



# BedaBoys Bulletin

2021 Edition



OLD COLLEGIANS



ASSOCIATION



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# President's Welcome



Dear All,

Mid-year 2021 and we continue to adapt to the uncertainty of the pandemic. Although some of the SBOCA events have been postponed or rescheduled, the Committee continues to do our best to deliver to the College community. In February we held the Class of 2010 ten year reunion, and if feedback is any guide it was a resounding success. Over 63 graduates of the class attended the event, one of the largest year gatherings we have had, and the comradery and spirit was impressive. The Principle, John Finn, gave an excellent speech during the night outlining changes, growth and success of the College, and on behalf of SBOCA I must wholeheartedly thank John for his ongoing support and enthusiasm for the Association. Of necessity we have rescheduled the Class of 2020 and the Class of 1970 reunion events, but keep an eye on the SBOCA App and the website for updates as the year unfolds.

For those interested in The Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser Charity breakfast and Golf Day this year we have organised to have an absolute AFL legend, Kevin Bartlett, as our guest speaker. The event will be held on Friday October 22nd at Woodlands Golf Club, and you can come just for the breakfast and guest speaker, or stay on and join in the four-ball Ambrose event with prizes for best team Ambrose, runner up team Ambrose, longest drive and nearest to the pin. This is also a great sponsorship opportunity for your company.

Please contact Caitlin Kloppenborg (oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au) for any details.

All proceeds from the Golf Day support the Finian Foundation Charity that enables SBOCA to continue to support families of current St Bede's year 11 and 12 students who are facing financial difficulties with fees assistance and school expenses. On the topic of the Finian Foundation, we have also recently

undertaken a fundraising drive and many will have already received an email detailing the request for donations. Remember all donations and contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible.

I'd also like to remind you to support the College community by utilising the St Bede's Community Online Business Directory. The Directory, which is managed by SBOCA, is a way of connecting families of current and past St Bede's Students and it can be searched through the web page and associated Apps.

Despite pandemic-associated challenges, the Committee has continued throughout this year to focus on enhanced networking and communications by building the Beda Boy Graduate Database, an ongoing priority of the Association, and by holding our Committee meetings online to provide as much access to Old Collegians as possible. We have also maintained a strong focus on further developing collegial relationships between SBOCA and the Parents and Friends, the St Bede's Old Collegians Hockey Club, The St Bede's Mentone Tigers, and the Kingston Hawkes Cricket Club to build enduring bonds that will strengthen the extended St Bede's College Community into the future.

In closing, on behalf of SBOCA I must sincerely thank the Principal, Mr John Finn, The College Board, the College Leadership Team and all the staff for their ongoing confidence in the Association and for their substantial support. I would also like to congratulate them for their outstanding efforts guiding, supporting, and encouraging all the students and families associated with the School during these unsettling times.

I hope you enjoy reading about the activities of your Association, and invite you to attend any of the Committee Meeting's to give your feedback, comments, and suggestions as to how your Association can be improved. We are always happy to welcome new members and volunteers. I sincerely look forward to continuing to work with and for you in 2021 as we jointly continue to build the Old Collegians community in service of the College in the Lasallian tradition - Per Vias Rectas.

**Dr Jason Smythe**  
SBOCA President

# A Word from the Principal



This year marks the beginning of St Bede's College as a two campus school, two campuses and one community.



## Amalgamation Ceremony

Staff from across the College were joined by a large number of official guests to formalise the Amalgamation through a signing ceremony. The ceremony was preceded by a number of prayerful intercessions and keynote talks. The signing of the document comes at the end of a two and a half year process of discernment and discussion between St Bede's College, the Canonical Administrators of St James College, the Archdiocese and the De La Salle Brothers.

## First Combined Assembly

This assembly took place early in the year. The date of 8 February was symbolic as it was on the corresponding day, in 1938, that St Bede's College began in Mentone. Given that the construction of the College occurred between the Great Depression and the Second World War, it is clear that the Brothers did not lack conviction. From an enrolment of day students and boarders totaling of just over 100 students, our College has grown to a two campus community of around 1940.

We were able to gather our entire College in a COVID Safe way whilst also inviting the families of our student leaders onsite, as well as the families of our high achievers from the Class of 2020. Both these groups were in the College Auditorium watching a live stream link to the assembly in the Sports Centre



## School Life During COVID

The College has experienced two lockdowns since the start of the year. On both occasions our students returned to remote learning. The second lockdown was more complex not only because it was considerably longer, also because half way through the restrictions we had students in mixed mode learning; some onsite and others offsite.

The College Community has responded magnificently to this challenge and we continue to support our young men's learning and wellbeing whether they are on or offsite.

