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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Term Four 2018 has been a challenging term for our community as we experienced the sad death of a student and a much loved and respected staff member. In these challenging situations the support of our community has been a great source of strength for all.

The number of Old Boys who attended the funeral of Mr Nick Simpson was a testament to the impact his teaching had on the lives of so many. The quality of the teacher-student relationship is a key characteristic of Augustinian education and Mr Nick Simpson embraced his work as a teacher with enthusiasm and passion.

BUILDING UPDATE

The new Grandstand at Villa Park has moved to the tender stage and once the final decision has been made as to the successful contractor, work will commence in early January. The community at Villanova College are excited for the new grandstand and eagerly await the completion of this project. Stage One of the Master Plan for the Coorparoo Campus will see the construction of a new Learning Centre to accommodate the Junior School students - Years 5 and 6, with additional learning spaces for the Senior School students on the top floor. The new Learning Centre will feature flexible spaces for students to engage with learning in a variety of modes ranging from multiple classes to small groups. The connections with the outside spaces have been enhanced in the design of the new Learning Centre and Junior School students will have direct access to the green space of Whinstanes oval.

Presently the College is undertaking the community consultation process with the surrounding neighbours. Following the conclusion of the consultation process approval will be sourced to begin construction by March 2019.

2019 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

During the latter part of Term Four, our year 11 students were engaged in preparation for their senior leadership responsibilities in 2019.

Through a process of nomination, voting and confirmation the following students were appointed in leadership positions for 2019:

College Captain: Matthew Rolls
 College Vice Captain: William Barwick
 Student Council President: Nickolas Sofios

PORTFOLIO CAPTAINS

Academic Captain: Matthew Short
 Cultural Captain: Dominic Duskovic
 Ministry Captain: Reece Jansen
 Music Captain: Matthew Conway
 Sports Captain: George Stokes

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

CRANE HOUSE

Captain: Louis Caltabiano
 Vice-Captain: Max McCaul

GOOLD HOUSE

Captain: John Caffery
 Vice-Captain: Lachlan Galbraith

HEAVEY HOUSE

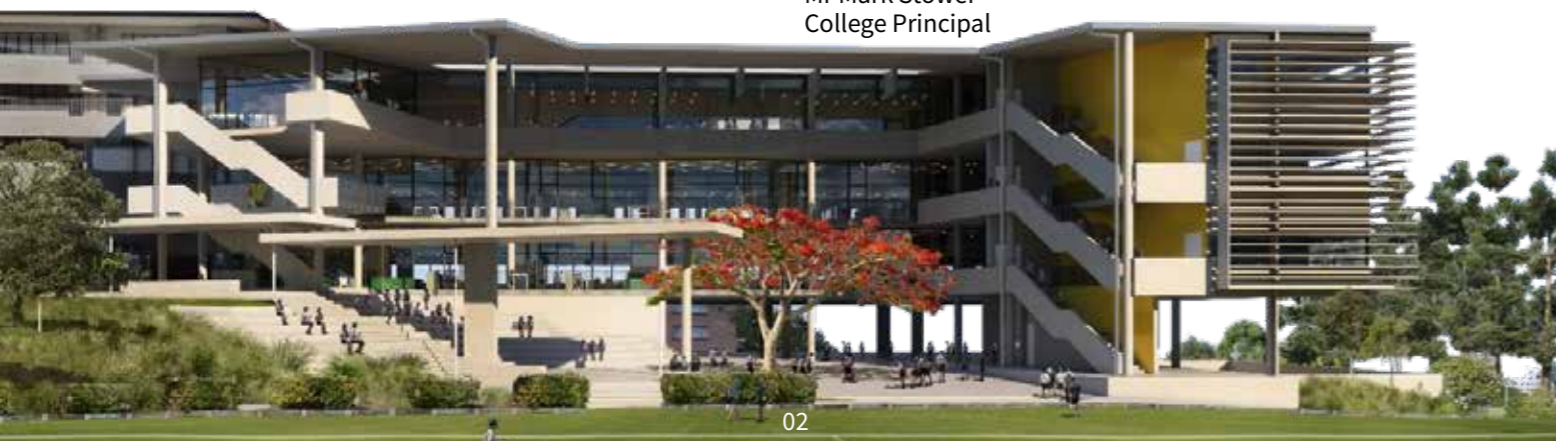
Captain: James Livingstone
 Vice-Captain: Tadgh O'Neill

MURRAY HOUSE

Captain: Jake Perrier
 Vice-Captain: Jaxon Paterson-Wright

We congratulate these young men for accepting the challenges of leadership and they have been reassured that the Villanova community will support them during the coming year. As the year has drawn quickly to a close, I trust our Villanova College community has enjoyed a Holy Christmas and has welcomed in a Joyous New Year. God bless

Mr Mark Stower
 College Principal



CATERING FOR A STUDENT CENTRED EDUCATION MODEL - PROPOSED MINISTERIAL DESIGNATION

Villanova College has taken the next step towards seeing our proposed new building up and running in time for Term 1 2020.

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 5 of the Planning Act 2016, we have asked that the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning designate our land premises located in Coorparoo as educational facilities.

If the Ministerial designation is approved, it will acknowledge and reflect what we use our land for today, and it will help us to cater for our natural growth.

As you know, this natural growth is occurring in all schools across Queensland because of the introduction of Prep in 2007, changes to the school starting age in 2008, and Year 7 moving to secondary schools in 2015. This natural growth will see the population of the College grow to approximately 1,326 students, and we will require an extra five full time staff at 2020.

As part of the College's ongoing approach to moving towards a student-centred 21st Century learning model, the proposed Ministerial designation involves the construction of a four-storey building on the western portion of our site.

This new building will generally comprise:

- A covered outdoor area
- A Junior School learning suite, amenities, staff rooms, and offices at levels 1 and 2
- A Senior School learning suite, amenities, auditorium, and offices at level 3.

To find out more about the Ministerial designation and the proposed new Teaching and Learning Centre, please visit <https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/id-consultations>.

Community consultation for the Ministerial designation commenced on 22nd November 2018. You may have seen the advertising signs that have been placed on Main Avenue and Fifth Avenue. This consultation period will end on 24th January 2019.

During this time, we are also:

- Advertising in the South East Advertiser
- Providing an opportunity for interested community members and neighbours to drop-in and talk with representatives from the College.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the consultation process, please visit the <https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/id-consultations> or call Mark Stower on 3394 5504.



COLLEGE CAPTAIN - REFLECTIONS OF 2018

By 2018 College Captain James King



Wow, what an incredible year it was being Seniors of our College which stands tall on the Coorparoo hills. The white shirts, ISP lessons and the opportunity to finally sit at the back of the bus definitely shine as highlights of the past year. However, 2018 marked a time in the green and gold which saw significant adjustments for the Villanova community. The 70th year of the College saw the first time that Seniors would all wear the blazers, trousers and ties throughout Terms 2 and 3. Although it was an adjustment, the look was undoubtedly clean and tidy making all Villanovans stand out as fine young men. The year 2018 also saw a new look in the classrooms. Collaborative learning areas for Junior and Middle School students allowed for education spaces with comfy seats, touch screen TVs and loads of room. It also saw the second last year of the ancient system which is OP, where students will be moving across to the more nationally recognised ATAR system in 2020.

Even though there have been some changes, the College still encompasses many aspects which all Old Boys throughout the years would have experienced. QCMF is still going, garlic bread still reigns 'supreme' at the tuckshop and Mrs McGrath, Mrs Lawson and Mr Camilleri still have time to teach the lads all the Villanovan ways. Every Villa man also holds the same values seen in the 1940's, being told the importance of Community, Interiority and Searching for Truth. Other aspects like being humble and proud to be a Villanovan were showcased at Villa Park on the weekends, at regular Ministry events, and in regular and general everyday life as we boys came to understand how truly fortunate we were to be a part of such a strong community.

