



Beda Boys' Bulletin

Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present & Shaping the Future

December 2015

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President's welcome



As Christmas approaches I welcome you to the December edition of the Beda Boys Bulletin.

'Giving back' has been a key aspect of the Old Collegians Association. For all of us who have been fortunate to attend St Bede's College, we have benefited from this corner stone philosophy of the De La Salle Brothers. The Brothers 'gave back' by establishing the College to provide not only their service but first class facilities to meet the educational needs of others.

In 2015, it is in the same spirit that so many former St.Bede's students have chosen to donate their time, money and efforts to benefit the welfare of current students. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those of you who have contributed to our initiatives and made a difference by giving back to the College community.

One of the most important aspects of our lives is to be connected to our surrounding community. The Association is a conduit for this connection and provides the opportunity for you to be involved in a variety of ways. Whether it be by simply reading this bulletin, by attending a reunion or even by mentoring students, any involvement achieves the aims of the Association to 'celebrate the past, enjoy the present and shape the future' by giving back and being connected.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and prosperous 2016.

Steve Ager
President SBOCA



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From the Principal



Another year has passed with much happening at the College. It has been a good school year and I am delighted with the response of the students to the different activities that the College offers. Our commitment to the Old Collegians Association continues to remain strong with the acknowledgement of the positive impact the Association and its members have made to current College life.

Over the past year, our enrolment growth has increased, as a result of the demand for places and the increasing enrolment in our Catholic primary schools. Over the last seven years, the enrolment numbers have shifted from 1,300+ to 1,550 in 2016. The College has chosen to increase enrolments and undertake a significant building program to support families who want a Lasallian education.

Students at St Bede's College have achieved well academically over many years, with some 30 students scoring ATARs of above 90 last year and the Duxes of the College being at that high point with scores of 98 and 99+. These are outstanding scores and indicate that an academic student can excel at St Bede's College.

In the Sports Centre, our Old Collegians are well represented in our Sporting Hall of Fame. We take great pride in their achievements, which linked to academic excellence, indicates a well-balanced education.

As we come to the end of the year I would like to thank the work of Steve Ager, Tony Quint and the rest of the SBOCA Committee. Their efforts this year have been tireless with many successful functions including the Role of Honour Dinner, Careers Insight Evening, year level reunions and the Annual Finian Foundation Golf Day. Funds raised through these efforts have ensured current St Bede's College families are supported as the needs arise. The SBOCA have also supported Old Collegians in their times of need and as a community we are grateful for that support.

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

Br Garry Coyte
Principal St Bede's College



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Recent events

Annual Finian Foundation Breakfast and Charity Golf Day



On Friday 20th November SBOCA hosted their Annual Finian Foundation Breakfast and Charity Golf Day. We were privileged to have Old Collegian and current AFL Western Bulldogs Senior Coach Luke Beveridge address the breakfast of more than 130 guests. He spoke with candour and honesty about his first year with the Bulldogs, the challenges he has faced and the success the team has enjoyed.



Following breakfast 95 golfers battled it out on the glorious Woodlands Golf Course in an Ambrose tournament that saw the eventual winning team of Derek Humphery-Smith, Steven McBurney, James McLean and Peter Fitzgerald finishing with a net score of 51. Close runners up were Chris Leeds, Greg McKillop, Craig Shepard and Sebastian Hams.



Others winners on the day included: Longest Drive on Hole 9, Tim Corrigan; Longest drive on Hole 2, James McLean; Nearest to the pin, Hole 5, Mick O'Brien and Nearest to the pin, Hole 11, James Honey. Best couples play of the day was won by Robyn and Greg McLeod.

Thank you to all who supported this successful event with all monies raised going directly towards supporting current students at St Bede's College whose parents may be experiencing financial difficulties.

Particular thanks to our wonderful corporate sponsors including: Abacus Print and Display, Hocking Stuart Mentone, Godfrey Pembroke, Ipsos, Tobin Bros Funerals, Kevin Larkin Electrical, Bayside Beaches Real Estate, PSA and ATM.



Finally to the St Bede's Mentone Tigers for all their support with this event, including the full table of "Women of St Bede's" who came and supported the breakfast.



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Year 12 Valette Mass and Tie Swapping Ceremony



On Tuesday 20th October the 2015 Year 12s were welcomed by the College to their final Mass. As part of this Mass, the annual “tie-swapping” ceremony takes place.

This ceremony signifies the transition from current St Bede’s College student to Old Collegian.



The students and their parents are asked to remove their College tie and replace it with an Old Collegians tie.

It is an emotional ceremony and one enjoyed by both parents and students alike.