## Our Students

We have begun the year with 1940 students across our two sites. Our Year 11 and 12 cohorts will settle at around 300 students per year level. This is a large number, reflecting well on our retention rate as boy's journey through the College. We need to be a place for all, where a high-end academic course, an apprenticeship, part- or full-time work, a gap year or a combination of those, is all accessible to our students. Everyone should feel valued and be able to prepare for a life of purpose beyond our gates.

# A Word from the Principal

## 2020 VCE Results

Success comes in many forms. Some of our students chose an unscored VCE, 25 students chose a VCAL Pathway and the remaining 238 undertook their delayed examinations for VCE. Our focus last year was in maintaining some form of normality in a highly abnormal year. Mental health and wellbeing were an absolute priority.

In terms of numbers, we had four students achieve higher than 99 with our Dux, Will Devlin, scoring 99.90. This was outstanding. There were 22 students who achieved an ATAR over 90, which equates to around 10% of the entire year level. There were 3 perfect scores of 50.

*Every student has his own story. We trust that all of our young men move on to the next phase of their life with a sense of hope and optimism.*

## Top Acts

10 acts from the VCE Theatre Studies Class across Victoria are chosen each year by VCAA to perform at Hamer Hall. Amongst this fortunate group was Liam Collins, from the Class of 2020, who performed a solo piece to great acclaim. He is a most talented performer who has been ably mentored by St Bede's College staff. Every student has capability if given the right ingredients of motivation from home, school and extended contacts. Liam has just begun a Biomedicine/Law degree.



## Council of International Schools (CIS)

The College formally moved into Stage 3 as from the beginning of second term. This involves staff and students being part of a Domain Group (of which there are 8) where the various aspects of the Domain will be discussed and answered.

A full College survey was sent to all families, students, staff and the College Board in second term. This will be used to cross verify any answers that may come from the Domain discussions. The CIS Team Visit will occur early in 2022. The final accreditation should give confidence to all families that the College is genuinely trying to improve, adapt and plan in all areas, ultimately to give our young men the best possible experience. The ability of the College to prepare students for a global world full of hope and promise is integral to this process.



## ACC Events

The Associated Catholic Colleges competition encompasses a broad range of activities. These include music, materials and food technology, public speaking, chess and an extensive sporting program. There are 12 schools across Melbourne who make up the ACC Colleges.

In terms of the major Sport carnivals, there have been two so far this year. St Bede's finished a creditable fourth in the Athletics and won the Swimming Championship.





# A Word from the Principal

## Open Days

The College has now completed two very successful Open Days and an Open Morning. The level of interest in our College is very high and we are grateful to all of our Community who so consistently encourage others to experience an onsite visit. The Mentone and Bentleigh East Campus Open Days were strongly attended. Additional sessions were created to meet the demand for both.

The Year 11 Tour Guides on both campuses were excellent ambassadors and were keenly questioned by prospective parents. These young men are very proud of their College and speak with candour, and from the heart, about their own experiences. This sense of authenticity is well appreciated by prospective families.



## Mission Action Day

This took place during first term. Over 2200 students and staff gathered at the Mentone Campus prior to undertaking the coastal walk adjacent to Beach Road. We walk because we know that there are many in need. For us, the day is about supporting our Lasallian brothers and sisters in Thailand, India, Papua New Guinea and Balgo (Western Australia).

The video link below gives a deeper explanation:  
<https://vimeo.com/stbedescollege/mad2021>

## Female Role Models

The place of strong female role models can never be underestimated in working with boys to become fine men. Thank you to all who attended to make the morning a special event.

Around 500 students and their mother, or significant carer, gathered in the College Auditorium to celebrate the gifts, talents and dedication of these women and the many women like them around the world. As part of the morning we were pleased to be able to support The Happy Box Project, an organisation that packs basic sanitary products for Indigenous women in their own family groups. The organisers are based in the Northern Territory.

As well as hearing from this group a number of our Year 7 and Year 12 students spoke about their own mothers and two of our families responded on behalf of all present.



## Thanksgiving Mass for Rhys Gillard

The College hosted the Mass for the life of our Year 12 student, Rhys Gillard. It was great privilege to do so. The Gillard family have been well surrounded by our Community as they grieve the loss of their eldest son. Rhys's two brothers, Tom and Austen are in Year 7 and 9 respectively and we continue to offer our respectful support.

We are also continuing to work with a number of our students who knew Rhys well. Each one of them are fine young men who are working through their own grief process. The Gillard family remain in our thoughts and prayers and we continue to offer whatever support is deemed by them as needed.

### *Per Vias Rectas*

**John Finn**  
Principal

# Reunions

## Class of 2011 10 Year Reunion

We welcomed back the Class of 2010 in April and we were thrilled with the turnout. A well connected and successful group of young men who enjoyed the opportunity to revisit their old stomping ground - many found it hard to believe it was ten years since leaving the College! Unfortunately we are unable to host any further reunions in 2021 due to COVID restrictions, but we hope to see you in 2022!



