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Beda Boys Bulletin

President's Welcome

Season's greetings, and welcome to the year-end edition of the Beda Boys Bulletin. And what a great year for the Association 2018 has been. The successes were in no small part due to the outstanding efforts of the Committee and all the volunteers who put so much time and effort into serving the College community.

I sincerely thank our two Vice Presidents, Tony Quint and Darragh Tate for their diligent and tireless contributions, our Executive Officer Jo Hynes for her commitment, drive, and professionalism, and of course all those who contributed their time, expertise, and energy informally as volunteers and formally as Committee Members throughout the year.

This year SBOCA has continued to deliver a number of exciting programs, and has made significant progress in delivering several new initiatives focused on the younger College graduates. Again, it was my great honour as President to participate in the Graduation Mass at the College for Year 12 students in October and lead the traditional tie-swapping ceremony. I would again like to welcome the Class of 2018 as the newest life-members of the Association, and I wish them all the best as they begin their respective studies and careers after a well-earned Christmas Break.





President's Welcome (cont.)

SBOCA again 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 to recognise the 80th Year of the College, and the outstanding contributions that the 2018 Roll of Honour inductees have made to that history.

In terms of developing community, six Old Collegian Anniversary Reunions were held in 2018, and we have continued to focus on supporting the younger graduates with the popular "University Coffee Catch Up" events this year at Deakin University, Monash University and RMIT City Campus. We also hosted the ever popular Careers Night presentations in March this year at which 65 Old Collegians presented to over 620 St Bede's students and families, an event that was rated as a terrific success by the students and afforded a unique opportunity for Old Collegians to contribute to the life of the College.

In terms of enhanced communication, we have continued to develop the Beda Boy Graduate Database and launched the Old Collegians App to facilitate and enhance regular contact with as many Old Collegians as possible. We are also developing network opportunities such as The St Bede's Community Online Business Directory to facilitate connections between families of current and past students and members of the local community.

We have also relaunched the McCristal Club as the Beda Boys Brotherhood to provide non-monetary support to Old Collegians (by Old Collegians) who by virtue of their personal circumstances require some form of assistance to cope with their current situation.

Finally, the always popular Finian Foundation Fundraising Breakfast and Golf Day was again held at Woodlands Golf Club on Friday 26th October. This popular and important community event raises funds for the Finian Foundation that can then be used to provide financial support to families of students in their final years at St Bede's who have encountered hardship, and a special thanks to all our sponsors on the day.

In closing, I must sincerely thank the Principal, Mr John Finn, the College Board, the College Leadership Team and all the staff for their ongoing confidence and support. I hope you enjoy reading about the activities of your SBOCA in this December Bulletin, and I look forward to working with you in the future as we jointly continue to build the Old Collegians community in service of the College in the Lasallian tradition.

Wishing you all a happy family Christmas, and a safe and prosperous New Year.



A word from the Principal



As I reflect on my first year, I recall the many events that have reinforced for me the heritage and traditions of St Bede's College. There is no doubt that a great sense of loyalty and pride pervades this Community. It exists in the boys who attend the College today and it is alive within the many Old Collegians who have called this school their home.

Whilst being alert to never compromising on such a wonderful legacy, there is also a sense that we need to ensure we educate our young men for the times in which they live. Many societal trends have changed considerably in a relatively short time, marked by variations in the world of work, family structures and community expectations.

This is the challenge for St Bede's College; be true to the reasons for our foundation ("By Right Paths") whilst educating within context.

It has been a privilege for me to attend Old Collegians functions this year, including the dinner and the many reunions. Whilst every gathered group has been different, there is a striking similarity in the way in which *Old Boys* express gratitude and affection to the Brothers and staff who helped them on their journey to manhood. I have heard hundreds of stories of times past that help to explain our present. The College only exists because of the work of the De La Salle Brothers, committed lay staff and thousands of families who saw that a Lasallian education offered practical support and hope for an optimistic future.

There are many wonderful activities that have taken place over the course of the year and these are well recorded in the 2018 Yearbook which has just been published and available on our website. Our Year 12 cohort finished the year with great purpose, dignity and a deep sense of appreciation. The Valete evening was a highlight of the year. We ask the Lord for every blessing on them with their life choices.