We wish the current Year 12 students every success in their future.





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Reunions—Class of 1985, 30 year reunion



We welcomed back 28 students from the Class of 1985 for their 30 year reunion on Friday 21st September.

College Captain Stephen Giulieri flew in from Sydney to attend and class mate Andrew Wallace made the trip down from Queensland - thank you to all who made the effort to attend.

A great group of guys and a wonderful catch up with an excellent and extended College tour by our current Principal Br Garry Coyte ensured a terrific night was had by all.





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Reunions—Class of 1975, 40 year reunion



On Friday 23rd October, we welcomed back 28 students from the Class of 1975 for their 40 year reunion.

Several Old Collegians travelled from interstate to attend the event with Kevin Nicolson able to meet up at the RSL afterwards, having been delayed in his travels.

Thank you to all who made the effort to attend. Br Bill Firman remembered the class fondly through an email from Sudan where he is currently living - his first graduating Class as Principal of the College.





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Reunions—Class of 1955-1965, 50+ years reunion



It was an absolute pleasure to welcome back Old Collegians from the Class of 1955 through to the Class of 1965. Many of the 30 plus men who attended had not been back to the College since their school days so there were plenty of stories to share. A sit down dinner was provided followed by a tour of the new Performing Arts Centre. Catch up continued long into the night at the RSL over the road. Those in attendance included Kerry O'Callaghan who had made the trip down from Queensland. We look forward to welcoming this group back again next year.



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Jack Vawdrey Fundraiser



The Old Collegians along with St Bede's College were thrilled to be part of this wonderful community event to raise money for Old Collegian Jack Vawdrey who suffered irreversible spinal cord damage last year.

The funds raised will enable Jack to regain some of his independence, with the aim of the event to raise enough money to purchase a specially modified vehicle for his use.

We wish Jack and his family all the best for the future.

Intermediate Class of 1953 get together 2015

Thank you Ron Farrell for coordinating this event and putting together the following words:

"Ten hardy souls attended the 2015 reunion of the Class of 1953 at the RACV Club Melbourne on the 1st Dec, 2105. Attendees were:

Terry Martin, Barry Martin, Pat Lee, Ron Walker (ring in), Kevin Egan (ring in), John Rhoden, Michael Howell, Adrian Power, Michael Sheeran, Ron Farrell.

Apologies were received from another 9.

All were in fine form. The memories and stories flowed thick and fast. We remembered past members no longer with us and those whose death occurred this year in particular Gary Epstein and our great teacher and mentor Br Finian Allman.

Br Finian was our "Man for all seasons".

A number were absent because of ill health either themselves or their spouse and we send our best wishes to them.

Hearing aid manufacturers must be doing a great trade as their products are spread widely amongst the group.

Interestingly most indicated that they were active in some form of voluntary work and they are to be congratulated for the results that are achieved.

Considering most are now in their late 70's the vitality and enthusiasm of the attendees was still obvious and all looked back on their days at St Bede's College with affection even if the Boarders still felt undernourished".



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In the News



St Bede's College students hard at work in Thailand and India

Drawing on the inspiration of John Baptist De La Salle, senior students from St Bede's College in Mentone are embracing volunteer projects, reaching out to the poor and marginalised communities in Thailand and India this year.

This month, eleven Year 11 students and three members of staff have travelled to Sanghklaburi in Thailand to help the local community rebuild a kindergarten canteen that was destroyed in a violent storm earlier this year.

The students are also acting as volunteers at La Salle Learning Centre and the Bamboo School – two schools that offer a free education to many local Thai and impoverished refugee children from Myanmar.

In December another group of senior students from St Bede's College are travelling to southern India to help build permanent houses for impoverished locals.

The students are drawing upon funds raised through Mission Action Days to supply materials and specialised labour for building projects. If you are interested in following their travels the blog address for this group is: www.facebook.com/stbedesindiaoutreach2015/

The Lasallian Facilitator at St Bede's College, Mark Micallef, said the school has a long tradition of reaching out to the disadvantaged.

"All volunteers work hard to raise money for these projects before they leave and return with a rewarding insight, they experience an awakening that alters their perceptions of life" he said.

More information on how you can be involved in volunteering abroad is available at the end of this edition of the BedaBoys Bulletin

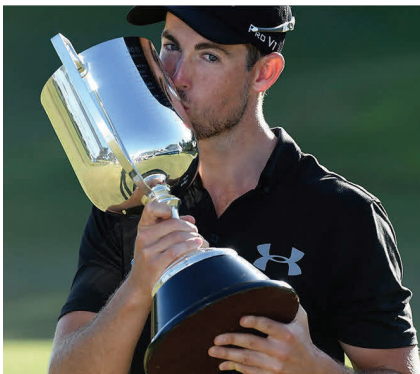


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Nathan Holman (Class of 2009)



Nathan Holman, had a breakthrough victory recently at the Australian PGA Championship in Queensland. Nathan held on to win in a tight three way play-off after an entertaining four days of golf at Royal Pines.