## Received from Father Michael Buck

*I have received the invitation to my class's 10 Year Reunion this Friday night (tomorrow). Unfortunately for obvious reasons I can't make it. I am disappointed and would certainly have been there had I been in the country. If you will be there I would love to hear your impressions afterwards on the night and the men. I hope there is a good turn out.*

*It is hard to believe that it is 10 years already since we graduated. I would not have guessed that I would spend six of the next ten years in Rome! I'm sure everyone will have many stories to tell and many will have taken unexpected turns in their lives. I hope some of them are married with children but that is probably unlikely for my generation!! In any case it was a group of good men and I hope the first ten years have been kind to them. I will offer Mass for everyone tomorrow*



# Lasallian Update

## Lasallian Volunteers



- *Are you looking for the opportunity of a lifetime?*
- *Want to have a gap year that is meaningful?*
- *Want to be part of a community that values and celebrates diversity?*

### **Lasallian Volunteers offer placements in communities across Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.**

We provide service opportunities for dedicated volunteers within Lasallian schools and communities. Volunteering in our Lasallian programs will offer a world of opportunities for knowledge and personal growth. Working alongside local staff you will be able to serve those who are in need and share your gifts and talents along the way. Most importantly you will develop relationships with those around you and gain practical skills for life.

### **How can I make an impact as a Lasallian Volunteer?**

By joining the program, you can make a difference in the lives of young people, through service. Our placements are predominately school based, with two placements working in employment and young family programs in social services. Our Lasallian Volunteers contribute to creating brighter futures.

### **Only have a short time to volunteer?**

Whether you're a Principal, Teacher, University student, Lasallian alumni, professional, there are short-term (1-2 weeks) placements available, where your knowledge and abilities would be most valuable to our Lasallian projects and communities throughout Australia.

To register your interest, please complete this form: <https://support.google.com/drive/answer/6283888>

For any queries or questions, please contact Lydia Avia-Aumua at [lydiaavia-aumua@delasalle.org.au](mailto:lydiaavia-aumua@delasalle.org.au).

# News from Old Collegians

## Raymond Luong (Class of 2008)



We send our congratulations to Raymond Luong who received his PhD in Prostate Cancer Pharmacology in May.

From Raymond:

*“Proud to have made it through to the other side. PhDs are not solo achievements, but made possible with the support from many. Family, friends, loved ones, mentors, teachers.”*

*Thank you to everyone who has been a part of my journey, especially to my parents, who sacrificed so much to give me and my siblings the educational opportunities they were not afforded in their home country.”*

## Joseph Ghaly (Class of 1981)



We extend our congratulations to Joseph Ghaly for recently being appointed CEO Australia and New Zealand at Lexplore. Founded in Stockholm, Lexplore

is a highly innovative Educational tech company with technology based on artificial intelligence. Lexplore gives a clear picture of student’s general ability to read. This way, schools can intervene at an early stage and schools save time and resources. Joseph says his favourite part of this position is working “with great purpose”. Prior to this, he founded Brilliant Women Global, a leader in diversity and inclusion in corporate Australia and wrote the published ebooks *Authentic Leadership: Australian Style* and *The Relationship between Leadership and Diversity*. Congratulations, Joseph!

## Rudy Lopes (Class of 1988)



We congratulate Rudy Lopes on being awarded a prestigious NH&MRC scholarship for his PhD project. After completing general medicine and specialist training at Monash, Rudy practiced for over 10 years as an obstetrician and gynaecologist before deciding to undertake a Master’s in Public Health at the University of Melbourne. Following this, he decided to undertake further study in the public health aspects of sexual and reproductive health and commenced a PhD with the University of Melbourne and the Burnet Institute in July this year. His thesis will explore the landscape of postnatal care in several of our neighbouring Pacific Island countries and territories with reference to the upcoming revised WHO Guidelines on Postnatal Care.

Congratulations, Rudy.



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## Liam Murphy (Class of 2009)