LEADERS' REFLECTIONS

On their final day, some of the College Seniors reflected on their time at Villanova

College Captain James King: It really has meant the World to me to be Captain of Villanova this year.... You see past students and past leaders who've been a part of this great school, and you look up to them when you were younger, like when you're back in year 5. There's a guy called Christian Welch; we looked up to him. Over the years there have been some great role models and leaders for us to aspire to. Not only to be selected by my peers to be Captain, but to represent that and join the ranks of some of these past leaders has been amazing. Actually, it's been a real honour.

College Vice Captain Hunter Gapes: I'd say it's actually been a marathon, needing the ability to pace yourself and face each hurdle or each trouble with the tenacity and the grit to just get through school, but once you cross that finish line, it's the best feeling in the World.

Student Council President Liam Hampson: The big emphasis is on mateship and you kind of realise that you're part of something bigger. You bleed the Green and Gold, and all your mates do as well, and the emphasis is that you're in it for your mates, not just for yourself. The feeling is that you really belong to something unique. It's sad to be finishing, but at the same time, I'm kind of happy to see what the future brings. I've loved Villa, I've been here half of my life. It's been a great opportunity for me to have come here and I am so fortunate that my parents chose to send me here.

Dux of the College Trent Foster: If I had to describe in one word what I have had to learn during my time here at Villa, it would have to be GRIT; that would be the one word. I believe that school, or schooling in general has given me an avenue of exploring the idea of determination and not giving up. I think it's the most important character, or human character you could have, and you're going to need it for life.



JUNIORS' REFLECTIONS

BEGINNING OUR VILLANOVA JOURNEY
By Year 5 Dux Dylan Fryga and joint Proxime
Accessit Isaac Lerato and Jonah Nicolaou

MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF VILLANOVA

Dylan: The first few weeks of school I thought the style of teaching was very supportive and generous. Then, as time went on this support continued and there was definitely no slackening off!

Isaac: I thought it was a 'well-taught' school, because when I was trying to find the pool, a year 11 student gave us some really good directions. I thought to myself, "This is a place where I already feel like I belong."

Jonah: At first when I walked in, the year 12s carried my box of stuff to my classroom for me, and I thought that was such a kind thing to do. Nobody has ever carried my books to my classroom before!

HIGHLIGHT OF MY FIRST YEAR

Dylan: Receiving an Academic Award for Semesters 1 and 2, and most definitely the Dux award at the Celebration of Excellence. Now my goal is to make sure I work hard enough to stay in that position!

Isaac: When I was in hospital with appendicitis at the time of the Celebration of Excellence, I thought I was only getting an Academic Excellence award. However, I was delighted when my parents told me I was going to receive the Proxime Accessit Award as well.

Jonah: My highlights were receiving Academic Awards for Semesters 1 and 2 and also a special award at the Celebration of Excellence evening. I was so glad that my grandparents came along too. They just thought I was receiving an Academic Award, so they were over the moon when I was named Proxime Accessit.

ASPIRATIONS FOR MY FUTURE GREEN AND GOLD YEARS

Dylan: I'm looking forward to learning new subjects – in particular the Sciences, as I'd like to become a surgeon when I leave school.

Isaac: I can't wait to learn more skills in Mathematics because my sister in Year 7 is always talking about the Maths she is doing, and I am curious! I just can't wait to learn new and challenging Maths stuff.

Jonah: I'm looking forward to getting to meet new teachers as I move through the school, because they are such a great influence on our education and also on our lives. We spend so many hours of our day in the classroom, so I can't wait to see who'll be teaching me!





FROM THE SPORTING ARENA

MOVING FORWARD

Over the past two years the Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) organisation has conducted a full review of this sporting body. AIC currently provides a quality sports program for hundreds of young men from eight member schools. Since the formation of AIC in 1998, there has been much change in all schools. These changes include educational reforms, population growth, College campus redevelopments to name just a few. The Association has also realized that the sporting interests and backgrounds of the students and families who attend these schools has changed.

Therefore, in responding to these changes, the AIC Management Committee recommended an external review of the AIC Sport Association with a view to developing an appropriate sporting model for the years ahead. As a result, the AIC Charter was developed as a foundation document which will be referred to with regards to all major decisions heading into the future.

THE AIC CHARTER

MOTTO

Learning and growth through sport and competition

VISION

To develop good and healthy young people of character through sport and competition within a Christian context.

MISSION

The AIC will provide well-organised competitions in sport and other activities that foster participant engagement and pride in communities in a holistic Christian context. Our students, staff and families (both past and present) will nurture spiritual, moral, emotional, intellectual, physical, and social development through respectful and compassionate relationships in a safe environment.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following guiding principles are demonstrated through respectful interactions with all people in AIC competitions and also in how we express ourselves.

RESPECT FOR SELF AND OTHERS

We value sportsmanship, evidenced by the demonstration of humility, dignity, fairness, generosity, gratitude and fellowship.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We value individual people as evidenced by the demonstration of equity, service, solidarity, and fairness.

INCLUSIVITY

We value participation and mateship to foster a strong sense of community as demonstrated through engagement (within and beyond the Colleges). This also means recognition of varying rates of development.

SPIRITUALITY

We value the spiritual development of people as evidenced by behaviours of morality, ethics, compassion, and peace.

SAFETY

We value physical, emotional, and social safety as evidenced by the development of a positive self-concept through sport and other activities.

PASSION

We value a passion for all to achieve their potential through sport, as evidenced through enjoyment, involvement, and challenge of competition.



From 2019 onwards, two new AIC sports will be added to the AIC Calendar for a 2-year trial period. These sports are Australian Football and Rugby League. After this trial period a further review will take place to assess the long-term viability of these sports being added on a permanent basis. Australian Football will be offered in Term 1 together with cricket, volleyball and swimming. Rugby League will be played throughout Term 3 alongside basketball, tennis and track & field. The traditional sports of rugby and football will remain in term 2 together with chess and cross country.

Already much planning has taken place to implement AFL and Rugby League into the 2019 calendar. Relationships with local clubs and their presidents including Easts Rugby League and Coorparoo J AFC have been consolidated and we look forward to working with these organizations into the future. The major sporting development of the year was the construction of a new ten lane cricket facility with an under covered area built at Little Langland's. This \$250 000 project was built upon and replaced the old eight lane facility. The new nets are full sized, this required to cater for the expansion of the College's cricket program in the future. Already in use, we now wonder how we ever ran a program without them.

In such a strong sports competition, Villanova's efforts in 2018 have been superb. I often receive positive remarks from people associated with other Colleges within our sport associations regarding the conduct of our students on and off the sporting field. Villanova is certainly held in high regard within the AIC Sports Associations for producing a high level of competition across all age groups and sports most of the time. But more importantly, I am impressed by the way in which our students conduct themselves, both in victory and defeat.

Success in sport comes about through hard work and dedication. The hard work and dedication needed to do well is often unseen and is generated by the efforts of many people spanning the entire season. Within Villanova's sports program our boys are aware that they must be prepared to put in the hard work, effort and determination in order to be competitive. Our College is committed to giving each student the opportunity to participate and to ensure that all teams are well prepared and well organized as they take to the sporting arena.

Like all boys our students are naturally competitive which we believe is a positive trait. We instill in our students that participation and enjoyment should remain the focus and, above all else, displaying the correct sportsmanship is an absolute must. We often speak at the College assemblies about 'pride in the jersey' and the importance of contributing one's gifts to the College. Almost all of our boys are keen and eager to play sport for their College. When our boys don the green and gold, we want them to feel proud and passionate as they represent their school and we want them to enjoy playing alongside their mates - it's the 'Villanova Way'

An athlete who epitomises this pride is Villanovan Old Boy Callum Davies ('16), whose recent appearance at a World Elite Athletes' Championship warranted the following article on the AIC website, and has been duly applauded by the Villanova Community.

VILLA OLD BOY RUNNING WITH THE WORLD'S ELITE!