Having achieved success as an amateur rising to number 2 ranking in Australia and number 25 in the world, Nathan progressed to professional ranks in 2013. His first professional victory guarantees him automatic entry to some of the biggest golfing events in the world, as well as a handy pay cheque of over \$330,000.

During his time at St Bede's College, Nathan participated in all of the ACC Golf Championships, competing against a number of other budding champions.

Mick O'Shea (Class of 1976/1986)



Mick O'Shea, Kingston Hawthorn Cricket Club, Club Stalwart and Life Member played, his 300th game for the Club on Sunday 6th December when his team hosted Prahran at the Galt.

Mick will be the third person to achieve this milestone at the Club.

John Raciti (Class of 1993)



John has recently been awarded an Academy Award for Global Peace, a Certificate of Excellence and a Doctor of Philosophy from the esteem Academy of Universal Global Peace.

He is a Director at Fox Petroleum, a Business Post Graduate student at UTS Business School of Management.

John is also the Secretary General for Australia for The Multi-purpose Inter Parliamentary Union - TMIPU, the Commonwealth Secretariat, High Commissioner & Vice Chairman for Australia of the International Human Rights Commission, an Ambassador for the International Human Rights Commission for Indigenous & Minority, an Honorary Ambassador for the Diplomatic Mission Peace and Prosperity, a Member of CEREPOL, and an Ambassador for the American Diplomatic Mission of International Relations.



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Tim Gattuso (Class of 1986)



Tim Gattuso was appointed as a Magistrate on December 8th, a decision that was warmly welcomed by the Law Institute of Victoria.

LIV President Katie Miller said Mr Gattuso has extensive experience in the criminal law area and a long history of pro bono work.

“Tim has devoted time over many years to try and improve access to justice, particularly for those facing criminal charges who need legal aid,” Ms Miller said.

“As well as running a busy criminal law practice, he has also been a huge contributor to law reform through submissions, committees and advocacy work.

“Tim has been one of the most active and passionate members of the LIV’s Criminal Law Section Executive, which he chaired for three years.

“This was recognized in 2011 when Tim was awarded an LIV Certificate of Service for his outstanding contribution to the LIV and the justice system more broadly,” Ms Miller said.

Mr Gattuso was part of the team which acted for the LIV pro bono when it appeared as amicus curiae in a recent Court of Appeal sentencing hearing on a Negligently Causing Serious Injury matter.

He also chaired an LIV/Victorian Bar Legal Aid Taskforce for three years and sits on several external groups including the Summary Procedure Steering Group; Victorian Custody Reference Group; Summary Case Conferencing Advisory Group and the Criminal Court User Group.

Mr Gattuso’s appointment follows the retirement of Deputy Chief Magistrate Robert Kumar.

Ms Miller said Mr Kumar had been an outstanding and highly respected magistrate and she particularly noted his innovative work at Broadmeadows Magistrates Court.



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Brad Hodge (Class of 1992)



Brad Hodge is set to play on past his 42nd birthday, after re-signing with the Adelaide Strikers until the end of BBL|06.

Hodge, who has also thrown his hat in the ring to be part of the Pakistan Super League in the United Arab Emirates next February, will continue working with the KFC Big Bash League Club in his dual role of batsman and assistant coach.

New Strikers coach Jason Gillespie said Hodge's experience would be invaluable over the next two seasons.

Luke Beveridge (Class of 1988)



Congratulations to Old Collegian Luke Beveridge who was named AFL Coaches Association Coach of the Year after guiding the Western Bulldogs to the finals for the first time since 2010.

"This award voted by his peers, recognises the challenges Luke faced when he won the job at the end of last year" said AFL Coaches Association CEO Mark Brayshaw.

Luke spoke openly and honestly at our recent Finian Foundation breakfast and we thank him once again for his very generous contribution.

Ben Hampton (Class of 2005)



On Wednesday 16th December Old Collegian Ben Hampton will take off on a journey from the McCristal gates to Byron Bay riding over 120km's a day for 16 days. Ben is doing this for his friend Tom Quinn ex- St Bede's College student who tragically took his own life in 2013. Ben is raising money for suicide prevention and has so far raised over \$70,000 with his target of \$100,000. You may have listened to Ben on triple MMM or SEN in the last few days.