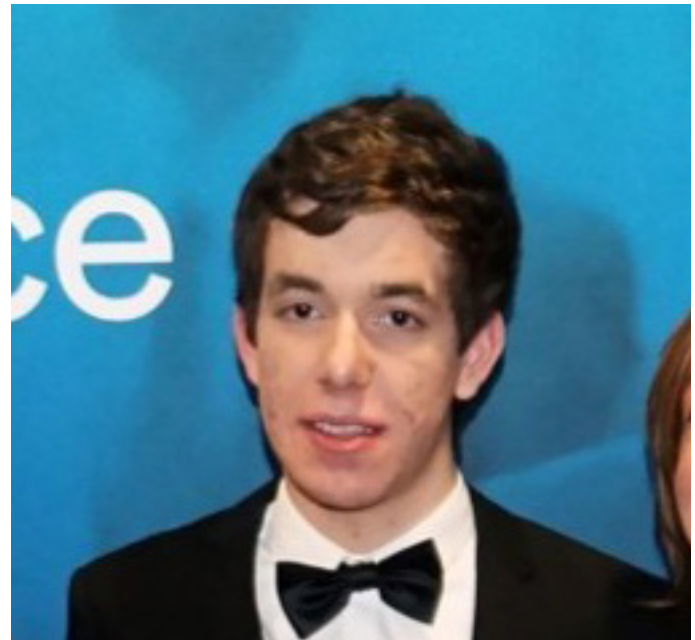
Liam Murphy (class of 2009) is the co-host of a podcast titled “Men of Words”, which is a platform for conversations about mental health. The podcast’s aim is to destigmatise men’s mental health through conversations with successful men across a variety of fields including sport, music, business and a great deal more. Liam hosts the podcast with his long time friend Michael Mumford, who also attended St Bede’s and graduated in the same year (2009). Both men are aware that historically, men have struggled to open up about their mental health struggles, and they hope that this platform will spark conversations on this area amongst men. They write

Our goal is a simple one. If we can motivate someone to have a conversation about their mental health, be it with friends, family or a professional, then we have achieved our goal.

Aside from podcasting, Liam is a passionate educator and currently works as a Physical Education Teacher at Aspendale Gardens Primary School. Prior to this, he has worked at the College as a CRT and on multiple short term contracts. Liam has also worked in youth leadership and development with OutBeyond, working with teachers and students around Victoria, and internationally in China and New Zealand to open their eyes to non-traditional teaching methods.

You can listen to “Men of Words” on most major platforms, including Apple, Spotify and Google.

## Artistidis (Ari) Tsoulakos (Class of 2019)



In 2018, at just seventeen years old, Ari founded candle business Fos Candle co. Fos candles handcrafted and made of 100% toxin-free beeswax. Beeswax is the most natural form of wax, meaning it is safe for people with respiratory conditions or allergies who still wish to enjoy the luxury of burning candles in their homes. Additionally, Fos candles have a natural honey scent which smells divine.

Since launching the business, Ari has sold his candles at markets, galleries, his local parish after Sunday services and to the general public via his facebook page.

As well as his entrepreneurial endeavours, Ari is studying a Double degree in Commerce and Political Science. He also holds the position of Human Resources Officer at ACU’s St Patrick’s Business Society.

We look forward to seeing where Ari’s journey takes him.

You can purchase a beeswax candle via [https://www.facebook.com/foscandlesco/?ref=page\\_interna](https://www.facebook.com/foscandlesco/?ref=page_interna)

# News from Old Collegians

## Libbis Family - fourth Generation

At the beginning of the year, the College welcomed Harland Libbis into Year 7. Harland is one of our first 4th Generation family member to attend the College. Harland's, father (Damian – Class of 1987); Grandfather (Drew Libbis – Class of 1969) and Great Grandfather (Bill Libbis – Class of 1938) have all attended St Bede's College and have a rich history.

Bill Libbis was one of the College's original students starting in the Class of 1938. His father Les, assisted at the school as a trainer and coach to the football, athletics and boxing team during Bills time at the College. Les was also a military drill instructor at the College during the War

After leaving St Bede's, Bill became actively involved in the Old Collegians Association and was President of the Association for a number of years. His wife, Edith was a member of the Mother's Association and also served as President.



Drew's brother, Simon, also attended the College graduating and is currently a serving member of the St Bede's College Board. Simon's grandsons, Otis Morgan and Jack Terrell also currently attend the College.

St Bede's College has enjoyed the loyalty of many families who have sent their boys to the school over a long period of time. Many current families are Third Generation. We have welcomed the following Year 7 students this year who are Third generation:

**Alex Condon**

**Ethan Chirgwin**

**Jamison Jones**

**Matthew O'Brien**

**Finn Richardson**

**Jack Terrell**

Please contact us if you are aware of any other students who fall into this special category . We would love to feature them in our upcoming issue.



# News from Old Collegians

## Fascinated by the History of Melbourne

By Peter Ratcliff  
May 25, 2021

### LEO VINCENT GAMBLE

October 31, 1934-February 12, 2021

Leo Gamble was always fascinated by history and particularly the history of the Mentone area where he grew up. He made an exhaustive study of early local newspapers, eventually combing through every issue of the Mordialloc City News. His knowledge of our local history was unparalleled, and he presented it to the community in several significant books, all of which are eminently readable.

Leo died in February at 86 years of age at a Mordialloc aged-care home, having lived in Mentone for more than 80 of those years.