Posted November 23, 2018 in News.

Villanova Old Boy Callum Davies has competed at the World U20 IAAF Championships in Finland. Callum was an outstanding AIC cross country and track and field athlete in his time at Villanova College. He was only one of two athletes chosen to represent Australia in the U20 1500m event. Callum won one of the lead up races going into the champs in Germany, running in Heat 3 of the World's. He achieved a PB of 3.46.32 - a time good enough to get him a place in the final (the only Australian).

The final was a star studded event which included the 2018 Open Men's Indoor and the 2018 Open Men's European 1500m champions. Callum ran 3.46.35, just short of his PB heat time and he placed 11th in the final. The IAAF described the final as "good as it gets: cagey at the outset, chaotic in the middle, and utterly captivating to the very end.... It was no ordinary world U20 final, but likely the best field ever assembled at this level!"

What a phenomenal achievement, congratulations Callum!! AIC wishes you all the best for your future in running.



ACTING OUT

By Mrs Sophie Kenny

THEATRE SPORTS

What an amazing journey – after being told not to expect to progress past the first round in our first year, BOTH Villanova teams smashed that goal out of the park! This year for the first time in Villanova history, two teams competed in the interschool Youth Theatresports competition; they were both wildly successful in their seasons.

“On the Spot” (Dominic Duskovic, Reece Jansen, Joel O’Reilly and Jacob Keay) demonstrated fantastic energy, quick thinking, high risk-taking humour. You never knew what was going to happen and this made this team exciting! Progressing through to the semi-finals, the various highlights included Dom’s magic moment in a cruise ship scene ... “Not an iceberg in sight”.

The “Blockbusters” (Tadgh O’Neill, Oliver Rae, Joshua Smith, Digby Timms and Thomas Wilson) worked as a well-oiled machine, all knowing their parts and how to work together. This team made it one round further to the finals and magic moments were given to Tom and Digby, with an honourable mention for their entire Infomercial.

Theatresports is improvised theatre entertainment played as a spectator sport. Teams of players invent scenes from prompts they are given seconds before they are required to perform, while following particular sets of rules called “games”. Everything is made up on the spot; the lights, music, dialogue, mime and song. The teams are judged on their ability to follow the rules of each game; deliver a cohesive story line; entertain the audience -similar to the TV shows “Whose Line is it Anyway” or “Thank God You’re Here”.

Huge congratulations is well deserved for the teamwork, creativity and skill the players demonstrated and their commitment to try something new. Bring on 2019!



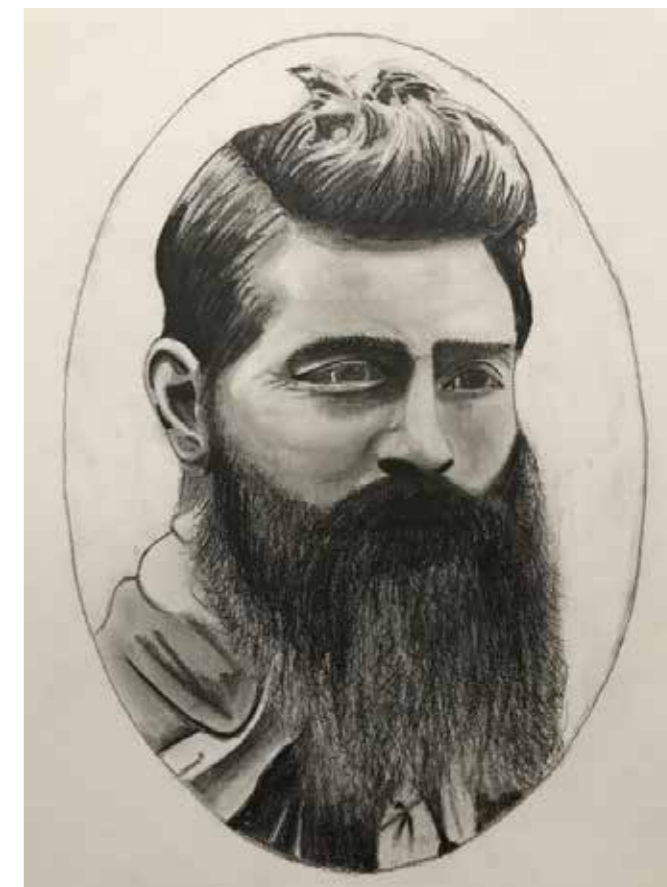
2018 VILLA VISIONS ART EXHIBITION

By Mrs Vanessa Briggs

This year Villa Visions returned to Goold Hall, allowing a broad range of student works from Years 5 - 12 to be curated. The evening was a celebration of our students’ interests, talents and dedication to Visual Art. The visible achievements seen at the exhibition clearly reflected the strength of our programs. The night was supported by our Year 12 Music students, Year 10 Food Studies students and AFAS helpers who enriched the gallery experience.

From the People’s Choice Award sales, AFAS raffle, gold coin donations and Staff Art sale, our community raised significant funds for AFAS. The proceeds from this event will be significantly used to fund local art programs on the AFAS student exchange to the Philippines. Thank you to all who attended and gave generously.

The People’s Choice Award recipient for 2018 was awarded to Noah Zenonos in Year 11 for his drawing titled ‘Ned Kelly’. This award acknowledges the most popular artwork judged by the general public at the 2018 Villa Visions Art Exhibition. Congratulations to Noah and all the award recipients.



VILLA VISIONS ACQUISITION PRIZES

- College Library Acquisition
- Senior School Curriculum Acquisition
- Junior School Curriculum Acquisition
- Ministry Acquisition
- Principal’s Prize
- Principal’s Encouragement
- Student Council Acquisition
- People’s Choice Award

- Cael McWilliam
- Joshua Butterfield
- Dylan Fryga
- Billy Turner
- Matthew Rankin
- Luca Cotroneo
- Patrick Maione
- Noah Zenonos

VILLA VISIONS YEAR LEVEL PRIZES

- Senior Art Award
- Year Eleven Art Award
- Year Ten Art Award
- Year Nine Art Award
- Year Eight Art Award
- Year Seven Art Award
- Year Six Art Award
- Year Five Art Award

- Cael McWilliam
- Samuel Behm
- Luca Cotroneo
- Travis Graham
- Lachlan Beake
- Patrick White
- Nicholas Humphries
- Xavier Wincote





OLD BOYS' PRESIDENT WELCOME

Dear Old Boys and Members of the wider Villanova Community,

As I complete my second year as President, I can honestly say that my experience has again been both inspiring and fulfilling. This year has been one of great excitement at Villanova, as we have celebrated our rich 70-year history and made firm plans to ensure our great College remains a light on the hill for many years to come.

The evening of the 3rd of August saw more than 240 Old Boys return to their Alma Mater, celebrate with fellow Villanovans and reflect on years gone by. We were again treated to the tunes of Sometime Sonny (David Campbell '11) as we watched the sunset darken over Brisbane City. As formal proceedings commenced in Goold Hall, those in attendance were again lucky to enjoy a variety of Greg Cooley Wines. We thank Greg ('78) for his ongoing support of the dinner and his willingness to be MC on the night. In what was the most successful dinner to date, we again raised funds to support a Villanova College education for those less fortunate, via the Terry Hendle Bursary. Thanks to the overwhelming support from Madd Loans (George Samios '06), Adina Watches, Greg Cooley Wines, Hotel Grand Chancellor (Peter Yared '87), Villanova Staff, Briggs and Stratton Australia, Chris' IGA Carina and Champions Memorabilia. Through this generosity, we were able to raise enough funds to support two students next year. A night like this would not be possible without the continued support from College Principal Mr. Mark Stower. Special thanks must also go to College Deputy Principal, Mr. Steven Bremner and Mrs. Kath Underhill for their assistance in organizing this event.

In what is always a solemn occasion, September 9th saw the College community unite as we shared a mass to remember our deceased Old Boys, staff and members of the Villanova College community. I thank Fr. Peter Wieneke OSA ('62) and Mr. Steven Bremner for their organization of this special occasion.