Every dollar donated via the Tour de Byron online fundraising page goes directly supporting the work of Suicide Prevention Australia. If you would like to donate or for more information: www.tourdebyron.com/



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Pat Callanan (Class of 2014)



Pat Callanan has served as the Lasallian Youth Minister at St Bede's College this year, making the jump from former student to staff member look quite easy.

Whilst he was in school he took every Lasallian opportunity available by becoming a Lasallian Youth Leader, attending the Lasallian Student Leaders' Seminar, the Lasallian Youth Gathering and being elected the College Vice-Captain.

Through this heart of service, Pat took up the position of Lasallian Youth Minister this year impressing many with maturity beyond his years and his ability to captivate audiences with his obvious passion for social justice and the Lasallian Mission.

It has been a joy to experience Pat's presence on the team and the obvious growth that he has shown, especially after running 18 individual Year 7 retreat days as one of his achievements. He too took the opportunity to join the Volunteer La Salle: Balgo program earlier this year and is currently completing an Arts degree.

Chris "Douggs" McDougall (Class of 1992)



"Douggs" is a professional base jumper, skydiver and multi-sport extreme adventurer who has jumped in over 25 countries around the world and is a past World Champion in his chosen sport. His aim in life is to "have more fun than anyone else".

Adventure sports have taken him to all corners of the globe, exploring "nature's true wonders in the company of the world's most unique, inspirational people."

Chris' book "Confessions of an idiot - the colourful tale of a life in freefall" is available on line. His web page is www.basedreams.com



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James Nicholson and Nick O'Connor (Class of 2014)



James Nicholson and Nick O'Connor, two of 2014's Year 12 "Beda Boys" have both completed basic training in the same platoon at Kapooka Army Training Base near Wagga Wagga NSW. They are now Privates in the Australian Army. They took part in their "March Out" ceremony on Friday 21st March to transition from recruits to soldiers. It was a proud day for the young men, their fellow recruits and their families.



The "March Out" is a culmination of 80 days relentless training. The recruits are up at 6am every day and work continuously until 10pm, only stopping for short meal breaks. Throughout the 80 days both remained focussed and positive and were elated after completing this punishing schedule.

They will both transfer to Pukapunyal Army Base near Seymour in Victoria to continue their military careers.



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From the Archives

Brothers fighting bushfires

An extract from Kingston historical website written by Leo Gamble in 2004....

"The Melbourne summer that reached its height in January 1944 was hot and dry. In fact it remains the driest summer in Melbourne since records began in the mid-nineteenth century. In the summer months just 46 mm of rain fell, less than a third of the long-term average, as drought conditions gripped much of southern Australia leaving many areas tinder dry and fire-prone.

On Friday 14th January Melburnians woke to a most uncomfortable day with the north wind beginning to blow and the expected century temperature already within reach. Later it went over 103 degrees F (about 40 C). The strong northerly made it feel hotter than this and local firemen were on full alert. Just after 10 am Mentone Fire Brigade received a call from Billy Ross in Milan Street where the veteran racehorse trainer had discovered a fire in his stables

Fire fighters that day were suddenly faced with an impossible task and control of the operations was handed to Melbourne's Chief Fire Officer, Kemp, when the extent of the disaster became obvious. Large numbers of volunteers, ARP wardens, army personnel and regular firemen fought the fires. Army trucks brought dozens of troops from barracks at Caulfield to bolster the reserves, and police from many stations attended as well. Despite their best efforts the fire could not be controlled and it really burned itself out when it reached the extent of the scrubland at the coast near Rickett's Point.

There were, of course, many cases where individual houses were saved by the efforts of fire fighters who were on the spot when the blaze reached a certain area. But there were just as many cases where the fire itself jumped some dwellings only to burn adjacent buildings in the most fortuitous way. Fire brigade officers reported that the water pressure was so bad that their hoses were useless, the flow being little more than a trickle even when pumps were used.

This was confirmed recently by Brother Finian Allman, now in his mid-eighties. In 1944 he was a young De La Salle Brother working at St Bede's College in Mentone where he still resides. That January about twenty Brothers were resident at St Bede's during the school holidays and when the smoke pall appeared over at Beaumaris they rang the Beaumaris Hotel and offered their assistance. Their call was welcomed by the hotel manager so about fifteen of the younger Brothers put on old clothes and set out along Beach Road towards the area beyond the cliffs covered in shrouds of black smoke. The college had no car at that time, nor were any others in the area, so they literally ran to Beaumaris. Here they entered a terrifying scene. Brother Finian recalls meeting a man who was battling flames around his home in Tramway Parade. Finian and one of his confreres accompanied the owner into his house in an attempt to salvage property, only to be driven out by the blazing heat and then being forced to lie flat in the middle of the road with flames burning bush and buildings on either side of them. One timber house exploded into flames before their eyes.