His parents encouraged his education at St Bede's College Mentone and in 1953 he won a secondary teaching studentship which enabled him to study commerce at Melbourne University. Leo was proud of his entrance to university as this was an unusual achievement in those days, especially as he was the only studentship holder from St Bede's college in that year.

As well as being a historian Leo was an avid Collingwood supporter, a determined and competitive golfer, cricketer, a formidable squash opponent, and a medal winning athlete in his youth. He became a football captain-coach at age 20, and later a premierships football coach. He taught economics and English at St Bede's where he was one of the first lay teachers employed alongside the De La Salle brothers. Previously as a student, he had been dux of that school.

Leo was not one to quit easily. A former student 30 years younger recalls that their squash matches were played "to the death". During a disappointing season as football coach at St Bede's, he berated the team with "you're so slow that even I could beat you". Leo was in his later 30s at the time, so his charges were 20 years his junior. No matter, the challenge was accepted, a race was held between Leo and a few of the faster lads, only one of whom was able to outrun him.



The contest is said to have attracted a sizeable book on the side, although confirmation is hard to obtain.

His skill with the English language and his ability to string words together in an interesting and readable fashion were widely acknowledged. This and Leo's interest in local history led him to write four substantial books, leaving behind a wonderful collection of historical research and stories about the Mentone-Mordialloc area in a way that will continue to benefit future generations.

The books are *St Bede's College and its McCristal Origins 1896-1982*; *Mentone Through the Years* (2003); *By the Creek: a Mordialloc History* (2014); *Winning Friends: The Mentone Station Story* (2012).

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He also wrote many articles for the Kingston historical website and was a well-loved and long-serving president and secretary of the Mordialloc and District Historical Society.

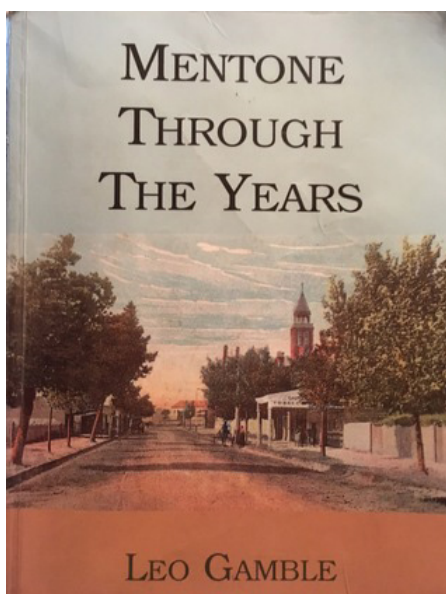
His skill with words and history was particularly noticed in 2006 when Leo presented to Heritage Victoria on the importance of adding the 1881 Mentone railway station to the state heritage register. The executive director and advisers normally ponder a decision on registration over days or weeks, but those present recall this decision was made as soon as Leo finished speaking, such was the obvious passion in his presentation and the impression he made on the panel.

He had many friends and was a caring person with a strong sense of social justice. Unsurprisingly, he was a regular correspondent to The Age.

We will all miss him. As we read his words, we will be ever grateful for the significant local history collection he has left for us and for future generations.

He is survived by his sister Mary, wife Margaret and children Tony, Anne, Jenny, Greg, and Jacky and their grandchildren.

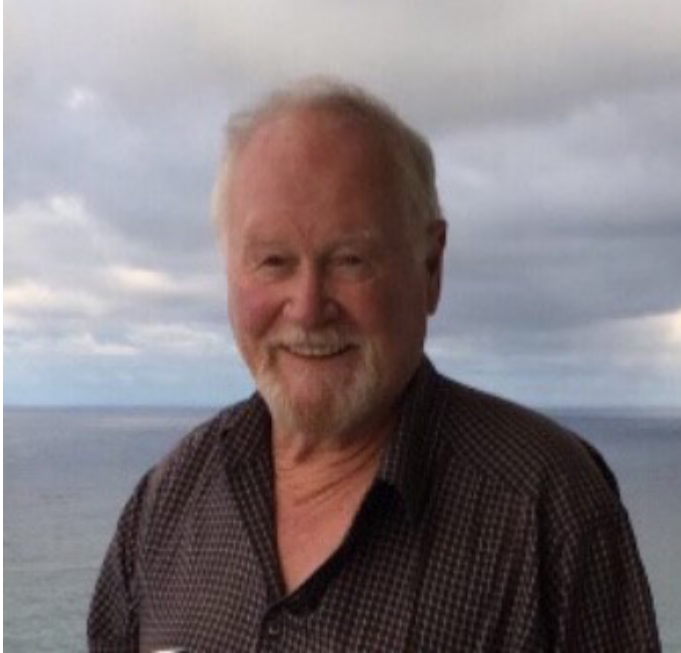
**Peter Ratcliff succeeded Leo Gamble as secretary of the Mordialloc and District Historical Society.**





# News from Old Collegians

## Remembering Brendan Condon (Class of 1961)



After completing Matriculation at St Bede's in 1961, Brendan went on to become a successful and wellrespected builder in the local area. Furthermore, he was known to frequent the Mentone RSL on a Thursday afternoon for a beer with his brothers and mates. Rachel says the group have said that their weekly catch ups just aren't the same without Brendan.