I wish to express my thanks to all those within the St Bede's Community for your warm welcome and words of advice and affirmation. A particular thank you to the President, Jason Smythe and the Committee of the Old Collegians and to Jo Hynes for her fine work with the Association. I know that the multiple events held throughout the year are designed to keep a connection with the College and this is essential for a healthy Community. I have also heard of future plans that will enable this to an even greater extent and I encourage all Old Collegians to take up the opportunities presented.

May the Christmas season to come be one of hope, joy and fulfilment for you and your families.

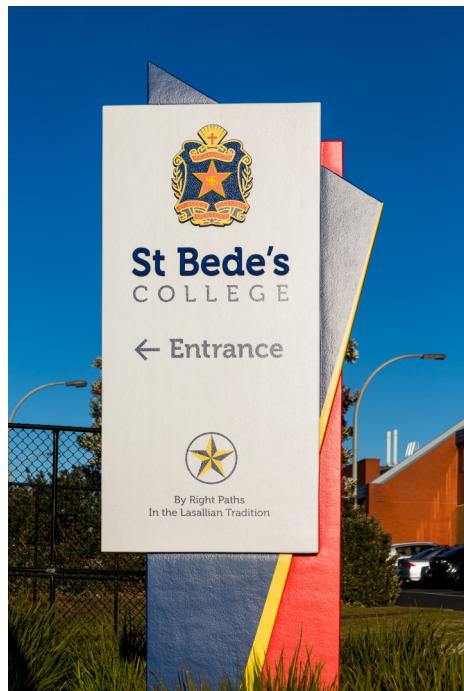
Per Vias Rectas

John Finn
Principal

St Bede's College Board Report

From The Chair of the Board—
Anthony Brinkley (Class of 1980)

In 2018 we mark the eightieth year of St Bede's providing Catholic education to boys in the Lasallian spirit. In my previous note to the Old Collegians, the College Board sought volunteers from the Old Collegians, Parents and Friends and the broader community to become members of the Board and contribute further to the success of St Bede's. We received an overwhelming response, with 36 very capable people expressing interest, including many Old Collegians. I wish to thank you all for your interest and support.



We have appointed four new Directors to the College Board, two of whom are Old Colls – Sal Algeri and Simon Libbis, making a total of four Old Collegians on the Board, with others providing valuable assistance on Board Committees.

Our other Directors are: Mr Geoff Worrell (also new in 2018), Ms Carol Benton (new in 2018), Greg Adkins, Marg Burge, Br Chris Gorringe, Stephen Gallagher, Andrew McLoughney, Russell Saunders and myself. We also farewell three directors: Deborah Mullan, who has been a Board member since 2007; to Julianne Miller, who has served on the Board since 2014; and also to Greg McKillop, having served since 2015. They have made outstanding contributions to the life of St. Bede's through their ideas, dedication and hard work. A great feature of our Board composition is that it includes representatives who are current parents of students, parents of past students, Old Collegians and Lasallian educators, providing a really strong skills mix.

On behalf of the Board, I'd also like to reflect on a few key points that are topical to our school in 2018. Firstly, I wish to express sincere appreciation to our new Principal, Mr. John Finn, as he completes his first year here at St Bede's. As our first lay Principal, John has brought a progressive and global approach to St Bede's across the teaching and learning; student wellbeing and development; and College administration areas. In doing so, he has also brought a strong focus and reverence to the values of St John Baptist De La Salle and the legacy of the Brothers who contributed so strongly to the development of St Bede's in years gone by. John recently led the process to revise our College Vision and Mission Statements, through a very



St Bede's College Board Report

collaborative process – this process generated a tremendous amount of goodwill as we developed the words that define our mission as St Bede's College.

Secondly, the Board, supported strongly by John and the College staff, has reaffirmed its ongoing commitment to ensuring St Bede's is a child safe school. In the wake of the Royal Commission into institutional responses to child abuse, St Bede's has implemented the recommendations relating to improved child safety and reporting.

This year has also marked the transition of school governance from the De La Salle Trustees (the Brothers) to the Lasallian Mission Council (LMC). LMC is a fully-constituted skills-based Board that will provide oversight to St Bede's and the other Lasallian schools. St Bede's will remain an incorporated non-profit organisation, now reporting to the LMC.

From a facilities perspective, we recently opened the final stage of the ICT and Technology Centre, completing the latest building phase of our masterplan. We are now developing a refreshed masterplan as part of our 2019-2023 Strategic Plan.

