# OLD COLLEGIANS

# Beda Boys Bulletin

# President's Welcome

Welcome to the 2018 June edition of the Beda Boys Bulletin. It was an absolute honour to be re-elected as President of SBOCA at the Annual General Meeting in April this year, and I sincerely thank our two new Vice Presidents, Tony Quint and Darragh Tate for nominating and accepting their important positions. I have no doubt they will both serve the Association and its membership diligently in the coming months, as I will certainly endeavour to do myself.

As we approach 2018 with enthusiasm we have a number of exciting ongoing activities, and some new initiatives in the pipeline. We certainly lived up to our motto of 'celebrating the past, enjoying the present, and shaping the future' by hosting the SBOCA Annual Dinner and Roll of Honour in May. At this event, we celebrated both the 80<sup>th</sup> Year of the College, and the outstanding contributions that the 2018 Roll of Honour inductees have made to that history.

The Dinner was held at the College and attended by the Principal Mr John Finn, members of the College Leadership Team, current and former Teachers and College staff, the College Captains James Hickey, Julian Taylor, and Darcy Tillbrook, and of course a strong contingent of past Beda Boys. Of note, two distinguished Old Collegians and community leaders were also present, namely Nick Staikos MP, the State Labour Member for Bentleigh and his cousin Councillor Steve Staikos the current Mayor of Kingston City Council.

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As part of the 80<sup>th</sup> Celebrations we also welcomed three guests who's relatives were members of the founding class of St Bede's College in 1938, namely Simon Quinn (whose father's cousin Frank Quinn was the first student to enrol in the College) and Drew and Simon Libbis (whose father Bill started in St Bede's in 1938 in grade 5). A celebration of history indeed.

The Role of Honour induction was the highlight of the evening during which the work and efforts of the inductees, namely Br Josephus, Paul Diggerson, Tricia McCormack, Chris Comas, Paul Swannie and Br Michael McCabe were recognised and celebrated in a moving series of tributes. Further details about the event follow in this edition of the Bulletin.

In addition to the Anniversary Reunions scheduled for 2018, we have also continued the Young Collegians "University Coffee Catch Up" events and hosted morning at Monash University and RMIT City Campus. Feedback to date confirms that these gatherings allow the newer Beda Boy graduates to maintain contact with each other and past students and the Association as they progress their education and prepare for their careers.

Briefly, other successful initiatives include;

(i) Delivery of the popular Careers
Night presentations to latter year St
Bede's students in March;
(ii) focused development of the Beda
Boy graduate database, including
launching of the Old Collegians App

and updating the Old Collegians website to facilitate and enhance regular contact with as many Old Collegians as possible; (iii) a renewed focus on developing alternative fundraising opportunities including launching of The Business Community Directory; and (iv) a series of initiatives under development to involve younger graduates with the SBOCA events in a proactive effort to strengthen the Association for future years. Finally, on the topic of the Finian Foundation, the ever popular Annual **Finian Foundation Fundraising** Breakfast and Golf Day will again be held at Woodlands Golf Club on Friday 26th October. Please mark the date in your calendar and keep a look out for further details.

In closing, I again must sincerely thank the principal Mr John Finn and the College Leadership Team and staff for all their support and the Association Executive Officer Jo Hynes for her boundless energy, enthusiasm, and organisational skill. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Bulletin.

Dr Jason Smythe SBOCA President



# A word from the Principal



I wish to acknowledge the welcome I have personally received from the Brother's Community, staff, students, parents and Old Collegians in my first year as Principal of the College. I understand that I have been given the responsibility to work with all of you so that we can lead this Community. I also appreciate that being the first Principal, who is not a Brother, brings with it a particular responsibility and a necessary and deep respect for the past.

This is the fourth Lasallian school I have worked in, the others being De La Salle College, St James College and La Salle College, Green Hills in Manila. I have also spent time with Catholic Education Melbourne in a travelling role. There is a great deal to be grateful for in being a

member of the St Bede's Community.