A year on from the passing of a stalwart of Villanova - Mr. Charlie Fisher, Old Boys and members of the Villanova community gathered together to play in the inaugural Charlie Fisher Golf Cup. The golf day was held on November 25th at Gainsborough Greens and a team of 2010 Old Boys - Ryan Johnson, James Klaassen, Kieran O'Connor and Alex Hale took out the prized Cup. Dom McGrath ('87) showed his skill on the third hole, taking out the Paul Finnimore Longest Drive. It was a poignant moment when Marg Fisher and Nicole Cole (nee Fisher) presented the winners' trophies. I thank Mr. Damon Joseph ('93) for his organization of this event, something that will now be a permanent fixture on the Old Boys' calendar. Moreover, the Association extends a massive thank you to all of those who showed support in attending the event in its first year.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the VOBA executive committee for their tireless work in 2018. I encourage Old Boys who are thinking about getting involved to become an active member of our great Association.

I wish the entire Villanova Community a happy and Holy Christmas period, and a fruitful 2019.

Vincit Veritas

Harrison Adams ('11)
President
Villanova Old Boys' Association



DATES: 2019

Saturday 23 March

International Carnival 5:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.
Villanova College, Coorparoo

Saturday 18 May

Old Boys' Heritage Round
Villa Park, Manly Road, Tingalpa

Friday 2 August

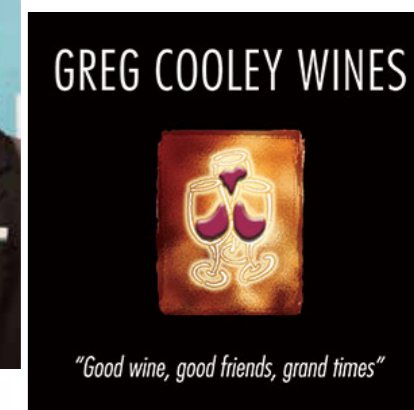
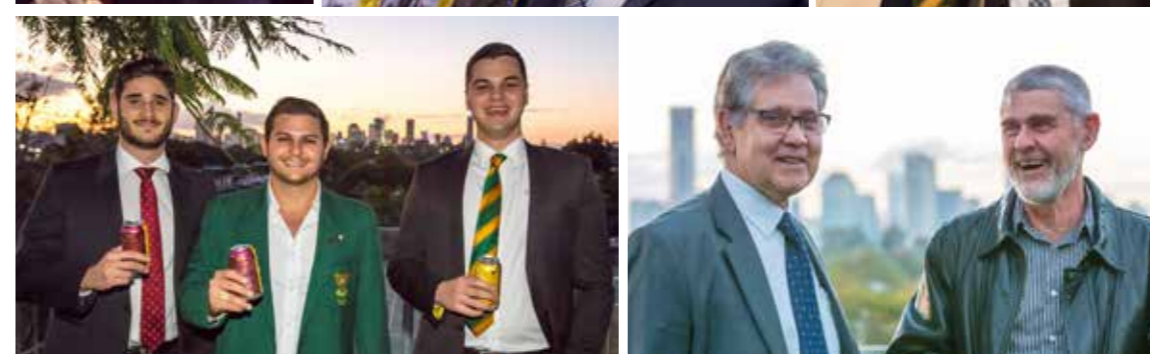
Villanova Old Boys' Dinner
Goold Hall, Villanova College, Coorparoo

Sunday 8 September

Deceased Old Boys' Mass
Goold Hall, Villanova College, Coorparoo

November Date TBA

Charlie Fisher Cup Golf Tournament
Gainsborough Greens Golf Course, Pimpama



A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

On Monday evening 29 October, the Celebration of Excellence Awards Evening was held at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre. Students from Years 5 to 12, who had achieved excellent results, were recognised for their diligence, determination and discipline. It was another poignant affirmation of the value of academic achievement and scholarship within our learning community. The opening liturgy, reaffirmed for us the importance of our Augustinian tradition and values inspired by the example of Jesus Christ, our greatest teacher. In Saint Augustine's words, "all are searching for truth and for life, but not all are able to find the way... Christ, with the Father, is truth and life, and he took on our human nature to become for us the way."

The Celebration of Excellence also provided our wonderful musicians with an opportunity to gift us all with their creative talents on such a grand stage of the Concert Hall. Accompanying the music was a visual display of the academic life of the College as well as historical footage commemorating the 70th Anniversary. The audience was thoroughly entertained across the evening.

The recipients of this year's Awards of Distinction were a group of exceptional young men of distinguished character who made significant contributions to Villanova College in the areas of academia, sport, culture and service. They epitomised the Augustinian gateway values and were wonderful role models for our College community. We acknowledged these Year 12 students:

- Musician of the Year** – Xander Caulfield
- Sportsman of the Year** – Nicholas Elsey
- Dual Proxime Accessit** – Leo Clarke and Asier Goni
- Dux of the College** – Trent Foster
- Villanovan of the Year** – Liam Hampson

A very special Congratulations to Trent Foster – Dux of the College. Trent achieved "Very High Achievement" in all his subjects and was placed first in five of his six subjects, an outstanding achievement. During the Celebration of Excellence, it was revealed that Trent in his earlier years was achieving at a B standard. At some point Trent's passion for learning was ignited and he has excelled at his studies.

The following students were recognised as the highest achievers in their respective cohorts:

- YEAR 5**
Dual Proxime Accessit: Isaac Lerato and Jonah Nicolaou
Dux: Dylan Fryga
- YEAR 6**
Proxime Accessit: Daniel Egert
Dux: William Makridakis
- YEAR 7**
Proxime Accessit: Mitchell Rieck
Dux: George Trigenis
- YEAR 8**
Proxime Accessit: Liam McConville
Dux: Lachie McGregor
- YEAR 9**
Proxime Accessit: Louis Henderson
Dux: Henry Barras
- YEAR 10**
Proxime Accessit: Callum Moses
Dux: Luke Skelton
- YEAR 11**
Duces: Thomas Pham and Matthew Short

In celebrating the achievements of our Villanova scholars, the intrinsic drive that cultivates an appetite for academic success cannot be understated. The following excerpt from 2018 Academic Captain, Asier Goni's address aptly captured this: During my time at Villanova I have learnt to see excellence as flowing from wholeheartedness. It is about perseverance and tenacity, deliberate practice, passion-driven focus and consistency of effort. It is in this sense that we come to understand that the pursuit of knowledge goes well beyond 'book knowledge'; that it encompasses the development of social values, ethics, aesthetics and independent thought; and that it is those thinking skills, social and emotional competencies that we have gained in the past eight years that will be the key to help us navigate successfully the complex life and work environments we face ahead.

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." – Vince Lombardi



STILL CONNECTED - DRUERY FAMILY

Following years of teaching in various Queensland Schools, Keith joined the community of Villanova College as a Secondary Teacher in 1972. After exemplary classroom teaching, Father Laurie Mooney recognised Keith's leadership qualities and he was duly appointed as Head of the Primary School from 1979 till 1999. After retiring from full-time employment, Keith gratefully accepted a part-time position as Publicity/Promotions Officer. Amongst his responsibilities, he was the editor of the VillaVoice quarterly magazine, which was originally developed as a means of maintaining communication and connection with the College's growing Old Boy community.

An encourager of progress, Keith Druery is responsible for the innovation of some major initiatives. During the mid 1980s, he introduced a broad Music Program to Villanova College for students from Years 5 to 12. Each year Keith also organized a music tour to give encouragement to students. He had much support from the music committee which he had established. With the support of this fantastic parent group he invited Catholic Schools and Colleges to take part in a competition which still continues today. It is now called Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival. Currently, over 110 schools take part involving 14,000 student performers. It continues to be held at Villanova College where it began as a very small festival twenty-eight years ago. In addition to QCMF, Keith Druery also introduced the Cricket programme into the Primary School.