St Bede's ongoing success over many years has been a credit to the commitment of many people: our Principal, the Brothers, teachers, staff, parents, friends and Old Collegians, working to deliver a quality Lasallian education to our young men. We look forward to further successes in 2019 and beyond.

Kind regards



Anthony Brinkley
Chair, St Bede's College



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 1968 and Before 50+ Year Reunion

In October it was a pleasure to welcome The “Old Boys” from the Classes of 1938-1959 as they gathered at the RACV Club in Melbourne. A delightful group of men who reminisced, told some tall stories and showed great interest in the College of today.

The guest speaker, Paul Steinfert, is himself an Old Collegian. He spoke of the many amazing projects his company have managed both new and far with particular focus on the current state of Indigenous affairs in Utopia, Central Australia.

Special thanks to Ron Farrell for the coordination of this very special event.



From left to right: Kevin Larkin, Brian Wilson, Jim Johnson, Br Michael Lynch, Barry Weston, Cliff Shanks, Gerry Leahy, Peter Cleal, Brian Milnes, Colin Faulkner, Tom Millet, Barry Martin, Gerry Anderson, Des Croke, Kevin Egan, Michael Howell

Ron Walker, Rupert Hood, Pat Lee, John McDonald, Ron Farrell



Recent Events

Class of 1998 20 Year Reunion

It was wonderful to welcome back the Class of 1998 for their 20 Year reunion. Fond memories were shared and plenty of new ones made! The group was thrilled to tour the College and visit old haunts, a couple wondering whether or not the “Lecture Theatre had shrunk?!”



Recent Events

Class of 1988 30 Year Reunion

The Class of 1988 were welcomed back in August to celebrate their 30 Year Reunion. It is always so encouraging to listen to these men who appreciated their time at the College and have gone on to work in such diverse areas. The common theme was one of gratitude. The Class of 1988 were pleased to hear of recent happenings and to view the very different facilities that now exist on-site. A number of these men now have sons who will be making their own pathways through St Bede's in the years to come.



Recent Events

Class of 1978 40 Year Reunion

It was wonderful to welcome back a large group of students and teachers from the Class of 1978 for their 40 Year Reunion on Friday 16 November. Many had not been back to the College since they had graduated. Hearing stories, observing mates reconnect, seeing interaction with former teachers and giving past students the opportunity to see how the College looks today are all integral in the success of these evenings.

A particular mention and thanks to all the past teachers who were in attendance including Leo Gamble, Peter Wintle, Br Michael McCabe, Br Lawrence King, Br Paul Smith (who was Principal at the time), John Rhoden, Tony Vaughan, Gerri Keays and Paul Swannie. As Paul said, *"I am constantly amazed as to how even the most trivial incidents remain in memories 40+ years later."*



Finian Foundation

Supporting current St Bede's students in Years 11 and 12 whose families may be experiencing financial difficulties by providing bursary assistance and "Back to School" packs

Recent Events



Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser-Breakfast and Golf Day

Another glorious morning greeted us for the 6th Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser Breakfast and Golf Day at Woodlands Golf Club. Thank you to all those who attended and contributed to another successful fundraising day for the Finian Foundation.

The breakfast was very well attended and Peter Summers (Old Collegian and immediate Past President St Kilda Football Club) presentation was both insightful and entertaining. The clouds cleared for the 8.30am shotgun start and we had 14 teams out on the glorious Woodlands Golf Course.

Some fine (and not so fine!) golf was played before players returned to the Clubhouse for a few drinks and a well-earned BBQ lunch.

The winners of the Ambrose Tournament with a score of 53.5 were Charles Moscato, Mark Ryan, Blair Hutchinson and Andrew Jones. Runners up with a score of 56.75 were Rob Tennant, Jono Holt, Matt Phillips and Robert Pertich.

Nearest to the pins were Kingsley Anthonisz (5th hole) and John Hatherley (11th hole). While longest drives were won by Rob Tennant (9th hole) and Cameron Clark (15th hole).

A particular word of thanks to our very generous guest speaker Peter Summers who donated his time; and our sponsors McMullan Solicitors, Godfrey Pembroke, Crocs Play Centre, Master Flooring and Tobin Brothers Funerals. Rob Tennant from Abacus Visual Solutions for his time, experience and all the printing; AJ Williams from Urban Brewery for prize donation and Tony Quint for his very generous donations of the raffle wines (that are highly contested every year).

