys (died 26/8/2014)

Rimgaudas was a brave and outstanding Collegian who was Dux of St Bede's in 1957. He escaped from behind the Iron Curtain in 1951 and arrived at the College with little or no knowledge of English. Rimgaudas was Dux of the College in 1957. He received First Class Honours in Chemistry and Calculus and Second Class Honours in Physics and Pure Maths and a pass in English – this must constitute a near record.

Rim (as he was known at school) represented for Athletics in 1954 and was Editor of "Kooeen" and a Y.C.S Leader. As his classmates quoted in the 1957 Journal " he has been a veritable inspiration". May he rest in peace.



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Leo Oswald— teacher at St Bede's 1971-1986

Leo was a teacher of Geography/earth Studies and also established the Junior School Resource Centre, under the auspices of Br. Bill in his final years at the College. Leo passed away from a massive heart attack at Peninsula Private Hospital at 97 years of age, still very sharp in the mind and spirit despite some fairly trying health problems. After a teaching career spanning over 60 years, he was also a Marist Brother, having taught in many schools prior to coming to the College in 1971. May he rest in peace.

Leo Maher (died 17/11/2014)

Leo attended St Bede's from 1954-1956. He was equal Dux of the College in 1956 with John Rhoden. Leo died at the Peninsula Private Hospital in Mornington after being diagnosed with cancer just three weeks before. He is survived by his wife Margaret and their four children Jane Maree, Matthew, Catherine and Anthony. Leo was a member of the group organised by Ron Farrell who meet regularly at Christmas time at the RACV Club. He will be very much missed this year. May he rest in peace.

Liam Partick Davison (died 17/07/2014)

It is with much sadness that we mourn the loss of Old Collegian Liam Davison and his wife in the Malaysian airline tragedy over the Ukraine earlier this year.

Liam Patrick Davison (Class of 1974) was an Australian novelist. He was educated at St Bede's before enrolling at the Melbourne Teachers College.

Davison was awarded the National Book Council's Banjo Award for Fiction in 1993 and has been shortlisted for several literary prizes such as *The Age* Book of the Year Award and the Victorian Premier's Literary Award. His work is characterised by its sharp and perceptive insights into Australian history and landscape and has appeared in many Australian literary anthologies. He was also an occasional reviewer for *The Australian* newspaper. May he rest in peace.



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Sporting Club news



St Bede's / Mentone Tigers A.F.C.

St Bedes/Mentone Tigers have started training every Monday and Thursday - they change at Brindisi Street oval and then full training at the College oval.

The Tigers are back in VAFA Premier B for the first time since their triumphant Grand Final victory over University Blacks in 2007 and are hyper-keen to keep their stay in the lower grade to a minimum.

Coaches Mick Dwyer (ex-St Kilda and Fitzroy) and Steve D'Andrea have been re-appointed whilst successful U17s coach Chris Heverin has been appointed as VAFA U19s coach.

After the disappointment of relegation from VAFA Premier Division, the club has been on a high over the last couple of weeks, firstly with the offer of \$1.0m of funding from the State ALP, if elected, for a proposed multi-use community sporting hub which will include upgrade of grandstand, clubrooms and redevelopment of nearby areas of the Brindisi Street precinct for 7 day a week community use.

Old Collegian—Luke Beveridge

And on the football side, the appointment of former club legendary triple-premiership coach Luke Beveridge as senior coach of the Western Bulldogs in the AFL. Luke is a St Bede's boy from the 1980s who excelled as a VFL footballer playing 118 games over 12 seasons with Melbourne, Footscray and St Kilda.

On commencing his coaching journey Luke guided St Bedes/Mentone Tigers to consecutive premierships in VAFA "C", "B" and then "A" grades - a feat never before achieved in the 120 year history of Amateur Football in Victoria.

Luke then proceeded to be Development Coach at Collingwood for 2 years in which Collingwood were beaten Preliminary Finalists and Premiers in the respective years. After a year out of football, he was then approached by Hawthorn and, over his 3 years there as Backline Coach, the Hawks were beaten Grand Finalists and Premiers in consecutive years - do the maths and you will see that in 8 years coaching football Luke has been guiding the premiers on 6 occasions and losing grand finalist and preliminary finalist in the other 2 years.....if you're a Western Bulldogs' supporter, get ready for finals and a long-awaited premiership or two.....