With the help of fellow teacher, Don Holdsworth, and many supportive parents, these cricket teams then took part in the local district competition, as there were no schools' competition at that time. A few years later, at the request and help of parents, a Rugby Union programme began.



Keith and Anne's family comprises of four children, three sons and one daughter. Tony ('81), married to Leanne, has a son and a daughter, Max and Grace. Sadly Tony passed away from pancreatic cancer in December 2016. Paul ('83), a Landscape architect is married to Lara, and has 2 girls Mia and Amy. Damian ('84), is married to Kath, and they have four sons; Ben ('11) - Electrician, about to travel overseas for six months, Chris ('13) - almost completed his Engineering and Business degrees: studied at Connecticut University for six months earlier this year, Jack ('16) - 3rd year Electrician, and Alex ('18) - hoping to do teaching.

Their only daughter Jane (teacher), is married to Daniel Weule ('84), and they have three children; Sarah, Emma and Harry (currently Year 6 going into 7 at Villanova)

Keith loved having four grandsons there for one year and he would drive them to school. He enjoyed the fight over the front seat and listening to them chat about cricket etc. Harry, his youngest grandson, is now at Villanova and has taken after Keith with his love of singing.



STILL CONNECTED - GEORGE SAMIOS



George Samios graduated in 2006. Since leaving the College, life has been extremely busy. Upon graduating, George became involved as a Real Estate salesperson in West End. By age 20, he was offered the opportunity to be a mobile banking manager and took it. Within two years of working in the bank he had a dream to open his own mortgage brokering business, and in 2012 he opened Madd Loans. George has won over 2 dozen awards from different mortgage industry aggregators, associations & industry magazines over the past 7 years of being in the business.

Some of these include Broker of the Year Australia for the FBAA, Broker of the Year Australia Under 30 (three years in a row) and Broker of the Year QLD for Connective (three years in a row). His business has steadily grown, and he employs over six full time staff in his office in Seven Hills. He attributes this success to genuinely doing the right thing for his clients and his team, giving ultimate customer service at all times.

One of George's favourite quotes he uses on a daily basis with his clients is, "You can achieve anything, if you want it bad enough and you work hard for it". This is a lesson he learnt firsthand while at Villanova. During his Senior Schooling years he wanted to make the First XV team. He yearned for this more than anything despite being placed in the D grade for Rugby Union since Year 6.

George trained everyday over Christmas holidays and his dream came true, making the First XV team as Tight Head Prop and continued on to play for Queensland's AIC Team 1. George has shared his success by willingly staying connected, being a major sponsor for the Villanova Old Boys' Dinner for the past three years.

This year George has also acquired what he believes is his greatest achievement, marrying the 'love of his life' Kristala Iacovou on 22nd September.

AFAS ELDERS

Under the leadership of AFAS stalwart, Tony Hindmarsh, a select group of AFAS Elders travelled to the Philippines in December of 2018. This group, comprising of Villanova Old Boys, (most of whom were members of the AFAS Ministry group whilst students of the College), Villanova Staff and family, gave of their own time to support the residents on Kinatarcan Island: Liam Edgerton ('15), Mark Stuart ('18), Matt Davies ('17), Campbell Muir ('15), Tom Merrin ('11), Angus Tracey ('17), Juanita Jacobs, Peter Jacobs, Mark Edgerton, Bruce Stuart and Tony Hindmarsh. On this trip, they helped with building a facility to support the mat weaving livelihood project. This group of women design and produce traditional handicrafts for sale in the Fairtrade shop in Cebu. The project provides an income for a very poor rural community where jobs and infrastructure are lacking, and there is little opportunity for income generation unless they leave the island and their families. This was only the second AFAS Elders trip, the team visiting the Morenga hut which was begun on the first trip and did some general maintenance on this building.

"This is what we were able to achieve in a relatively short time there. The first is what the building looked like when we arrived, and the second shows what was accomplished in less than two weeks."



STILL CONNECTED - STUART FAMILY

In 1953 two Irish comedians like the “Two Ronnies” dressed as priests came to St Joachim’s convent at Holland Park to invite boys to attend Villanova, opening at Coorparoo in 1954. The “Two Ronnies” turned out to be Fr. O’Donnell and Fr. Mahoney who taught Mathematics and History. Their classes were always so full of entertainment that I never wanted to miss a day. Our Sub-junior class was the biggest in the school with fifty-two boys.

On the sporting field we struggled as Fr. Seary was the only college sports coach. A few weeks after school started, Fr Seary asked the class who could swim 50m to try out for the swimming team, only two or three swimming the 50 comfortably. From 1954 to 1957 our cricket team never won a match and the first football team only won a couple of matches. Two tennis courts were built in 1954 and we developed such competitiveness in tennis that Villanova won the open B grade in 1956 and open A grade in 1957. Villanova was set up to provide boys with a Catholic education. Fr. O’Donnell frequently quoted St Augustine: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee”. In 1955, he was called into the office of the then minister for education, Mr. Jack Pizzey, and reprimanded because he made a statement at the school opening and quoted in the Courier Mail that education without religious instruction created clever devils. Fr. Hanrahan gave us an understanding of Catholic doctrine and emphasised that this was only the beginning of our Catholic education and that we must extend our knowledge and level of understanding commensurate with our intellectual development and maturity.

After the birth of our first son in 1964, I wrote to Rector Fr. Hanrahan to enrol Paul. He informed me that he had enrolled Paul and that he was the first son of an old boy to be enrolled but he would not be the first to attend Villanova. Following our family moves around Australia, we settled in Brisbane again in 1971, Paul attending Villanova in 1974, followed by Bruce, Matthew, Robert and Gregory. Subsequently, Bruce’s sons James, Ben and Mark have attended Villanova with Mark finishing in 2018. My sons and grandsons have far exceeded my achievements. College staff has grown from the small beginnings of a team of eight Augustinian priests who did everything at the school to a team of more than 100 and attendance from 250 to 1300. Musically the school has progressed from a cadet fife band to a stage where all the boys are educated in music, for which the school is indebted to Keith Druery. On my way home from school in 1954, I while waiting for a tram outside the Stones Corner hotel, a drunk man came out of the pub and asked me what school I attended. When I told him Villanova he replied, “That is going to be a great school one day”.

Pa Stuart ('54)



I was at Villanova from 1974 through to finishing Year 12 in 1981. Villanova provided a critical thinking education – Ian Phillips, Fr Peter Wieneke, and other staff members were developing a new Religious Education subject. Twenty-five years later and 1,000 km away, my three sons all benefited from that courage to build that curriculum. Other highlights were being taught by so many staff veterans: Mr Sean Quinn, Mr Charlie Fisher, Fr Tom Mescall, Mr Ian Phillips, Fr Noel Hackett, Fr Pete Wieneke and so many others. Looking back now, I see the ethos and courage of extra-curricular support by all the staff was the key to many of the school’s strengths. It allowed the extra layers of learning to build respect between teachers and students, allowing us to learn many other life lessons that are not in any curriculum. One incident of many was a mixed social at Villanova, held around the pool, to which a dozen other local lads decided to invite themselves for some fun. When Mr Fisher was informed that the other lads were wanting to enter the dance, he grumbled, “We will see about that!” and promptly headed out to Seventh Avenue entrance to see them. Suffice to say that the young lads backed down when faced with one man’s courage and conviction. A lesson long remembered.

Paul Stuart ('81)

Villanova has always had community values at the fore, reinforced by the teachers and the relationships they formed with and encouraged between students. These relationships and respect have continued to this point in time and were evident at the Old Boys present at the passing of long term Villanova staff members this year. My family’s relationship with Villanova started with my father from 1954 to 1957, my mother’s brothers in the 60s and from my brothers from 1974 to 1991. The connection with Villanova was continued when I was fortunate to spend a term teaching at Villanova in 2003, continuing with my three sons, James, Ben and Mark, who has just graduated. Ben and James have continued connection with Villanova through sports and music production assistance, and my wife, Megan, has also been working within the Music department for the last 10 years. Although there may be no Stuart boys at Villanova in 2019, the connection and relationships will continue for many years to come.