Diary Date for 2019:

Friday 25 October

A few images overleaf. All photos from the day are on our website:
www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/old-collegians-association/old-colls-news/

Recent Events

Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser—Breakfast and Golf Day





University Coffee Mornings

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.

Old Colls Café

Pop by for a coffee, chat and something yummy to eat on the first Wednesday of every month at the College from 4pm-5pm.

Hope to see you there!

Recent Events

University Coffee Mornings

It was wonderful to see a range of Old Colls drop by for a coffee at RMIT in July. Not only those who had recently graduated from the College but also a pleasure to welcome Anthony Forsyth (Class of 1987) who is currently on staff at RMIT to provide guidance and advice to the current RMIT students



Uni Coffee Morning Dates for 2019

Monday 25 March	Monash Clayton	11am-1pm
Tuesday 26 March	RMIT City Campus	11am-1pm
Wednesday 27 March	Swinburne Hawthorn	11am-1pm
Monday 1 April	Monash Caulfield	11am-1pm
Tuesday 2 April	Deakin Uni Burwood	11am-1pm

Hope to see you then for a FREE coffee, snack and chat!

Recent Events

Old Colls Café

2019 will see the introduction of the Young Colls Café. The aim of the café is to provide a place at the College for our younger graduates to drop in, catch up for a chat and coffee with other Young Colls and staff and remain in contact. This casual event will be held monthly at the College—we encourage any Young Coll's, particularly those who have just graduated to drop by!

Hope to see you then!

Old Colls Café Dates for 2019

Wednesday 6 March	4pm-5pm
Wednesday 3 April	4pm-5pm
Wednesday 1 May	4pm-5pm
Wednesday 5 June	4pm-5pm
Wednesday 7 August	4pm-5pm
Wednesday 4 September	4pm-5pm
Wednesday 9 October	4pm-5pm
Wednesday 6 November	4pm-5pm
Wednesday 4 December	4pm-5pm



Website Upgrade and Old Collegians App

The College website along with the St Bede's Old Collegians website has undergone a significant upgrade, making it easier to access on all forms of devices. Quick link [HERE](#)

As part of this upgrade, we have developed an 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!

 **Have you got the new Old Colls App?**

Get notified on Old Collegian happenings but also gain quick and easy access to:

- Old Colls Events
- News
- Photo Gallery
- And More.**

Simply head to the College Website and tap on "School App" from the menu!



Get it on Google Play Download on the App Store

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 [HERE](#) to receive an invitation

Reunions - Dates 2019



2019 Reunion Dates

Old Collegians Reunions 2019

Class of 2009	10 Year Reunion	Friday 22 February
Class of 2018	1 Year Reunion	Friday 3 May
Class of 1969	50+ Years Reunion	Friday 21 June
Class of 1999	20 Year Reunion	Friday 26 July
Class of 1989	30 Year Reunion	Friday 30 August
Class of 1979	40 Year Reunion	Friday 15 November

Reunions are held at the College on Friday evenings between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. Food and Drinks are served and the opportunity to tour the College is also provided. These events really are very special and we encourage you to attend. Our database always requires updating so if you know anyone in the above groups, please send their contact details to:

oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au so they don't miss their invitation!



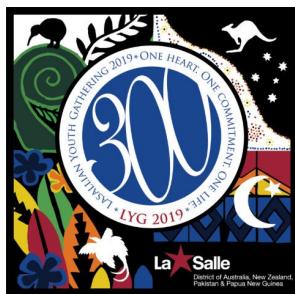
Committee Meetings - Dates 2019

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 2019 are: Tuesday 12 February; Tuesday 23 April (AGM); Tuesday 18 June; Tuesday 13 August; Tuesday 8 October; Tuesday 10 December.

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

Sponsorship - APLEC and LYG



Next year Australia will host the Asia Pacific Lasallian Educators Conference in April in Melbourne. We will also host the Lasallian Youth Gathering. Both events are seeking sponsors. This provides a wonderful opportunity with great exposure.

For more information please click the links below:

[APLEC 2019](#)

[LYG 2019](#)

Thank you for your interest



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In The News



Eddie Perfect (Class of 1995)

Eddie Perfect has composing credits on TWO of the most eagerly awaited new musicals of this season -both King Kong (which opened on Broadway in November) and Beetlejuice (previewed at Washington DC'S National Theatre in November and will transfer to New York in April).