More SBMT news can be found by visiting their website www.stbedesmentonetigers.com.au



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After a fantastic 2014 Winter season, which resulted in 2 minor Premierships and 3 grand final appearances, St. Bede's Old Collegians Hockey Club is 6 rounds into our Summer season.

Out of the 4 senior sides this Winter, 3 made it through to the grand final. Unfortunately none of the 3 sides came away with the grand prize, but this was a fantastic experience for our new women's side and for the youth of our Club. Also the minor premierships earned by the men's first and second XI promotes them into Vic League 2 in 2015.

The Summer season is also full of promise with 2 men's teams, 1 women's team and a team of players playing a modified indoor form of the game. Indoor hockey is a fantastic sport which requires speed, endurance and an increased level of ball control skills. This a great opportunity for these player to heighten their skills in preparation for our ascension into Vic League 2 next year.

This Tuesday the Club's Committee put on BBQ after our Summer games and both players and supporters got together for a pre-Christmas celebration. A good number of supports came out to see 2 competitive games, share in a snag and have another chance to reminisce over such a great season.

The Hockey Club also had it's Annual General Meeting 2 weeks ago and the following were elected into the Executive Committee:

President - Luke Cracknell; Vice President - Scott French; Secretary - James Cracknell; Treasurer - Mark Amott

We are all looking forward to this Summer season as an opportunity to jump start our 2015 campaign and also revel in the growth of our Club.



The Kingston Saints Cricket Club have had a big second half of 2014. At the centre of this was the opening of their redeveloped home-ground at Walter Galt Reserve in Parkdale. The City of Kingston successfully oversaw the completion of the upgrade during the year, and the response from the players has been glowing. New captain-coach of the club Luke Wintle has relished the new grounds as he runs his group, and has slotted into the role with aplomb. His

leadership has not only seen him score a stack of runs himself, but also resulted in the first XI continuing their improvement, with the young squad sitting just outside the top 6 of the Victorian Sub District Cricket Association heading into Christmas.

Off field leadership saw a change as well with Brett Sebire taking over the role of President from Warwick Heinrichs. Brett has attacked his new role with energy and passion, with several new ideas being introduced already. The club thanks Warwick for his three years of service, and looks forward to his continuing contributions on the committee. The club also farewellled (in an official capacity) Greg McLeod from the committee. Greg has served the club for over four decades, and has contributed a list of accomplishments that is too lengthy to mention. He has continued to chip in as a volunteer around the place.

Along with the wider cricket community we experienced a terrible low recently, with the sad passing of Phillip Hughes. The club was as touched by this event as much as any other cricket or other sports club around Australia. Our sides paid their respects prior to their round of matches at the end of November. It reminds us of the risks



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involved whilst playing the game we love, and how lucky we are to enjoy the sport with our mates. On a positive note, the new ground has also helped several more successful social functions this year. The club was pleased to see star AFL footballer Matthew Lloyd come and speak at the club's sports speakers' night. Matthew was frank and entertaining, and signed items and posed for photos all evening! A keen cricketer himself, he was also coerced into representing the Saints at next season's Twenty20 match as the club's celebrity player.

In regards to Twenty20, the club experienced one of the more remarkable results in its 53 year history against reigning champions Oakleigh in November. After losing six wickets for just one run, the side somehow managed to crawl their way back into the match and end up winning by 4 runs! This amazing effort signifies a new mindset at the club, largely thanks to Luke and the other leaders. That mindset is to never give up, and to always represent your club with pride, no matter what the situation.

The re-established home ground has also given the club the pleasure of hosting the T20Blast! competition for 7-10 year olds. Each Saturday morning sees local clubs contribute teams of 8 boys and girls to compete in micro-games of cricket that serve to introduce the kids to the sport. This important competition fills a strategic gap for the game, and has allowed our club to re-start our under 12 program this season with two sides competing. It is through this complete process that the club aims to develop its female cricket, with our popular Friday night Milo In2Cricket program seeing dozens of boys and girls participate again this season.