Bruce Stuart ('84)

My experience as a Villanova student was from 1980 to 1987, returning to the College in 2005 as graduate teacher. Vincit Veritas - Truth Conquers - is something that has always stuck with me. Understanding the why and how of things helps me understand what may happen in the future. My time at Villa was enjoyable with the Saturdays for most of the school year engaged in some sporting activity. One very memorable Junior Cricket game (year 5/6?) played on the Buranda State School oval, was where I managed to score half the runs for the innings coming in at number 10 or 11 in the batting order, and making only 1 (or was it 2 runs?). The attitude was it is more important to participate and try, rather than not attempt at all, though if you won as well that is a bonus. Another memorable experience was at an Athletics training camp run during the holidays in year 8, having Brian Canavan spend an hour or so with me to help me develop some basic javelin throwing techniques. If you master the basics in life, more advanced and complicated abilities can be developed on those foundations.

Matthew Stuart ('87)

I think it’s fair to say that my class were a bunch of average guys in just about every way. We didn’t excel at sport, we didn’t excel academically, a few excelled at music, but mainly, we had fun, enjoyed ourselves and accepted each other. A key learning from school for me was the respect of others regardless of creed, ethnicity or colour. If anything, I enjoy the diversity of ideas and interactions with people who have come from different environments. It is hard to say that was Villanova’s doing completely, but I think it played a very large part and I always felt Villanova seemed to have a greater number of non-white students than other schools. Certainly, I remember learning of other religions in RE and realising that everyone has many of the same beliefs! Villa having the International Carnival also celebrated and encouraged this diversity. I came across this phrase long after school and it caught my attention being attributed to St Augustine: “Free curiosity is a greater encouragement to learning than frightened compulsion.” I have found it on this site: <http://www.osa.org.au/en/augustine/writings-of-st-augustine/st-augustine-and-teaching/> I try to keep in mind that curiosity also killed the cat :-)

Whether it was consciously done or not, I felt like the teachers at Villa managed to trigger this aspect of learning that kept me interested. But there were other things along the way. For example, I became a bit obsessed with fractals - I think initially from a maths assignment, and that became my stepping stone into computers and IT. It also led me to discover the ideas of open source software and many principles I still hold today.

Robert Stuart ('90)

The main influence Villanova has had is within my professional life. During my time as a high school computing/maths teacher, I always endeavoured to interact with and treat my students the same way that I had been at Villanova (84-91) - with respect, humour and care, whilst endeavouring to bring out the best in all my students. In my later working life as a computer analyst, it has always been important to value everyone’s input to the task at hand and that we need to work together as a team with the common goal to achieve. This was instilled through playing both Rugby and Volleyball, where you could only succeed as an individual team, not a team of individuals.

Greg Stuart ('91)



I entered Villanova in Year 8 in 2009, where some of my earliest memories include meeting teachers who I didn’t know, but knew me as a “Stuart” for they had taught my family members. From these teachers, John Harkin, Nick Simpson, Dennis Harvey, Fr Peter Wieneke, (to name only a few), I learnt of my family’s antics, and how I followed more interestingly in the footsteps of Uncle Paul than my father Bruce - (mostly) staying out of trouble. Recently I have been tutoring within software and electrical engineering at UQ which has reignited the love of teaching and learning firmly implanted at Villa.

Two fond memories include the Staff Senior banquet and a small holiday to Bribie. The Staff Senior banquet epitomises the staff - student bonds, and was the perfect opportunity to thank the staff for their efforts in shaping us as Villanova men. My mum often says that she was convinced of sending her sons to Villanova after she heard that Villanova aims first and foremost to develop boys into well rounded, responsible, fine young men, who embody the College’s core values. She also remembers the first Parent Information night where teachers wisely noted that if your son can find a great bunch of friends, the rest will fall into place. My friends from Villanova are lifelong ones.

The Bribie holiday was a special opportunity that Dennis Harvey and Father Pete Wieneke offered to myself and a couple of friends. We painted the Augustinian house, listened to Fr. Pete’s tales, enjoyed Dennis’s old vinyls and found that our music tastes weren’t that dissimilar. After spending many long days in the Augustine Centre and Gool Hall during my school years, I find myself often back at Villanova, enjoying music. A love for the technical aspects of a show have led me to working casually in sound and projection for corporate events all over south east Queensland. Without the opportunity and encouragement through school, I don’t think I would have ever considered this as a part-time career. As time goes by, I appreciate the value of the Villanovan education more, and how it is an education not solely in academia, but encompasses a curriculum for life.

James Stuart ('13)

Villanova has a great culture. Everyone could be friends with everyone, hang out together, support each other and participate in all the College had to offer. The opportunities which have left a mark on me include Mission days, the Phillipines trip, participating in Music and Sporting tours and Kokoda Challenge, to name just a few. These brought us together as a community, to enjoy the sport, music, food, cultures and occasions to help those in need while relishing in the relationships we formed spending time with each other. I miss seeing my mates every day and chatting with teachers who were our mentors and became our friends. Some of these strong relationships will last a lifetime.

Ben Stuart ('16)

Villanova has been everything to me - a family, an institution and a place to get away as well. The College isn’t made up of the buildings and physical structures but the people who work there and the students who attend there. The teachers support and push the students and are interested and involved in each one of us. The “boys” create our own sort of community, coming together in times of crisis or to support one another in our endeavours and achievements. Villanova has been such a great influence on me as part of my life’s journey and providing a pathway to the world. Coming back to help coach and talk to students as well as having connections with old teachers and old boy brothers, means part of Villanova will always be with me.

Mark Stuart ('18)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Fr Michael David Morahan OSA
Rector: 1995 - 2010

Michael Morahan was born in Brisbane in 1952 into a family of six children. His parents Brian and Shirley had both belonged to the tennis club at Whinstanes. His primary schooling was with the Presentation Sisters at Norman Park, and his secondary education at Villanova College where he graduated in 1969. He entered the Order in 1970 and completed his studies for the priesthood at the Gregorian University, Rome.

He was ordained in 1978 by Archbishop Francis Rush of the Brisbane Archdiocese. To gain pastoral experience he was appointed to St James' Church, Coorparoo and continued to study completing his Bachelor of Science degree in 1971. Father Mike moved to St Augustine's, Brookvale the following year and completed his Grad Dip in Education at UNSW. From 1980 to 1990 Fr Mike taught a variety of subjects at Villanova College including Physics, Computing and Study of Religion. He was appointed Assistant Principal, Curriculum in 1986 and in 1991 he moved to St Augustine's, Brookvale as a member of their teaching staff. In 1995 he was appointed Rector of Villanova College, and was the third past pupil to lead the College as Rector.



As Rector Fr Mike managed some major reforms at Villanova. In 2003 The Schooling Project was started reviewing the College Curriculum and student welfare procedures. Between 2003 and 2005 the Augustine Centre including the Hanrahan Theatre was constructed, the One Heart One Mind Project was launched and Villanova Park was redeveloped and expanded. Restorative Practices was adopted in 2004 as the model for pastoral care and discipline. The Cor Unum Centre at Villanova Park opened in 2006 and between 2006 and 2007 while Villanova remained one College in the Augustinian tradition, the College formally introduced the Three Schools One College model. Fr Mike left Villanova in 2009, the last Augustinian Rector assigned to the College and moved to North Queensland as an educational consultant. Sadly, his life was cut short when he passed away on 25th June 2011 in Cairns at the age of 58 years.