Brendan leaves behind his loving wife of many years, Anita, who still lives in the home he built. Their two daughters, Lucinda and Rachel, were students at Kilbreda College. Brendan's son Simon also attended St Bede's, graduating in 1989. Simon's sons Hamish (Year 11) and Alex (Year 7) currently attend the College, with a third son Marcus to commence in 2023. Rachel's son William will also start next year. It is clear that Brendan's legacy will live on at St Bede's.

In this first anniversary of his passing, we remember Brendan as a caring, kind and talented man who contributed significantly to the St Bede's and wider community.

Brendan Condon entered eternal life on July 21, 2020.

Brendan attended the College from 1952 until 1961 alongside his two brothers, Tom (class of 1962) and Denis (class of 1965). Their sister Maureen attended Kilbreda.

Their father Tom Condon was Police Sargent at Mentone and his wife Ellen (Nell) gave and did a lot for St Bede's and the local community.

While at school Brendan was made a Prefect in Year 10 and Matriculated in 1961. He was Swimming and a House Captain during his time at the College.

Brendan was a gifted athlete whose achievements are chronicled in Leo Gamble's book, *St Bede's and its McCristal Origins*. 1958 was a particularly successful year for Brendan, as he championed hurdles and high jump, and obtained high places in other field games in the ACC Athletics. His successes continued into the early 1960s, his shot-putting placing him into the '50' and over' category in 1961. Brendan's daughter, Rachel, has kindly provided a photo of his athletic awards, which acknowledge his talent and commitment during his time at St Bede's.



# From the Archives

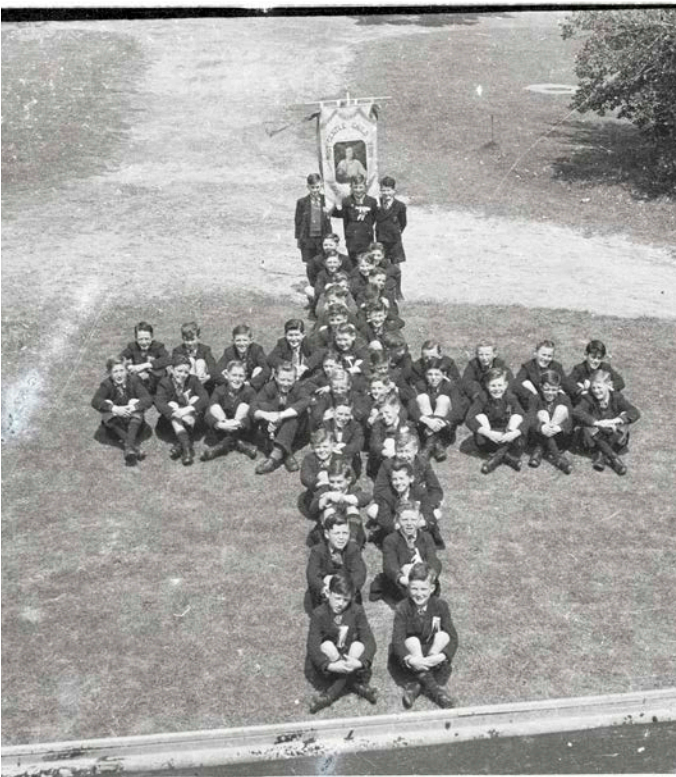
## Tom Stevens (Class of 1954)

Past student Tom Stevens (Class of 1954) was an avid photographer during his years at the College. Recently, his daughter Louise (who teaches at Kilbreda) contacted us to provide us with some of the wonderful photographs taken by Tom in the early 1950s. The photos chronicle everything from football and cricket matches, teachers, and various students. Louise has kindly scanned Tom's many sepia photographs so we can share this trip down memory lane. If you recognise any of the faces from the photos listed below, please contact us.





# From the Archives



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# Sporting News

## Sporting Hall of Fame

We would like to extend our congratulations to the following Old Collegians for being inducted into the Sporting Hall of Fame Recently.

### Simon Meredith (Class of 1992)

Since graduating from St Bede's in 1992, Simon Meredith has had a successful career as an AFL Field Umpire. He is considered one of the league's most experienced umpires, officiating in six AFL Grand Finals (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2020). In 2017, Simon received AFL Life Membership after umpiring 300 games. Additionally, earlier this year, Simon umpired his 400th game in round 12 of the 2021 season, when Western Bulldogs played Fremantle. Outside of umpiring, Simon also has a career in the IT industry.