I don't say that lightly. I have been in 58 of the 68 secondary schools of Melbourne, working with staff in one way or another. This has reinforced my view that St Bede's is a fine school with continuing possibilities.

Importantly, I come to St Bede's with a refined admiration for the brothers, staff, students and families who, over the past 80 years, have gone before me. This reinforces our theme for this year, *Celebrate the Tradition, Live the Gospel*. It speaks of appreciating and treasuring our past, whilst making sure that we live out our Christian identity in ways that are relevant to the time in which we live. Jesus understood the people of his time. He often quoted scripture to them (their memories of the past), but he re-explained it in a modern way that they understood. We are called to do the same. Respect the past, but serve the present, through genuine servant leadership.

There have been a number of significant events that have taken place so far this year, many of which are recorded in our regular newsletters. Amongst those events have been Year 7, 9 and 12 Retreats, our 80<sup>th</sup> Mass celebration, Mission Action Day (MAD) walk and fundraising and multiple Academic, Performing Arts and Sporting activities.

In addition to the above, I wish to commend the Old Collegians Association on the reunions of the one year and ten year groups. Our 50th plus year reunion is about to take place. These are important occasions to reconnect with classmates and re-tell old tales. I was also delighted to attend the recent Roll of Honour evening recognising the significant contributions of a number of people who have given valiant service. The Coffee mornings held at Monash University for our past students have also been significant.

I wish Jason Smythe and his team every blessing as they lead the Association with great heart and vigour. I recently met with Jason and Tony Quint and feel that the Association is in good hands. It is important that our College has such strong connections to the Old Collegians where a partnership is evident and lived out; this benefits us all in the long term.

John Baptist De La Salle understood the concept of Community well. He expressed *faith, service and community* for the times in *which he lived*. Let us all ask St Bede the Venerable and St John Baptist De La Salle to bless us in all of our endeavors this year.

#### **Class Reunions**

Reunions are held every year to celebrate times past. Celebrations are held for the 1 Year, 10 Year, 20 Year, 30 Year, 40 Year and 50+ Year Class Anniversaries.

These events are traditionally held on a Friday evening through the year and hosted by the SBOCA and the College Principal.

The event begins with a warm welcome, drinks and canapés. Wood fired pizzas are served before a College tour commences. From here attendees drift off to the RSL over the road for further merriment!

The 50 plus reunion is held at lunchtime at a venue off site however a tour of the College is offered prior to the luncheon.

All Old Collegians are welcomed at the reunions.

Reunions provide a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, establish new relationships and networks and see how the College has changed.

We strongly encourage you to attend your milestone reunion

# **Recent Events**

#### **CLASS OF 2008**

#### **10 Year Reunion**

On a lovely March evening we welcomed back over 50 past students from the Class of 2008. Many had not been back to the College in ten years so there was plenty to catch up on! A wonderfully joyful group who thoroughly enjoyed their return to the College and no doubt the reminder of their evening at the RSL!



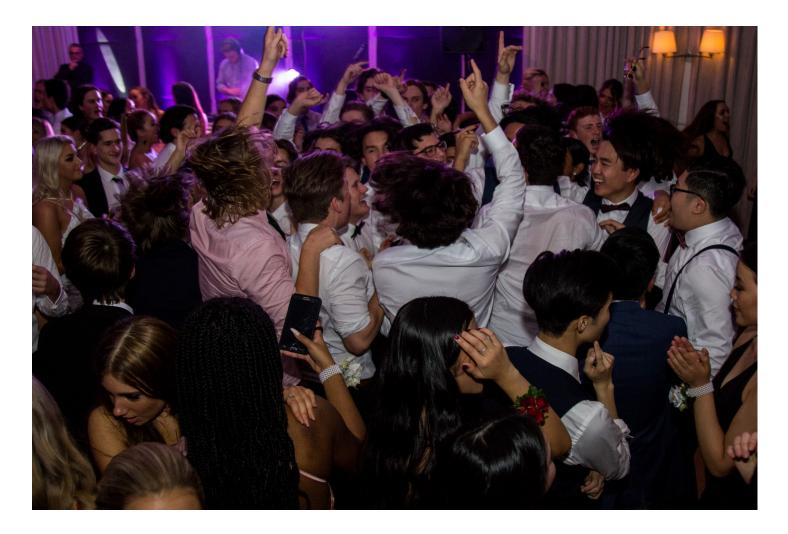
# **Recent Events**

#### **CLASS OF 2017 First Year Reunion**

Although having graduated only last year, many of our newest Old Collegians returned to the College in April for their first opportunity to meet as "Old Colls".