Our older junior program is continuing, with the two under 12 sides, an under 16 side and an under 18 side competing again this season. These sides would not be possible without the contribution of many volunteers. The club values these people very highly, and this season has seen club stalwart Phil O'Meara oversee the program. Phil has also teamed up with former club coach Peter Bedford to run the VSDCA J C Craig Shield (formerly R M Hatch Shield) under 15 representative side.

Going forward the club is making plans to get turf practice wickets installed. This is a part of the clubs overall strategic plan to become the best cricket club in the City of Kingston. Community goals related to this include the coordination of an all-abilities cricket day, and the participation in Pink Stumps Day next February in support of cancer fundraising and the Jane McGrath Foundation.

Under the new on and off-field leadership and in the new playing environment, the club is incredibly excited about what the future holds. We see our position as a vital member of our community continuing and strengthening, as our status increases and we offer value back to our members as a club that people love to be involved in. As a part of this we're increasing our efforts to reach out to former members, of which the St Bedes College community forms a vital part. We look forward to developing these relationships as we become the best cricket club in the City of Kingston.

Andrew Heinrichs

Committee Member Kingston Saints Cricket Club



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Finian Foundation



Brother Finian wishes to express special thanks to all those who have donated to the Foundation over the past year. The generosity of donors allows for the alleviation of financial difficulties of a few families who experience difficulty in meeting the expenses arising from payment for school fees, books, and uniforms for their sons attending St Bede's College. Parents of such students who have been helped in this way have expressed thanks to the St Bede's Old Collegians Association for their kindness and generosity. Special thanks also to Treasurer, Mr Paul Diggerson who manages the funds of the Foundation.

The Foundation has been established by the SBOCA to help foster the Lasallian tradition of recognising that quality education should be available to all.

In recognition of a person who has dedicated his life to this tradition, with over 50 years of those spent at St Bede's, it was deemed most appropriate to name the foundation the Finian Foundation after Brother Finian Allman.

The Finian Foundation Ltd has been established as a charitable foundation and is able to receive tax-deductible donations and bequests to create an income stream that will be used to provide assistance to financially disadvantaged families to support their children's education at St Bede's. Over the past 4 years we have supported 39 disadvantaged families, totally approximately \$53,000. All donations are fully tax deductible.

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Finian Foundation

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McCristal Membership

The McCristal Membership is a group of generous supporters of the St Bede's Old Collegians' whose contributions directly support the financial running costs of the Association.

All former students of the College are automatically considered 'Life Members' of the Association. Old Collegians who previously contributed to a special life membership levy were recognized as 'Life Members'. These benefactors are now recognized and honoured as 'McCristal Members' who are appropriately named after Thomas McCristal who in 1896 established Mentone College on the site where St Bede's College now stands.

Any donations to the SBOCA of \$250 or more are recognized and honoured by the published list of McCristal Members. This list includes the group of previous 'Life Members'.

If you would like to become a McCristal Member to support the work of the Old Collegians whose interests include organizing Careers Nights for students, the Finian Foundation, Reunions and Social functions, supporting the College and its endeavours, please see subscription form overleaf.

The St Bede's Old Collegians' Association sincerely appreciates the generous support of the following McCristal Members (formerly known as Life Members):

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McCristal Membership Subscription Form

If you wish to support the activities of the **St Bede's Old Collegians' Association**, please complete the following:

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Bendigo Bank Partnership

The St Bede's Old Collegians is proud to announce our recent partnership with the Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank. This partnership will see funds donated from the Community Bank to support the Old Collegians Association and its ties with the community. We encourage you to visit the branch located at 228 Como Parade West, Parkdale and meet with Lesley McGurgan to discuss your banking needs.



On behalf of the St Bede's Old Collegians Association I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your families and loved ones a safe, happy and joyous Christmas. I look forward to remaining in contact with you throughout the next year.

Kindest regards,

Jo Hynes

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