### Miles Bergman (Class of 2019)

Miles Bergman is an AFL footballer with the Port Adelaide Football Club. He was the club's first call at the 2019 NAB National Draft, joining the power with Pick 14. Miles made his AFL debut in Round 1 of the 2021 Season against North Melbourne at Marvel Stadium. He is lauded for his athleticism, marking and long kicking.





# Sporting News

## Beda Olympians

After a successful Tokyo Olympics for the Aussies, we reminisce on the following Old Boys who have done our community proud in past Olympics. If you know of any other former students who have competed in their chosen sport at Olympic level, please contact us.

### Kieran Ault - Connell (Class of 1999)

Born with cerebral palsy, Kieran was inspired to take up athletics after watching the Atlanta Paralympics in 1996 as a teenager. After winning bronze medals in javelin and long jump at the 1998 IPC Athletics World Champions, Kieran made his Olympic debut at the 2000 Sydney games. On home soil, he won two gold medals in the men's 4x100m T38 and the 4x400m relay event. In the process, he set two world records and received a Medal of the Order of Australia. Additionally, he went on to win a silver medal for Javelin at the 2004 Athens Paralympic games.

Kieran is married to fellow Australian Paralympian Eliza Ault-Connell and they have three children.



### Toby Haenen (Class of 1991)

You might recognise the name Toby Haenan from the swim centres he founded, located in Sandringham and Chelsea Heights. Toby was a professional backstroke swimmer who rose to prominence in the 1990s. He made his Olympic Debut at the Barcelona Games in 1992. At the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, he won a bronze medal in the 4x100 metre relay event.

Remarkably, Toby still holds four records at the ACC Carnival including the U/13 50m backstroke record of 33.96, set way back in 1986.



### Marcus Stephen (Class of 1988)

Marcus came to St Bede's as a boarder and on a scholarship funded by the government of Nauru. After not making the football team, Marcus tried his luck at weightlifting, which was popular at the College at the time. Marcus competed at the World Championships on six occasions, winning a silver medal in Greece in 1999. He also competed in the Olympic Games in 1992, 1996 and 2000.

After the conclusion of his heavy lifting career, Marcus has been elected President of the Republic of Nauru.



# Sporting News

## Sporting Club Contact details



For all the latest news on the St Bede's Old Collegians Hockey Club please visit their website: [St Bede's Old Collegians Hockey Club](#)



For all the latest news on the St Bede's Mentone Tigers, please visit their website: [www.stbedesmentonetigers.com.au](http://www.stbedesmentonetigers.com.au)



For all the latest news on the Kingston Hawks Cricket Club, please visit their website: <https://www.khcc.com.au/>

# Business Directory

Growing a business is all about selling more to existing clients and/or finding new clients, so please seriously consider joining the St Bede's Community Online Business Directory (SBCOBD).

This is an opportunity to grow using a significant network you are already linked with.

The Directory can feature your company logo, your business category, a brief description of your business activities and your contact details. Each listing is in colour and hyperlinked directly to your website. So easy for people to contact you.

You will significantly increase your business's commercial potential through this 'common bond' network.

Your business will grow:

- Directly through the SBCOBD
- Through the networks of all SBCOBD members
- Through existing SBCOBD clients

Sign up THIS MONTH for complimentary listing until December 31st, 2021, from which time it will cost just \$99 per calendar year.

Please also pass along this offer to others within our Community.

[VIEW DIRECTORY HERE](#) and [REGISTER HERE...](#)



# Finian Foundation Golf Day

**An event not to be missed, featuring Kevin Bartlett  
Thursday 2 December 2021**

The annual Charity Breakfast and Golf Day is the largest fundraising event for the Finian Foundation. The Finian foundation provides financial support to current St Bede's families who are experiencing hardship, particularly prevalent during these COVID times.

Due to last year's event being cancelled, we aim to make this year's event bigger and better than ever.

We are fortunate enough to have AFL legend Kevin Bartlett as our guest speaker this year.

You do not need to be a golfer to participate - you can just come for breaky or lunch to catch up with mates. Additionally, the Ambrose format gives 'hackers' a real chance.

## Costs

Breakfast, Golf and Lunch	\$150.00 (non-member)
Breakfast, Golf and Lunch	\$120.00 (member)
Breakfast only	\$50.00
Lunch only	\$50.00

We all have sponsorship packages available.  
Please contact the College for more information

This is truly an event not to be missed.

Bookings can be made via : [www.trybooking.com/BSKFS](http://www.trybooking.com/BSKFS)







**St Bede's  
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# SPONSOR A GREAT CAUSE IN THE ST BEDE'S COMMUNITY

## The Finian Foundation Charity Breakfast and Golf Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2021 – Keysborough Golf Club

### FEATURING AFL LEGEND KEVIN BARTLETT

The Finian Foundation supports students in financially distressed households maintain their studies at St. Bede's College. In covid times the demand for support is greater than ever.