Many teachers were on hand to welcome the young men back and hear how life for them is tracking after school. We wish all our newest Old Collegians all the best in their endeavors and look forward to remaining in contact.

Due to a camera malfunction at the Reunion, we have included the below shot from Year 12 Formal 2017 in place of the reunion photos!



#### **Careers Insight Evening**

This is a unique and highly regarded initiative by the St Bede's Old Collegians Association in conjunction with the College Careers Department.

Old Collegians return to the College to provide insight into their chosen careers to current Year 9-12 students.

Presenters are asked to make a short, informal presentation about their career and then share a "question and answer" session with the students.

We offer a vast array of specialist across many, many industries.

If you are interested in presenting at our next Careers Insight evening please email: oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.e du.au

# **Recent Events**

#### **Careers Insight Evening**

With 65 former students returning to present to over 620 current students and their families, this years Careers Insight Evening proved a terrific success.

Presenters ranged from Builders, to Physios; Artists to Disc Jockeys. Policeman, Fireman, Medical Professionals, Accountants, the Military and all in between—there really was something for everyone to listen to.

We are extremely grateful for the support the College Careers Department gives to this event. The event provides a wonderful opportunity for Old Collegians to give back to the school community and is of tremendous benefit to current students.

The feedback from current students and their parents was extremely positive. The informal atmosphere provides the opportunity for plenty of interaction between presenter and student—many stories are shared.

Thank you to all those who presented at one of three session on the evening—I know many of you enjoyed it as much as the current students did!

We hope to see you back again next time.



# **Recent Events**











#### **SBOCA Annual Dinner**

The SBOCA is proud to host an Annual Dinner. Each year we recognize the significant contributions and achievements of people within our community.

Our Roll of Honour dinner, recognizes the outstanding dedication and achievements of Brothers, Teachers, Staff, Parents and Volunteers who have made significant contribution to St Bede's College.

Our Hall of Fame dinner recognizes the outstanding achievements of our former students.

For more information, including past recipients, please see our website:

<u>http://</u> <u>www.stbedes.catholic.ed</u> <u>u.au/old-collegians-</u> association/hall-of-fame/

#### **Recent Events**

# SBOCA Annual Dinner – Roll of Honour and 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

This years Roll of Honour dinner was held in the Hall of the College on a vey cold May night! The Hall was transformed into a wonderful dinner venue with many guest remarking how special it was to return to the College to celebrate.

Over 130 guests joined our Inductees Paul Diggerson, Tricia McCormack, Chris Comas, Paul Swannie and Br Michael McCabe in a evening filled with recognition, laughter and entertainment.

Peter "Wally" Wintle delighted the crowd with his banter and we were thrilled to welcome Kevin Egan who performed a live rendition from "Annie get your Guns".

It was an evening to come together and celebrate the College in its 80<sup>th</sup> year, reconnect with old friends and enjoy each others company.









# **Recent Events**















#### University Coffee Mornings

Following the success of our recent coffee morning trialed at Monash University Clayton Campus, this initiative will be rolled out to other Tertiary education facilities across Melbourne where St Bede's College past students attend.

The Uni coffee morning provides an opportunity for Young St Bede's Collegians to meet up with others on their campus. This could lead to networking, information sharing, new friendships and mentoring.

The aim is to keep these catch up's informal and provide a link to other St Bede's College students studying on campus via closed Facebook groups.

Stay tuned to when the Old Collegians will come to your campus— the first coffees are on us!