The young Brother admits to saying a silent prayer at that time as he feared for his life. He also remembers the firemen using expletives about the water pressure and the hopeless task of battling the blaze with old sacks for beaters. Finian and the other Brothers from St Bede's were just a few among the scores of volunteers who would have told similar stories about the heat, the smoke and the frightening situations they faced during that day....."



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From the Archives



We recently received this Cap from dedicated Old Collegian, Michael Meere. We thank him for returning it to the College where it will be kept in our extensive Archives.

Accompanying the cap was the following letter that we would like to share:

Re: St Bede's 1st 11 1959-1960 Premierships Cap

I attended St Bede's College as a boarder in 1964-1965 resident in Ferguson's. To the surprise of many, including myself, I successfully completed my Matriculation.

At the time there was a shower block just to the east of Ferguson's and beside that a gym.

Inside the gym was a large cardboard box containing some old cricket caps, enclosed being one of them. One of the Brothers said we were allowed to take one, hence the cap.

I had the cap during 1964-1965 and then gave it to another Boarder, Mark Ransom. Mark subsequently returned it to me at a reunion in 1995. For the last 20 years it has been sitting in a drawer.

It is entirely appropriate that it now be returned to the College as a piece of St Bede's College memorabilia.

I wish the College continued success."

Michael Meere (Class of 1965)



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Upcoming events

2016 Events Calendar

Tuesday 22 nd March	Careers Insight Evening
Thursday 5 th May	Hall of Fame Annual Dinner – Beaumaris Yacht Squadron 6.30pm
Thursday 16 th June	Breakfast Seminar (new series) - city venue TBC registration from 6.45am
Thursday 25 th August	Vietnam Veterans (including Borneo and Malay conflicts) remembrance
Friday 14 th October	Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser—Woodlands Golf Club registration from 6.45am

Committee Meetings

St Bede's Old Collegians hold Committee meetings six times a year. All Old Collegians are welcome 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 2016 are: Tuesday 9th February, Tuesday 12th April, Tuesday 7th June, Tuesday 9th August, Tuesday 11th October and Tuesday 6th December.

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



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Reunion Dates 2016

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

Class of 2006 10 year reunion - Friday 26th February

Class of 2015 1 year reunion Friday 29th April

Class of 1996 20 year reunion Friday 29th July

Class of 1986 30 year reunion Friday 26th August

Class of 1976 40 year reunion Friday 18th November

Class of 1966 and before 50+ Friday 20th May

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

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



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Careers Evening 2016



What career pathway should I pursue when I leave school? This question looms large in the minds of our senior St Bede's College students. The value to them of experienced and informed comment on a trade, profession or particular training pathway cannot be measured. For all you former students who would like to give a little bit back to the College and assist present day students, the Old Collegians Association offers a great opportunity.

Through the annual Career Insight Evening at St Bede's College, former collegians both young and old have found a very meaningful way of contributing to the job and training decision-making of Year 10-12 students. Presented by the Old Collegians Association in partnership with the College Careers and Pathways Department for the last four years, this event has attracted large numbers of former graduates who contribute their advice to students in an informal setting. The response of students at the College has been overwhelmingly positive.

Whether you have many years of experience in your job or would like to update students on your impressions of a course or apprenticeship in progress please come along. The process is very straightforward. Simply contact the Old Collegians Officer at the College, Jo Hynes, by email (oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au) or phone (9582 5999).

On behalf of the Old Collegians Association we would like to thank Garry McInerney for his outstanding contribution and commitment to the Old Collegians and particularly to this event. Working in partnership with the Careers Department Garry has developed this very successful evening from inception. His consultative manner and professionalism has ensured the event has gone from strength to strength and highlights one of the important ways Old Collegians can give back to the College. We wish him well as he steps down from this position and thank Jason Smyth for taking on this portfolio.



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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. Participate in Golf Day/ Charity Breakfast

Held every October at Woodlands Golf Club



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Search: St Bede's Old Collegians



[Twitter.com/oldcolls](https://twitter.com/oldcolls)

06. Reunite for milestones

Celebrate years 1, 10, 20, 30, and 40 beyond at our reunions

07. Mentoring / Careers evening

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 Hawthorn Cricket Club

10. Contact Us

Old Collegians Officer:

email: oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

phone: 9582 5722

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8am - 4pm

Where are they now?