HOUSE BISHOPS

CRANE



Most Rev Martin Crane OSA DD
 First Bishop of Sandhurst
 1874-1901

Born in Ireland in 1818. In 1864 Crane re-introduced the Augustinian Order to England where it had been disbanded by King Henry VII in 1553. Archbishop Goold installed Crane as the first Bishop of Sandhurst (Bendigo) in 1875. Crane suffered for many years with poor eyesight before eventually becoming blind, but he did not let this handicap interfere with his work, instead he continued his ministry with great courage and commitment.

GOOLD



Most Rev James Goold OSA DD
 First Archbishop of Melbourne
 1848-1886

Born in Ireland in 1812, Goold studied in Italy as many Irish students of the Catholic priesthood did to escape the English Penal laws set to protect the establishment of the Church of England. Goold arrived in Australia in 1838 and since then the Augustinians have remained the longest continually serving male religious order in Australia. In 1847 he was appointed the first Catholic Bishop of Melbourne.

HEAVEY



Most Rev John Heavey OSA DD
 Vicar Apostolic of Cooktown
 1914-1941

Born in Ireland in 1868, he was the youngest and the last of the six Augustinian Bishops in Australia. He was responsible for the Church in Far North Queensland and appointed the first Bishop of Cairns. Heavey was the only one of the six Bishops to have been a teacher in an Augustinian school, in the town of New Ross at Good Counsel College, which still exists.

MURRAY



Most Rev James Murray OSA DD
 Vicar Apostolic of Cooktown
 1898-1914

Born in Ireland in 1847. He served as a Priest in far North Queensland before being sent to in Echuca, Victoria, where he was consecrated Bishop before returning to Far North Queensland in 1898. The area was struggling to emerge from a severe financial depression and the Church was effectively bankrupt. Over the 16 years Murray was Bishop he was able to reduce the Vicariate's debt from £8,000 to £2,000.

ACROSS THE DECADES - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Villanovan of the Year
Brian Pascoe

"For distinguished and spirited service to Villanova".

Brian is a young man of character and sensitivity. His outstanding quality is his willingness to work selflessly for others. Respected among his peers, he has devoted time and energy to younger students. As the first President of the Villanova Saint Vincent de Paul Society, he has set a high standard for future Presidents. Through hard work he has maintained a good solid performance in his academic studies. He was a member of the winning Madley Relay team at T.A.S. Swimming, a member of the Open B Volleyball team and the Athletics team, being the Open 800m School Champion. He received the award for the 3rd XV and was the Captain of the T.A.S. Cross Country team. Consistently a gentleman, he has influenced all levels of the school for good.

As Villanovan of the Year Brian received the Father O'Donnell Shield and Villanova Gold Medal.

VILLANOVAN OF THE YEAR

Winner of the Father S. O'Donnell Shield for the Villanovan of the Year was Maurice C. Swan. Maurice, a prefect in 1966, came to Villanova in 1964, and during the five years he spent at the College, he established a reputation as a brilliant student, being class of his class each year from Grade 8 to Senior. In activities outside the class room, Maurice gave spirited and distinguished service, as the citation which accompanied his award explained. In the annual Lions Youth of the Year Contest, he was a District Finalist. In the V.C.S. movement he was a Leader and Treasurer; he held the position of Secretary in the Intra-Col Club; and as Editor of the Varian, he played a dominant role in the formation of spirit and responsible opinion within the school. In sport, he was captain of the T.A.S. premiership Third XV. His all-round involvement in the life of the College was deservedly recognised when he was named the Villanovan of 1968.

For the third successive year, Errol Davis is the Open Tennis Champion. Congratulations Errol! With John Perzer you have given great service to Villanova.

OPEN CHAMPION 1958-59-60

Errol Davis

Our veteran jumper, Geoff England, was needed frequently in Science class. You should have seen those muscles by October.

Senior Academic Awards

Christopher Vasilion
 Gold Medalist - One of the College
 Silver Medalist - Science
 Ruby Scout Memorial Trophy for Science
 Silver Medalist - Mathematics

Timothy McGee
 Vice-Master's Award
 The St. Augustin's Commemorative Cup
 Certificate of Merit - Honor

Alex Diamond
 Silver Medalist - Study of Religion
 The Fr. St. Michael's Memorial Trophy
 Certificate of Merit - Personal Education

Erhan Shepherd
 Silver Medalist - Study of Religion
 The Fr. St. Michael's Memorial Trophy
 Certificate of Merit - Study

Joseph Donohue
 Silver Medalist - Excellence
 Study of Religion, Mathematics & Humanities
 Certificate of Merit - Personal Education

Michael Lock
 Silver Medalist - Excellence
 Study of Religion, Mathematics & Humanities
 Certificate of Merit - Personal Education

Thomas Underhill
 Silver Medalist - Excellence
 Study of Religion, Mathematics & Humanities
 Certificate of Merit - Personal Education

Lucian Knox
 Silver Medalist - Excellence
 Study of Religion, Mathematics & Humanities
 Certificate of Merit - Personal Education

Old boy and staff member, Andrew Black (1964-1972) won selection in 1976 to play for Australia against Wales and later toured New Zealand where he played in two Tests against the All Blacks.

Also in 1976, another old boy, Bruce Walker (1963-1967) was selected in the Australian Rugby League side that toured England and France. A member of Sydney's Manly Warringah club, Bruce is the second old boy to tour with an Australian Rugby League side in recent years. Mark Thomas (1965-1973) represented Australia against New Zealand in 1977.

VALE NICK SIMPSON



Nicholas P Simpson began his Villanova journey in 1973 as a Sub-Senior student. The following year he was elected as an Honour Blazer Prefect. During this relatively short period, Nick's achievements were varied and numerous; including Commonwealth Secondary Scholarship, Chess Club President, Youth of the Year - Quest District Finalist, First XV Cricket, First XV Rugby and Bronze Medallion in Life Saving.

After graduating from Villanova College, Nick pursued his desire to study Education, entering the Teaching profession in 1978 back at his Alma Mater at Coorparoo. This was the beginning of more than forty years of dedication to his passion for teaching and learning, and his unequivocal ability to develop quality relationships with his students and colleagues. Nick's calmly spiritual nature, his infectious smile and his magical uplifting persona were just a few of the attributes he exuded to anyone who met him.

Very sad news for all those associated with Villanova Old Boys and the whole college community. Nick Simpson; a great mathematician, an inspiring teacher and a top bloke. - John Perrier

The father of past player and Queensland captain and current Queensland Cricket Board member Chris Simpson, Nick Simpson played third and fourth grade for one season 1977-78. A promising bowler he returned 41 wickets for the season. We extend our sympathy to Nick's family at this time. - Wynnum Manly Cricket Club

Carlo was taught by Nick and has nothing but fond memories of this great guy! Such a big loss to the Villa community and his family. Sending our thoughts and prayers to all. - Parent

Nick was an intellectual scholar, humble gentleman, learned colleague, experienced mentor, loving family man...and most importantly, dear friend. Morning tea musings will never be the same. - Colleague and close friend

Very sad news. Nick tutored me in Year 10 when I was really struggling with maths and single-handedly got me through Algebra (which was really saying something!) Such a gentle, patient, quiet, humble man with a beautiful family. Thoughts to all who worked with him and were taught by him at Villa. - Former student

Gutted today. Lost a beautiful friend. RIP Nick Simpson. A truly 'gentle' man. - Colleague and close friend

A great man of wisdom and strength, Nick Simpson,
 "Unless you stand for something, you will fall for anything."

OF INTEREST

CATCHING UP WITH FATHER PAT CODD OSA

By Prior Provincial Father Peter Jones OSA



Many of the older Old Boys and families associated with Villanova College would remember Fr Pat Codd. Fr Pat, who is a member of the Irish Province of the Order, served in Australia from 1956 to 1999.

Fr Pat served on the staff of Villanova College first for one year in 1957 and then continuously from mid 1960 to the end of 1974. He taught in the Primary School, ran the Tuck Shop, was Bursar of the College from 1964 and Prior of the Augustinian Community at Villanova from 1965.