# **Recent Events**

#### **University Coffee Mornings**

**REVISED DATES FOR 2018** 

Wednesday 18 July from 11am Wednesday 25 July from11am RMIT City Campus Monash University Caulfield

More dates will be announced throughout the year If you would like to be a part of these mornings, or would like to host one at your University, please contact Jo at <u>oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au</u>



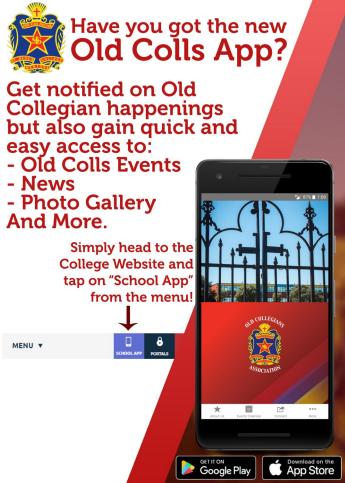
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#### Website Upgrade and Old Collegians App

The College website along with the St Bede's Old Collegians website has recently undergo a significant upgrade, making it easier to access on all forms of devices. Quick link <u>HERE</u>

As part of this upgrade, we have developed and Old Collegians App to keep you informed of all the latest happenings via your mobile phone. To upload the App, please see instructions here.

As you will understand with everything new there is a period of settling in where changes and additions will be made—please be patient as we work through issues as they arise!



#### **Class Reunions**

Reunions provide a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, establish new relationships, network and see how the College has changed.

Invitations will be sent to those Old Collegians whose email address we have on file. Please update your details via our website OR <u>HERE</u> to receive an invitation

# Reunions - Dates 2018



# 2018 Reunion Dates

Class of 1968 and before - 50 plus YearsFriday 15 Junewww.trybooking.com/WCIB

Class of 1998 - 20 Years
Friday 27 July www.trybooking.com/UCGY

Class of 1988 - 30 Years

Friday 24 August www.trybooking.com/UCHH

Class of 1978 - 40 Years Friday 16 November www.trybooking.com/UCHR

**Class of 1950's - 60 plus years** Monday 22 October RACV Club Melbourne CBD



# **Committee Meetings - Dates 2018**

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 be involved. The meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month during term time at 7.30pm in the Board Room of the College.

The meeting dates for 2018 are: Tuesday 13 February; Tuesday 17 April (SBOCA AGM and General Meeting); Tuesday 12 June; Tuesday 14 August; Tuesday 9 October and Tuesday 11 December.

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



# Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser Breakfast and Golf Day 2018 - Sponsors opportunity

# Friday 26 October 2018 Woodlands Golf Course

From 7am SPONSORS EARLY BIRD

We are looking for sponsors for the 2018 Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser. Sponsorship packages are available in Gold, Silver and Bronze plus Hole Sponsorship and Prize Sponsorship. These sponsorships offer the opportunity to donate, expose and market your company and participate in a great day out.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities that sell out fast, please contact Jo Hynes <u>oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au</u> or 9582 5722



#### Share your news

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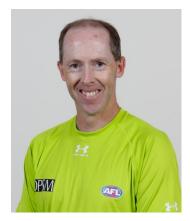
#### In The News



#### Captain Darren Grogan (Class of 1987)

This years ANCAZ Day march was lead by Old Collegian Daren Grogan and his father Marty. Marty is thought to be the longest servicing Serviceman in Australia (perhaps the world) with over 54 years of service. He was awarded an OAM for his support and services to Veterans.

After 30 years serving with the Navy, Captain Darren Grogan assumed Command of Sea Training Group in August 2017 and was recently appointed Captain of Australia's newest Naval ship currently being built in Spain.



#### Stephen McBurney (Class of 1985)

SBOCA Hall of Fame Inductee Stephen McBurney has been appointed the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner .

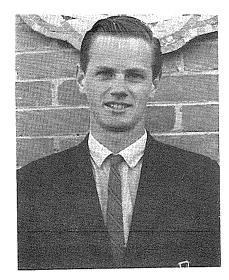
He began his five-year term in January after moving from his position with the Victorian Office of Chief Examiner.