Sam Hyland (Class of 1992)

Training as a jockey from a young age, Sam had a fall when he was 32 fracturing a C1 in his neck; C7 in his back and breaking his collarbone effectively ending his riding career. After a year off Sam returned to the Racing Industry working on the Racing Channel TVN giving mounting yard tips and horseback interviews on Race Days.

Sam was a Trackwalker for six years and has recently enjoyed being a part of the SEN's radio coverage of the Spring Carnival. Racing is in his blood!



Scott Boland (Class of 2007)

Old Collegian and St Bede's College Cricket Hall of Champions Scott Boland has enjoyed terrific Sheffield Shield form this season already boasting two five wicket hauls.

"I'm just trying to bowl my best every time I play and I'm lucky I've got good players around me which makes my job easier.

"I don't think we've had to field for more than 85 overs yet so when I bowl I'm fresh and ready to go."

In The News

Father Dean Mathieson, O.F.M. Cap. (Class of 1995)

In August this year, Melbourne's newest second hand bookshop opened within the grounds of Sts Peter and Pauls in South Melbourne - aptly name The Friars Bookshop. This community initiative is run by the Capuchin Friars and led by Old Collegian and Parish Priest Fr Dean Mathieson, "at its heart this is a community space for people to gather and to just be." The space offers a place of connection within the community not just for Catholics but for the wider community.

The Capuchin Friars have been at Sts Peter and Paul's for almost seven years and provide meals and hospitality for people living in poverty.



Jordy Schellebeck (Class of 1989) and Peter Cracknell (Class of 1975)

Jordy and Peter represented Victoria in the Australian Master Hockey Championship held in Lisbourne in September this year.

At national level, each year the men's and women's Masters Australian Championships are contested between representative teams from each state and territory. The Championships are some of the biggest hockey events in the country.

The men's competition begins with the very competitive over 35s through to an as competitive over 75s division, with each division in between. Some 1800 players and coaching teams plus supporters descend onto the host city for two weeks of great hockey and even better camaraderie.



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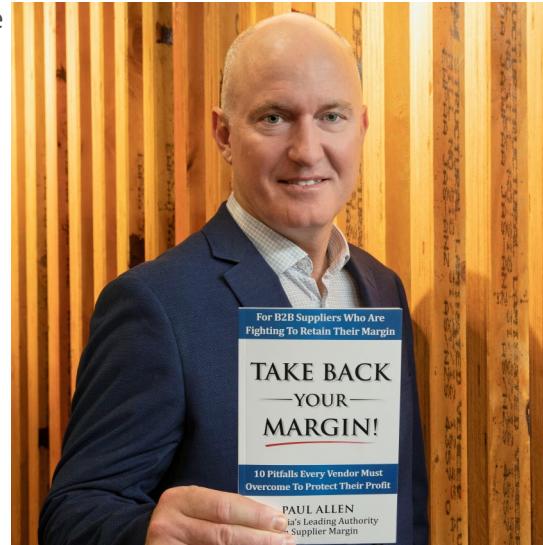
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In The News

Paul Allen (Class of 1987)

Paul recently launched his first book—Take Back Your Margin! It brings together 25 Years of Corporate immersion; combines it with the experience of selling to some of the world's most sophisticated procurement people and adds in a behavioural perspective from some of Australia's best Business Leaders. Paul is currently a Director at Marin Partners and has been a regular presenter at our Careers Insight Evenings.



Jack Enciondo (Class of 2014)

Former student Jack Enciondo played baseball in Columbia representing Australia in the Under 23's World Cup. The best 23-year-old baseball players in the world—spanning five nations and 3 continents (Americas, Asia and Oceania)—are represented in this competition. The placement in the World Cup helps Australia qualify for the Olympic Games held in Japan in 2020. Mexico were the winners of the World Cup with Australia finishing ninth.

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. Do business and attract business from members of the St Bede's Community.

**Take advantage of this great networking opportunity by completing
this simple [FORM](#)**



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Around the College

Ilott Family

Jack Ilott commenced at St Bede's College in Year 7 this year. His father Matthew was a graduate of the College in the Class of 1988 and his Grandfather; John attended the College until 1956. This makes Jack a third generation St Bede's student.

Jack's grandparents, Maureen and John (dec) have 21 grandchildren from their 4 children. Matthew is the only son.