Jodam Allingam (Dibbles) (Class of 1976)



A reflective by Jodam the Artist:

"Sculptor and Painter extraordinaire.

In 1976, I was doing Grade 11 at St Bede's College in Mentone and art was a popular subject for me at the time. Ms Mann was my art teacher and a very inspiring person at that. I was one of the top students and very proud of myself. There was another student at the time, Michael Cartwright, who also was very enthusiastic student and who had so much influence on me. He talked me into going with him to an interview with the Director of Freshman Year at RMIT.

The Director at RMIT, when he saw our work, he went and stopped his class to come and see what we brought for the interview. We were both given direct offers into RMIT but we chose to try out the other four art colleges which were Caulfield, Prahran, Victoria College of Art and Swinburne. All of them gave us direct offers. But in the end we both chose to attend Caulfield (CIT) as it was closer to home.

Michael and I went our separate ways after completing second year and I ended up graduating at RMIT with a diploma. I was fortunate as the University of Papua New Guinea took me on as one of their new teaching staff. I did not last for very long at the University and decided to go back overseas again for further studies in UK and later at the City Art Institute in Sydney. This enabled me as a 35 year old, to go back to UPNG as a Head of Visual Arts Department.

After some years, I felt that teaching wasn't allowing me to do my art. By then I had two children and my wife was pushing for her career commitment so I had to take on the role of stay home Dad and managing the home, kids, as well as participating as a fine artist within all the communities that we lived and worked with in different parts of the world.

The countries that my family and I have lived and worked in include Papua New Guinea, Australia, United Kingdom, USA, Nepal, Zambia and the Philippines. In Zambia, the art community there made me one of their National Artists. A couple of years ago, I took my family for a visit to Zambia and the arts community there rolled out a red carpet for an exhibition on our behalf. It was something that one remembers for life.

I am proud to say my two daughters are taking after me. The oldest daughter is an art historian while the younger daughter has just graduated as an architectural engineer. In a way, I am living my youngest daughter's dream because I wanted to be an architect in my earlier days but my friend Michael changed all that.

We helped each other shaping our own destiny by doing what we best love.



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In Memoriam



Paul Rak (Class of 1972)

During his final year at St Bede's College, Paul moved to a part-time position at Royal Melbourne Golf Club after beginning his golfing career as a caddie 1968 at the age of 14. In 1974 he was offered a full-time position at Royal Melbourne as Assistant Bar Manager. He worked at Royal Melbourne for the next 20 years in various capacities.

In 1994 he was appointed General Manager at Kingston Heath Golf Club. In 2008 he returned to Royal Melbourne as Chief Executive Officer.

During his time at Royal Melbourne the Club hosted the 2011 Presidents Cup, the 2013 World Cup of Golf, the 2013 Australian Masters and the 2012 and 2015 Australian Women's Open.

Notably, five of his assistants moved to General Manager positions at other golf clubs, a sign of his wonderful people and leadership skills.

This year Paul was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to golf and the community.

Paul passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday 5th September 2015. He is survived by his wife Karen and children Sarah and Melissa.

May he Rest In Peace

Iain Troup (Class of 1977)

Iain passed away after a short battle with cancer on Sunday 30th August 2015 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife Renae and children Jack and Emily.

May he Rest in Peace.

Edward (Ted) Traynor (Class of 1946)

One of life's "True Gentlemen" and a wonderful supporter of the Old Collegians, Ted passed away on September 13th 2015 at Concord Hospital. He is survived by his children Jo, Bernie and Phil.

May he Rest In Peace

Philip Buckley (Class of 1973)

A long time employee with the City of Kingston and City of Moorabbin, Philip passed away suddenly on September 9th 2015. He was a very active life member of the Heatherton Football and Netball Club and gave freely of his time. Beloved "Uncle Beers" to his nephew and nieces.

May he Rest In Peace



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Frank Fitzgerald (Class of 1960)

Frank passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on October 27th 2015. He is survived by his wife of 44 years Elizabeth (Liz) and children Nicholas, Luke, Emily and Christopher.

May he Rest In Peace

Phillip McConville (Class of 1957)

Phillip's funeral was held at St Joseph's in Benalla on Thursday October 22nd 2015 and was attended by several Old Collegians.

May he Rest in Peace.

Brother Anselm McCaffrey, FSC (Class of 1940)

Br Anselm (John Myles McCaffery) was the first St Bede's College student to join the Brothers in 1945. His first Profession was in 1946, followed by Perpetual Profession in 1953.

He served many communities in NSW, ACT and New Zealand.

Br Anselm died peacefully on November 19th 2015 and was buried at the Brothers Cemetery at Oakhill College, NSW.