#### Rob Caruana (Class of 2003)

This years Melbourne International Comedy festival provided Patrick with the opportunity to showcase his "circus of a show, a madcap, literally, zany- sprint through a thicket of gags, tricks and stunts" (Herald Sun). Patrick even managed a swim in the Yarra at the conclusion of his show!



# In The News



#### Danny O'Keeffe (Class of 1966)

Daniel Joseph O'Keeffe was awarded an OAM in this years Australia Day Honours for his services to Physics Education

In 1966 the signal honour of Dux of the College was bestowed upon Danny O'Keefe, whose distinguished record at St Bede's included winning the State Bank Bursary, a Commonwealth Secondary Scholarship and gaining the Matriculation prize in 1965 with an honour in physics.

#### Paul Groves (Class of 1999)

After playing amateur football at St Bede's/Mentone Tigers, under Luke Beveridge, Paul took up coaching football for the first time.

He first started coaching the women's game in 2011, when he assisted the AFL Victoria youth girls development team at the National Championships that year.

Paul was appointed as the inaugural head coach of the Western Bulldogs AFL Women's side in June 2016.

Earlier this year the Western Bulldogs triumphed over the Brisbane Lions to win the AFL Women's Grand Final .





# Patrick Collins (Class of 2012)

Patrick performed at this years Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

His show appealing to children of all ages followed the guest to find Evil Patrick the magic shoe thief!



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#### In The News



#### Dylan O'Keefe (Class of 2016)

Dylan O'Keeffe is an Australian racing car driver, competing in the Porsche Carrera Cup Australia Championship.

The Porsche Wilson Security Carrera Cup Australia grid featured four races during the Melbourne Grand Prix at Albert Park in April. Practice, qualifying and the first race was held on Thursday afternoon. With one race held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

After a roller-coaster weekend at the Australian Grand Prix, Dylan finished on a high in the final race of the weekend. After starting seventh on the grid, the team worked their way forward to finish second! They showed great pace and it was a true reflection of where they should have been all Grand Prix weekend.

#### Mike Hirst (Class of 1975)

SBOCA Hall of Famer and CEO of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, Mike Hirst, recently hit the streets to sell the Big Issue with long time seller Phil.

Says Mike: "I've learned a lot of skills from Phil... The thing about the Big Issue is it's giving people a hand up rather than a hand out.."



Mike will retire from his role as CEO of Bendigo and Adelaide in July.



#### **Colin McDonald**

Colin attended St Bede's College until finishing in Year 9 in 1967. His family moved and he finished his schooling at St Patrick's in Ballarat where he was Dux in 1970

Colin is a distinguished QC who worked out of Darwin and now lives in Bali. He has become an expert on the Indonesian legal system

Brother Cletus, who taught Colin whilst at St Bede's College, visited with his in 2004 along with Brother Kevin.

# **Business Directory**

#### **Opportunity knocks—St Bede's Community Business Directory**

The SBOCA is pleased to announce a very special opportunity for our Community...The St Bede's Community Business Directory as part of the website upgrade.

The Business Directory is accessible directly from the Webpage and will only be available to our Old Collegians and current College Community/Supporters to advertise within.

The Directory will be a searchable online resource via our Website and feature Old Collegians business information.

Sign up before September 1 2018 to receive FREE entry into the online Directory until July 1 2019. Cost will be \$99 per year (indexed) thereafter.

Do business and attract business from members of the St. Bede's Community. Also if you need a business, you can use services offered by Old Collegians and the college community.

# Take advantage of this great networking opportunity by completing

this simple **FORM** 



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# A Special Bond

#### **Eric Ludwick and Scott Benton**

We received a letter from Carol Benton about a special friendship formed at St Bede's College during the 1980's—we thank all for letting us share this story of faith and friendship...

I'd like to tell you about ex-St Bede's pupil, Eric Ludwick, as his story is a wonderful example of the power of faith and I thought that it might be interesting for an assembly or a lesson. Eric is happy to share his story and his message. Eric was at St Bede's in the 1980's with my husband Scott, and with Luke Green, who may well remember him.