Matthew's sister, Melinda Hewitson, has a son Xavier currently in Year 8 at the College and his sister, Lisa Tuke, has a son Finn in Year 9. Her other sons Kieran (2012), Eamon (2013) and Seamus (2015) are all Old Collegians.

Jack is loving life at St Bede's taking advantage of all the activities and opportunities the school has to offer. Matthew has fond memories of St Bede's, particularly the school camps, ACC competitions and sports carnivals. He is pleasantly surprised by the number of his old teachers still at the school and those that were past students as well. "Whilst the school has changed dramatically over the years, it still has the same great 'Beda Boy' feel. Hopefully Jack will enjoy St Bede's school life as much as his grandfather and I did."

Youth Ministers

We are delighted with the appointment of two new Youth Ministers to the College. Matthew Crowley and Joshua Cant (both from the Class of 2016) will join Matt Blake (Class of 2015) in his team. Having recent students engage in a faith filled, respectful and practical manner enables St Bede's current students to see young role models in action. We wish the team every blessing for their work.



Around the College



2018 College Leaders Darcy Tilbrook, James Hickey and Julian Taylor

In Honour of the De La Salle Brothers

From the 2018 College Captain James Hickey during his final address to the College:

2018—A year that signified change through the induction of our first lay Principal Mr John Finn, but also remembers our rich 80 year history - it is fitting that the Year 12 cohort bestow a gift that celebrates the work of our Lasallian Brothers. Turning boys into men whilst instilling core values of our Catholic tradition is no easy task and the Brothers have managed to do this to such a great extent without creating animosity, through respect and tradition. The water fountain is our way of paying homage and saying thank-you for years of service on behalf of Beda Boys both past and present, the legacy of the Lasallian Brothers will always remain integral to the life of a St Bede's student as we continue to strive and live by right paths.



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A special Celebration

Michael Buck (Dux—Class of 2011)

Michael was ordained as a Deacon in Rome on Tuesday 27 October this year. Michael is currently a resident at the North American College and is studying at the Georgian University. From Michael:

In 2010, when I was in Year 11 at St. Bede's, I was sent by the College to Rome as our representative on an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the first Australian Saint. It was an amazing experience on which I still look back with fondness and gratitude. In particular, I can remember how I was awe-struck by Saint Peter's Basilica. I was moved by its enormous size and architectural beauty, as well as the way it seemed to incarnate Catholicism, and the prayerful and other-worldly atmosphere of the place, even in the midst of many tourists.

I could hardly have imagined at that time that a mere eight years later I would be solemnly processing into the same Papal Basilica to be ordained as a deacon of the Church. At the time, I was certainly struggling with the question of what to do with my life and what God willed for me, and the possibility of the priesthood was a part of that, but I wasn't sure about what would happen after school, and I certainly couldn't have known that after spending three years in the seminary in Melbourne I would be sent to Rome to continue my studies here. It certainly is something which speaks to me of the way the hand of God is so often at work in our lives, even though we might only perceive it some years later.

For me, it was a great joy to give my life to Christ from whom I have received everything, and I was blessed to be joined by my family as well as many friends and priests from home to support me and share in such a unique moment. Many hours of prayer in the chapel at Saint Bede's, and the witness of men who had consecrated their lives to God, all helped me to make the decision to respond to God which led me to this moment. The witness of the brothers at St Bede's will always be strong in my mind, especially those whom I was privileged to know personally and learn from in my years at St Bede's and beyond. I remain very grateful for my years at the College and I was certainly well-aware of the prayers and support for me from St Bede's in the lead up to my ordination.

Having been ordained to the sacred order of the diaconate, I am now a cleric and committed for the rest of my life to celibacy, obedience and prayer. Nevertheless, the diaconate is a transitional phase and I will be ordained to the priesthood in Melbourne hopefully next year. Please pray for me in this final stage of preparation for the priesthood, as I promise my prayer for all of you!



A Special Celebration (cont..)



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.

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Where are they now?

Brad Berry (Class of 1982)

St Bedes/Mentone Tigers Amateur Football Club is pleased to announce that Brad Berry has been appointed U/19s head coach for the 2019 season.

Brad returns to the Tigers VAFA section of the club after a successful four-year stint with the TAC Cup Sandringham Dragons F.C.