May he Rest In Peace

Michael Gerald Woods (Tiger)

Passed away November 15th 2015

May he Rest in Peace



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

St Bede's Mentone Tigers have resumed pre-Christmas training with significant numbers in attendance under newly-appointed Senior Coach Stephen Ryan (former Richmond and Collingwood AFL player) ably supported by re-appointed Reserves Coach Steve D'Andrea. The Club is also pleased to announce the appointment of St Bede's College teacher Adrian Lane as Under 19s Coach with Dylan Cousins (teacher at Padua College) as his Assistant.

The Tigers appear to have recruited very well with players from WAFL, Southern Football League, MPNFL, SMJFL and VAFA amongst the new faces training and are very keen to erase memories of the 2015 Finals Series when they start their season against Fitzroy in Round 1 at Brindisi Street on 9th April.

In 2016, the Club will have 3 senior teams (an increase of one) and 2 Under 19s (also an increase of one) following the disappointment of 2015 when the Senior team finished 2nd at the end of the home and away matches with 14 wins and 4 losses but failed to capitalize on opportunities in the Second Semi Final losing by 16 points to the eventual premiers St Kevin's and then losing the Preliminary Final after leading by 38 points half way through the second quarter. The Reserves, however, did manage to reach the Grand Final but were ultimately beaten by 40 points after conceding a 45 point deficit at quarter time.

Wishing all a safe and happy Christmas from St Bede's Mentone Tigers Amateur Football Club.

Peter O'Brien



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The result of the Special General Meeting as reported in June's Edition on the merge between Kingston Saints and Hawthorn-East Melbourne Cricket Clubs was 93% in favour – and so we have embarked on the merger process.

The new entity is known officially as "St John Vianney's–St Bede's–Hawthorn-East Melbourne Cricket Club", but trades as Kingston Hawthorn, with the Hawk as the mascot. The name St Bede's will be forever enshrined in the name of a Premier Club, something that Br Finian would be very proud of.

Whilst there has been a focus on the merger process rather than recruiting over the last few months, the Club has managed to recruit Old Collegian and Patrick Ryder medallist James Miller as Senior Coach from Prahran. Already he has had an impact, with total wins of all the Premier sides sitting at 14 one round out from Christmas, just one less than the total wins in 2014-15.

Original Kingston Saints player Rohan Best made his debut in the First XI in round 8, and Old Collegian Mick O'Shea (Class of 86) notched up his 300th game for the Club on 5th December.

The Club delivers many more cricket options than other Premier sides. It has a Milo program (5-8 yo, 70 participants), T20 Blast (9-10yo, 30 participants), 2 Junior sides (rebuilding), 4 Senior Premier sides and 2 Senior sides in the VTCA which use St Bede's front oval as their home ground. There are plans for women's and all-abilities cricket, but these initiatives are some time away.

Overall, the merge has been an unqualified success. The Committee has been made up from 5 members from each of the original entities and there has been no issue that has divided us. The new players to the Club have brought a culture of absolute respect for the Club and the individual. Original Hawthorn members are pleasantly surprised at the crowd we pull on a Saturday afternoon down at Walter Galt Reserve, and fully support our ongoing relationship with St Bede's.

So, if you've got nothing to do on a Saturday afternoon over summer why not drop in at the "Galt" to see some of the best cricketers in the State play in the State's highest competition.

John R Noonan (Class of 79)

Administration Manager – Club Secretary KHCC



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The Hockey Club is enjoying the 'Off Season' with a few summer competitions we are participating in, but they do not carry the same weight as our normal winter season.

The most significant recent event was our AGM on the 18th November. Please find below the results of our AGM.

Executive Committee

Position	2015 Occupant	2016
President	Luke Cracknell	Luke Cracknell
Vice President	Scott French	Scott French
Treasurer	Mark Amott	Michael Somerton / Clare Somerton
Secretary	James Cracknell	James Cracknell

Extended Committee

Position	2015 Occupant	2016
Social Co-ordinator	Sinead Brady	Sinead Brady
Junior Co-ordinator	Peter Cracknell	Peter Cracknell
Assistant Junior Coordinator	Findlay Rayson	Findlay Rayson
Women's Co-ordinator	Findlay Rayson	Sinead Brady
Fundraising Coordinator	Vacant	Scott Machell
Sponsorship Coordinator	Vacant	Dave Byrnes
Old Collegians Representative	Jordy Schellebeck	Jordy Schellebeck
Website/Social Media Co-ordinator	Vacant	Findlay Rayson / Tom Barker
Newsletter	James Cracknell	Scott French
Uniform Co-ordinator	Vacant	Karen Rowe
Refreshments	Mark Bell	Tom Barker

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Regards,
Jordy Schellebeck



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The Finian 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 College, it was deemed most appropriate to name the foundation the Finian Foundation after Br 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 College. Over the past 4 years we have supported 39 disadvantaged families, totalling approximately \$53,000. All donations are fully tax deductible.