We need significant sponsor support to make this day a success. Every cent raised will go to disadvantaged families.

The day commences with breakfast, featuring AFL Legend and Hall of Famer Kevin Bartlett. Then it's golf time using Ambrose Teams format, suitable for all standards of golf. Followed by lunch, prize-giving and social drinks.

Sponsors' exposure is substantial - via promotional banner in clubhouse and tee signs, sponsor's brochure on tables, in event invitation communications, including an e-mail database of 12,000 Old Collegians, 1,200 families with students currently at St. Bede's. Also feeder primary schools and via the Old Collegians app. Formal recognition in prize-giving ceremony.



### **GOLD** \$5000

Exposure as described PLUS free entry into the St. Bede's Online Community Business Directory for 3 years, 2 banners in clubhouse, short presentation at lunch. FOUR tickets for breakfast, golf and lunch.

### **SILVER** \$2000

Exposure as described PLUS free entry into the St. Bede's Online Community Business Directory for 2 years. TWO tickets for breakfast, golf and lunch.

### **BRONZE** \$1000

Exposure as described PLUS free entry into the St. Bede's Online Community Business Directory for 1 year. ONE ticket for breakfast, golf and lunch.

### **DRINKS CART SPONSOR** \$900

Signage on the ever-popular drinks cart on the golf course. Sponsorship funds go towards stocking the drinks cart which does not charge for drinks. Full acknowledgement at prize-giving ceremony.

### **PRIZE SPONSOR** \$350

Donate towards golf prizes and auction items. Full acknowledgement at golf prize-giving ceremony.



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# 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.**

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

## **The Finian Foundation**

C/o St Bede's Old Collegians Association,  
2 Mentone Parade, Mentone, 3194

For further details, please contact Old Collegians Officer Jo Hynes

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## **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

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Name of gift giver(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle amount:                      \$100                      \$250                      \$500                      \$1000

Other amount:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method                      Visa                      Mastercard                      Cheque\*

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_ \_\_ / \_\_ \_\_

Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Direct Debit - Westpac

Either:

**EFT:** BSB 262 786      **Account:** 120 153 903

**BPay Biller Code:** 220 186

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

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# In Memoriam



## Loris De Nicolo (Class of 1977)

Loris entered eternal life in June 2021. May he rest in Peace.

## Gerald (Gerry) Mahon (Class of 1944)

Gerry passed away peacefully on 20th January 2021, aged 94. Loved and loving husband of Pat (Dec) much loved father of Peter ( Dec ) Kaye, Ken, Anne, Paul and Jill. Loved father in law of Christine, Rob, Heather, Maz and Louie. Loving and proud Grandfather and Great Grandfather Reunited with his Pat and son Peter. Forever in our Hearts

May he Rest in Peace.

## Raymond Simpson (Class of 1969)

Ray entered eternal life on 3rd July 2021. He is remembered by the Dandenong Leader as a "gentle giant" who worked hard to provide for his family. He is survived by his wife Susie of 45 years, children Shane, Torrie and Dale, and seven grandchildren.

May he rest in Peace.

## Ted Vogelzang (Former staff member)

Ted passed away suddenly on 25 July 2021 after a short illness. Ted was on the school's Maintenance Staff for a long period beginning in the 1980's and his wife Christine, taught at the College until taking maternity leave.

May he Rest in Peace.

## Leo Gamble (Class of 1952)

Leo passed away peacefully on 12 February 2021 Remembered forever by his family: Tony and Janet, Maureen (deceased), Rick, Chris, Maddy and Tim, Anne, Jenny, Stephen, Jessie and Mikey, Greg, Jacky and Anthony.

May he Rest in Peace.

## Margaret Gamble

Margaret entered eternal life on 30 August 2021. She was Leo's wife and greatest supporter.

May she Rest in Peace.

## Mark McCormack (Class of 1970)

Passed away surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Glynis, loving father, father in law and friend of Geoff & Melody, Keegan & Sammy.

May he Rest in Peace

## Danny Murphy (1950s)

Danny passed away from a difficult illness on 10 July 2021. He was the loved and loving husband of Robyn and brother of Graeme.

May he rest in Peace.

## Ian Bristow

Ian entered eternal life peacefully on 8.09.2021, Dearly loved husband of Kristine, loved brother of David and his wife Denise, caring uncle to Kim, Lisa and Jason and their families.

May he Rest in Peace

# Connect with us

This is your Association so feedback is always very welcome. We would love to hear from you. Whether it's a story, a memory or just a reconnecting, please get in contact.

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*Brendan Condon with his beloved Shotput*



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