Eric is one of the most joyful people I know. He is also in the terminal stages of motor neurone disease. He was diagnosed 6 years ago and was angry and frightened. Through Christian radio station Vision, he found a deep faith which has sustained him as the disease progressed. He has spent the last 2 years in a hospice on a respirator, with bodily movement and function diminishing day by day. He can now only just hold up his head and has the tiniest of movement in his hands.

Eric says that as his physical world diminishes, his spiritual life expands and it is full of more love and joy than he could ever have imagined. He believes that he was given MND so that he could learn, and share his learning with others.

He has always been a talented musician, and in the last year formed a partnership with two music therapists at the hospice. Together they have written, performed and recorded an album of songs.

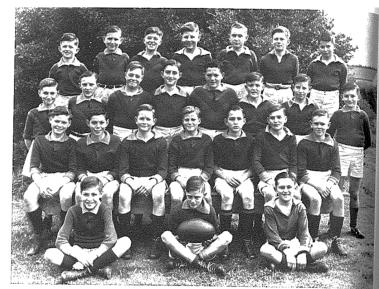
Eric believes his music is a gift from God and that he has a mission to share it. At his request, I wrote to Vision Christian Radio and told them his story. They recorded an interview with Eric, Scott and Stephan (one of the music therapists) and will play it, along with some of the music, next week. You can hear the recorded interview here. https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tYis7nUdyZSkoVtEBw -eZjG9JmOP6qE

If you're interested in hearing the songs, Scott has set up a website at <u>http://</u><u>www.bethlehemchapel.com.au</u> where you can listen to them. Eric's dream and vision is that his songs will help others to find the peace and joy that he knows.

PS - Eric and Scott were great mates all through primary school and St Bede's years, but lost touch at 18 when Eric moved to Queensland. He returned shortly after his diagnosis and initially lived with his parents in Chelsea, where we live. A chance meeting with Eric's dad saw Scott and Eric reconnect. Their friendship was reestablished, but on a different, much deeper and more spiritual level. Reconnecting with Eric spurred Scott to organize a lunch for their primary school friends - he was in touch with some, and went on a mission to find more. Word has spread and new people come to each lunch, including one who travelled specially from Queensland. We're having one next week for his 53rd birthday, at the hospice. I am sure 'Eric's lunches' will continue after he leaves us. That is another wonderful legacy of an awful disease.

# My Memories of St Bede's

#### Kevin Kelly (Class of 1949)



The Under-12s of 1947 Back row (l-to-r.) – W Carter, B Carkeron, G Colliny, T. Hall, J. O'Toole, B McGill, G. Salecha Middle (l-to-r.) – D Cohen, J. Naughlon, F. Hallinan, P Cavey, J. Harrivon, B Thomas, P Dravis, J. Sullivan Front (l-to-r.) – W Deegan, M. Murphy, P. Holohan, E. Moore, T Sheeran, B Harrivon, B Fitzpatrick Scated on ground (l-to-r.) – J. Williams, D. Smith, K. Kelly

I came from Iona in West Gippsland as a border in 1947and stayed for 3 years. As John Keyte points out we had little, or no, facilities.

For most of my stay there were no Lay teachers – only Brothers.

If my recollection is correct Mr Dale – who taught Geography, and was a returned Serviceman was the first Lay Teacher. He of course was nicknamed "Harry" (of Harry Dale The Drover fame).

*In those days there were only 300 students, including 100* 

Boarders and Br Lewis initially was in charge of the Boarders. We was replaced by the well-known Bro Alban, whose credo was principally "I know a man who knows a man"!

Bro Alban was not good at remembering names and referred to most of us as "Lads".

Because of the relatively low numbers - low when compared to the current 1550 (approx.) Wednesday afternoons was totally set aside for sport and participation was mandatory.

Monsignor Brian Walsh (referred to as "Mousey") was my first School Captain. He was of course a very big man and had a personality to go with it.

Brother Finian was my favourite then and remained so to the end. During his later years, I visited him regularly and the past pupils and what they were doing were really his life's interest.