Brad has had a 3-decade long association with the SBMT, SMJFL and the VAFA. His remarkable coaching longevity across senior and junior footy, from grassroots through to the elite talent pathway has built an impressive C.V. A four peat of flags spread across SBMT and Old Brighton F.C and a famous SBMT U/11 junior flag amongst his favourites in the highlight package.

Brad was a member of the inaugural SBMT AFC premiership side of 1993.

He is a SBMT AFC Hall of Famer and a SBMT AFC Life Member



Evangelos Efthimiadis (Class of 2013)

Evangelos is currently an Assistant strength and conditioning coach at Collingwood Football Club VFLW squad. He is a strength and conditioning intern at Ore Advantage and also a Practical Instructor at Deakin University.

Where are they now?



Sam McNally (Class of 1971)

Sam attended St Bede's until 1971. Sam enjoys excellent health and has had a successful life. He has achieved a lot in his life since the days of attending classes at St Bede's College.

During his last three years at the College, Sam was a member of a music group with several colleagues – most of whom he is still in regular contact with. They include, Brenton White, Russell Stork and Chris Fogarty - all of whom have gone on to have good lives and careers, Brenton and Russell in music, and Chris as a medical professional.

Sam went on to be a member of the successful group Stylus (1974-1979) and has recorded with and/or tour with Tommy Emmanuel, Marcia Hines, John Farnham, Air Supply, Tim Finn and many, many more artists. In recent years he has worked

with several Australian Idol and The Voice contestants. Sam is presently producing a Singer/Song Writer from Bangkok Thailand. He has travelled overseas at least 40 times and has lived in Malaysia, Japan and China.

Stylus still performs and Sam is one of the three founding members in the current line-up. He credits St Bede's with giving him "a lot to be thankful for."

Thomas Smith (Class of 2007)

From Thomas' LinkedIn profile: "After working in the construction industry as a Plumber for 8 years, I decided to pursue my dream job as a teacher. I am now studying a Bachelor of Education (Secondary) in order to become a secondary school teacher, majoring in English and History."

Plumbing provided me with many years of experience working independently and also in teams. I was a bar manager and receptionist in Loki Hostel, located in Lima, Peru for 6 months. I have recently been employed as a seasonal surf instructor, which dealt with various nationalities of all ages. Studying online provides me with opportunities to be flexible with my time management."



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.

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

OR

call Jo Hynes on 9582 5722



Where are they now?

Rear Admiral Jonathon Dallas Mead (Class of 1982)



Jonathon joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1984 and graduated in 1986 with a Diploma of Applied Science. He specialises in Mine Clearance Diving and Explosive Ordnance Disposal and after serving as EO of Clearance Diving Team One he undertook Principal Warfare Officer training.

A succession of warfare postings then followed, including: Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer in HMAS *Melbourne* and HMAS *Arunta*, Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Executive Officer of HMAS *Arunta*.

In 2005, Commander Mead took command of HMAS *Parramatta* and saw active service in the North Arabian Gulf as part of Operation CATALYST in 2005-06; for this his ship was awarded a Meritorious Unit Citation and he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). He undertook studies at the Indian National Defence College in 2007 after which Captain Mead was appointed as Australia's Defence Adviser to India. Promoted to Commodore, in July 2011, he deployed to the Middle East where he commanded Combined Task Force 150, responsible for maritime counter terrorism, during October 2011-April 2012 and he was consequently awarded a Commendation for Distinguished Service, in 2013, for his service in the Middle East region. Upon his return to Fleet Headquarters in 2012, he served as Commander Surface Force. In January 2015, he was promoted to Rear Admiral and assumed the position as Head Navy Capability.

Rear Admiral Mead holds a Masters Degree in International Relations, a Masters Degree in Management and a PhD in International Relations. He is the author of *Indian National Security: Misguided Men and Guided Missiles* published in 2010.

Rear Admiral Mead assumed the position of Commander Australian Fleet on 19 January 2018.

Where are they now?

Nathan Ferlazzo (Class of 2002)

Marini Ferlazzo works with not-for-profit organisations to support wildlife conservation and animal welfare.

Its founder, artist Nathan Ferlazzo, shares his love of nature and wildlife through his intricate illustrations. His aim is to inspire others to engage in the conservation of, and respect for, animals.

A percentage of each sale is donated to partners including Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary, World Animal Protection, Australian Wildlife Conservancy and Australian Koala Foundation.