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.

No matter how large or small, your gift will make a difference to current and future Beda Boys.

A memory from John Keyte attended St Bede's College 1938– 1941

I was saddened by the death of Br Finian. A De La Salle Brother I greatly respected. His ability to meet and make welcome all old boys and to remember names was truly amazing. My time at De La Salle Malvern in 1937 and then as one of the new boarders at Mentone in 1938 with my brother Frank was a challenging experience for a twelve year old from Bairnsdale. A new school with none of the modern comforts enjoyed by our modern day students, but the beach was just over the road and that was a bonus.

Now aged 90 I almost feel like the last man standing...My education and experience at St Bede's College has enabled me to have a good life and a satisfying career and I know that the spirituality and temporal values will continue to be passed on to future generations, keeping our nation Christian.



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If you wish to make a donation to this worthy cause, please complete the following and mail to address below:

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Either EFT BSB 633 000 Account 153 375 118

OR

Cheque payable to "The Finian Foundation

Finian Foundation

C/o St Bede's Old Collegians Association,

2 Mentone Parade, Mentone, 3194

*PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS: 9582 5999.

Email: oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au



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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 recognised as 'Life Members'. These benefactors are now recognised 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 recognised 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 organising 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):

Stephen Ager	Peter Collins	Bill Hayes	William Moore
Michael Atherton	Terry Courtney	David Howard	Stephen Mulcahy
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	Aidan Graham		



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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:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Donation details:

I wish to make a donation of \$_____ (**\$250 minimum** donation for McCristal Membership)

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BSB 633 000 Account 153 375 787 *Please include your 'name' and 'McCristal Membership'*

OR

Credit Card Payment Details:

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Card number: _____

Expiry date: ____ / ____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Phone no. _____

Signature: _____

OR

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"St Bede's Old Collegians Association"

PLEASE EMAIL OR POST THIS FORM TO:

McCristal Membership

C/o St Bede's Old Collegians' Association,

2 Mentone Parade, Mentone, 3194

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT JO HYNES

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Volunteer La Salle Programs



Lasallian Volunteer programs operate in many parts of the world with a connection to the De La Salle Brothers. The programs provide dedicated Volunteers for a stipulated period of time in service to schools and agencies associated with the Brothers whose mission is to serve young people, especially those who are poor and marginalised. Acting out of faith, rooted in the Gospel, and sharing community with the Brothers and Lasallians, the Volunteers empower the poor by personalised service primarily through education. Lasallian Volunteers change the world for the better and discover themselves transformed in the process.

What is Volunteer La Salle?

Lasallian Mission Services offers Young Lasallian and their friends the opportunity to participate in either short or long term volunteer programs.

As a Lasallian Volunteer you are provided with an engaging, challenging, eye-opening experience. All programs include an induction, de-brief and formal recognition. You are able to apply for either a two week or eleven month program. Placements are located across Australia, New Zealand, Cambodia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Each program is supported by Lasallian Communities in those regions and these programs will change your life forever

Who can Volunteer?

Anyone over the age of 18 and in good health, with a strong commitment to helping those less fortunate can apply for one of our Volunteer Programs.

You should be a confident, outgoing, creative and passionate role model for young people. If you have a strong desire to live and inspire others with the values of St John Baptist de La Salle then you would be more than welcome to apply.



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Where can you Volunteer?

Volunteer Programs currently run across our Pacific/Asia region: Australia, New Zealand, Cambodia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. There are long term and short term program options depending on your availability for commitment. Long term programs run for eleven months with our short term programs beginning at just two weeks.

Programs Available

VLS Share The Mission—February-December (eleven month “Lasallian Gap Year”)

VLS Cambodia—January

VLS Balgo—January

VLS Papua New Guinea—February

VLS Indonesia—April

VLS Balgo—July

What next?

If you are interested in finding out more about the Volunteer Programs on offer then make contact with LMS—Young Lasallians Office today:

PO Box 3485, Bankstown Square

NSW 2200 Australia

Email: vls@delasalle.org.ai

Website: www.delasalle.org.au



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Wishing you and your loved ones all the Joy and Peace of the Christmas Season

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of the Beda Boys Bulletin. We are always looking for material to publish, so please send us your information to oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au or call Jo Hynes on 9582 5722.

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