I personally have a fairly long history at St Bede's College as I currently have 2 grandsons at the College, Gerard Kelly goes into Year 12 and Damian into Year 10 in 2018. There are Kelly numbers 9 and 10 at St Bede's College 4 sons, 5 grandsons and yours truly. It is a wonderful place



Sincerely Kevin Kelly (8/12/2017)

#### What's happening?

We often track down Old Collegians via social media-Facebook, LinkedIn to find out what they are up to know.

If you would like to keep us updated as to what significant events have happened in your life since leaving the College, we would love to hear from you.

# Where are they now?

Simon Quinn (Class of 1973)

We were thrilled to have Simon attended the Annual Dinner. Not only was Simon a past student but his fathers cousin, Frank Quinn, was the first student to be enrolled St Bede's College.

Simon is now the coordinator of Mordialloc Men's Shed—Men's Sheds are friendly environments that cater for men of all interests, ages and cultures. They serve as important meeting places for men to socialise, share life experiences and skills, make things, fix things and support each other and their local communities.

By supporting the social, emotional, psychological and physical wellbeing of men, they are also an important vehicle for maintaining men's health and for promoting healthy ageing.

Please contact the Old Collegians office via email: oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

More information on Mordialloc Men's Shed is available at the Men's Shed website: Men's Shed



#### Nicholas Cunningham (Class of 2015)

Nicholas joined the Australian Army after graduating St Bede's College in 2015.

He was one of only four Officer Cadets to be recently offered an opportunity to complete one Semester of studies at A&I University in College Station, Texas. Nicholas will return home later this year.

OR

call Jo Hynes on 9582 5722

#### June Edition

# Where are they now?

#### Daniel Bull (Class of 1998)

Daniel is an Australian explorer and adventurer. In May 2008, after surviving a day in the Death Zone, Daniel successful completed an unguided ascent of Mt Everest. At the age of 23, Daniel became one of the youngest Australians to climb Mt Ama Dablam in the Himalayas, a peak once described by Sir Edmund Hillary as "unclimbable".

Earlier this year after his successful bid ascending the highest volcano in Antarctica, Daniel has became the first Australian to climb the highest mountain and highest volcano on every continent.

Daniel Bull is the youngest person on the planet to achieve this feat.





#### John Riviere (Class of 1992)

John has had a rich career in Africa, spanning 15 years. He is currently located in Mauritius working in Media and Communications and the Managing Director at PR Professionals Mauritius.

PR Professionals is a public relations agency that offers a range of PR services from advisory and communication to market research and conference. John remembers his time at the College fondly and is a keen supporter of the Old Collegians Association.

# Sporting Club News



We are currently riding a wave of youthful success at the moment with our juniors. It has been very encouraging to see such enthusiasm from both the players and the coaches who are also doing a great job.

We are also very pleased with the success of our Women's side that has great depth and very good numbers at training.

The Men's first XI are coming into the Queen's birthday weekend off with a solid  $3^{rd}$ , but have so much more potential due to some inconsistencies with player availability. This has also provided an opportunity to give some of our emerging youth game time at a higher level too.

We are now seeing that youth crystallise positions in the Reserves team and also producing great personal growth and maturity on the field.

We are still looking for more players to join the ranks of our forth XI; it's never too late to join or return out of retirement. This side so far has been made out of fathers and sons playing together and some of our other players having to double up on the weekend to make up numbers. Please don't be discouraged if you have never played before as there are a few players in the same boat.

Training is only once a week on Wednesday nights, 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Mentone Grammar Playing Fields, 756-768 Springvale Rd, Braeside VIC 3195

# Sporting Club News



For all the latest news on the St Bede's Mentone Tigers, please visit their website: www.stbedesmentonetigers.com.au



For all the latest news on the Kingston Hawks Cricket Club, please visit their website: <u>http://kingstonhawthorn.vic.cricket.com.au/</u>



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.

# The Finian Foundation



The Finian 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. 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.



The Finian FOUNDATION

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