Satbir Singh (Class of 2007)

Satbir is a practicing lawyer at Coulter Roache. The firm performs a significant amount of Community work, including the promotion of well-being and mental health amongst students. Satbir recently sat on a panel at Deakin University discussing and answering questions about stress management in the legal profession.



Sporting Club News

1968 Mentone Tigers Premiership Team reunion

Recently a reunion was held at the St Bede's/ Mentone Tigers Football Club to celebrate the 1968 Mentone premiership team, the 1968 St Bede's OC premiership team, and the 1993 St Bede's/Mentone Tigers premiership team. Below is a photograph of the Old Collegians winning team from 1968

Grand Final, 7 September 1968

St Bede's OB 8.25.73 defeated Dingley 8.8.56

Best Players: J. Serong, P. Steinfort, A. Vaughan, G. Larkin, J. McCarthy, K. Cotter, J. Varney, A. Raso.

Goal Kickers: P. Steinfort 3, J. Bradbury 2, K. Cotter 1, J. Varney 1, A. Vaughan 1.

Back Row: Jerome Stuart, Bill Rhoden, Paul Steinfort, Jack Reid, Peter Smith, Dave Garland, Tony Vaughan, Peter Cooper, Tony Allen, Theo Peters, Dave Colquitt, Jim McCarthy, Kev Cotter, Dick Danckert

Front Row: Jim Serong, John Norton, Gary Larkin, Tony Constantino, Fred Gattuso, John Varney, Paul McCarthy, Gerry Shannon, Ange Raso



Sporting Club News



For all the latest news on the St Bede's Old Collegians Hockey Club please visit their website: <http://web.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/Other/stbedeshc/about/old-collegians.html>



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: <http://kingstonhawthorn.vic.cricket.com.au/>



Beda Boys Brotherhood

St Bede's Old Collegians volunteer assistance network.



The objective of the BedaBoys Brotherhood is to provide non-monetary support for Old Collegians, who by virtue of their personal circumstances require some form of assistance in order to effectively cope with their current situation.

VOLUNTEERING The BedaBoys Brotherhood is based on the concept of Old Collegians volunteering time to assist fellow Old Collegians who are experiencing difficult circumstances and require some form of assistance. You may be able to assist with tasks in areas of your expertise to assist an Old Collegian in need – ie. cook a meal, provide travel arrangements, help with the garden, assist with advice, provide regular contact etc. This is a non-monetary support service. Volunteering to the BedaBoys Brotherhood provides us with a comprehensive list of those able to assist. A Register will be kept of members who can be contact by the Association should a need arise.

RECOGNITION Volunteering to BedaBoys Brotherhood will register the volunteer who will be listed as a member of the BedaBoys Brotherhood. Previously, Old Collegians who contributed to a special life membership levy were recognized as 'Life Members'. These life members were accorded McCristal Membership status as all past students are considered to be Life Members. As a follow on from this, these previous McCristal Members are members of the BedaBoys Brotherhood.

To register your interest , please complete form [HERE](#)

The St Bede's Old Collegians' Association sincerely appreciates the generous support of the following past McCristal Members who now automatically become part of the BedaBoys Brotherhood. Names [HERE](#)

In Memoriam

John Bernard Ahern (Class of 1975)

John entered eternal life on 5 August 2018. He fought a courageous battle with cancer and is now at peace. Sincere condolences to his wife Julie and children James, Georgia and Alison. May he rest in peace.



Br Peter Gilfedder

Entered eternal life 3 July 2018.

Br Peter was born in St Kilda and was a De La Salle Brother for 68 years. He worked in diverse ministries in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Papua New Guinea and Africa. Br Peter was also the Executive Secretary for the General Council in Rome for 10 years.

We pass on our prayers, thoughts and condolences to his family, the Mentone Brother's Community and to the wider Community of Brothers throughout the District. May he rest in peace.

Peter Whitty (Class of 1971)

Peter entered eternal life in September 2018. Peter was a Boarder at St Bede's originating from Finlay in NSW. May he rest in peace



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

Donation Form

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BPay Biller Code: 220 186

***Cheque payable to "The Finian Foundation"**

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St Bede's Old Collegians Association (SBOCA)

This is your Association so feedback is always very welcome. We would love to hear from you at old-colls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

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On behalf of the St Bede's Old Collegians Association we would like to wish you and your family a safe and very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year



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