More important than the offices in which he served was Pat's easy going ability in relating to others, his example as a religious and his commitment to the Province of Australia for over 42 years.

On a recent visit to Ireland, present Provincial Fr Peter Jones visited Fr Pat along with other Irish Augustinians who had served in Australia in the past. Fr Pat is now 91 and lives at the Priory in the grounds of Good Counsel College in New Ross. He himself is a former student of that College (though it is now in a new location). As the Cods come from that area, several younger generations of the extended Codd family attend the College at present. Fr Pat is in relatively good health. He still retains many wonderful memories of his time in Australia and would want to be remembered to those whom he knew when he served at Villanova.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGE NEWS, ENGAGEMENTS AND IN MEMORIUM

BIRTHS

In March Alexander ('08) and Sally (nee Delaney - Loreto '08) welcomed the birth of a bouncing baby boy Hugh Alastair Peace - 3.375kg. He is also the grandson of very proud staff member Eleni Peace and her husband Wayne.

MARRIAGE NEWS

On September 1, Father Saldie Resolado officiated the wedding of Old Boy, Daniel Gregory('01) to Grace Whittaker...His Best Man was James Gregory ('96), and groomsmen were Peter Twaddell('01) and Aaron Chidgey('01)

ENGAGEMENTS

Tom Underhill ('08) and Rebecca Gimpel (Loreto College Captain '08), due to marry September 2020
 Patrick Weightman (Villanova College Captain '05) and Ashley Thompson, due to marry in January 2019

IN MEMORIUM

- Allan Gell, Villanova Old Boy
- Julia Lane, mother of Peter, Dan, Morgan
- Trish Lucas, mother of The Honourable Paul Lucas
- Claudia Veronica Mossop - mother of Mark and Greg
- Nicholas Simpson, Villanova Old Boy and staff member
- Irene Tsami, past Villanova staff member
- Vi Wild, mother of Mike and Terry
- Michael Zietsch - father of Pat and Mark, father-in-law of staff member Sally Byron, and grandfather of Henry (8/2018)

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

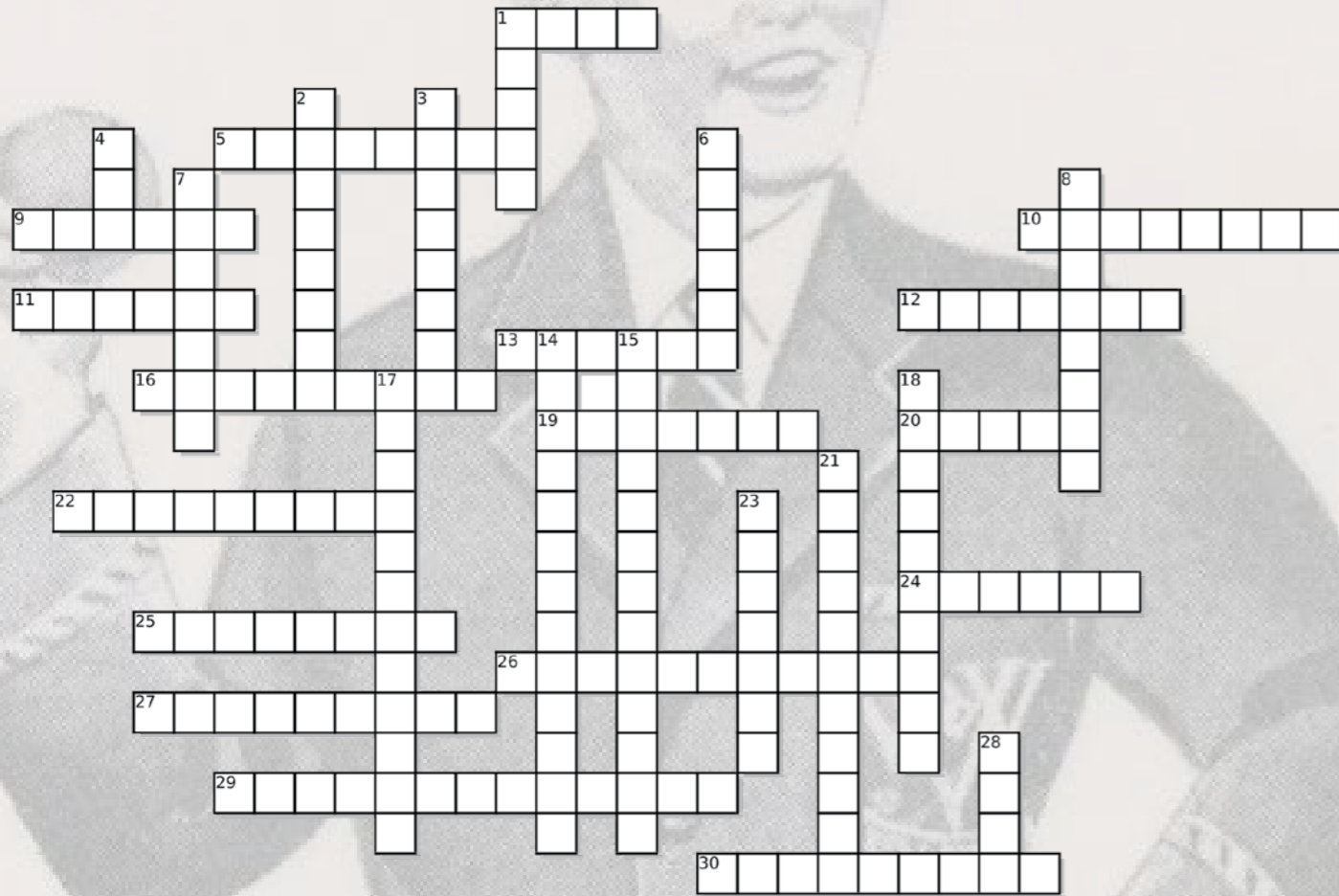
ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Samir Lal ('08), who has recently graduated as a Doctor of Philosophy in Genomic and Transcriptomic Biomarkers of Prognosis in Invasive Lobular Breast Cancer.



7 DECADES YOUNG

Test Your Knowledge Of Villanova's History



ACROSS

- 1 How many Irish priests founded Villanova College back in 1948
- 5 In 1998 the 50 Year Jubilee book One Mind..... was launched
- 9 Current teacher who was 1988 Villanovan of the Year, Brian...
- 10 1988 College Captain
- 11 1968 Rector Father Kevin
- 12 VOB brothers Greg and Sean
- 13 Villanova's First Lay Principal, Dennis
- 16 2018 College Captain
- 19 Langlands house was previously a
- 20 St Augustine of
- 22 Latin for graduation Mass of Thanksgiving
- 24 2008 Combined Loreto/Villanova Drama Production
- 25 A founding father, Fr Louis.....
- 26 1968 Dux of the College and Villanovan of the Year
- 27 Elected Prior Provincial in 1958, Fr Benignus.....
- 29 Current Old Boys' President
- 30 In 1954 Villanova College was moved to this suburb

DOWN

- 1 The number of students who attended Villanova in its first year
- 2 Our hearts are
- 3 The College opened on a 10-acre property in this Brisbane suburb
- 4 Our AIC Sport was formerly called this
- 6 1978 College Captain and Villanovan of the Year , Greg
- 7 Former Rector of Villanova, Fr Michael.....
- 8 2008 Dux of the College, Chris V.....
- 14 1998 College Captain
- 15 Truth Conquers
- 17 70s television quiz show featuring Villanovan students
- 18 The name of the original College property
- 21 VOB selected to play Rugby League for Australia in 1978
- 23 VOB brothers Thomas, Callum and Lochie
- 28 In 1988 the Villanova College Band performed at the opening of this event.

ANYONE FOR TENORS!

SAVE THE DATES....

Friday 8th February and Saturday 9th February

Villanova parents/alumni are in for a treat this February with two special events at Villanova College featuring the boys from Brisbane powerhouse group TENORI.

What a great way to kickstart the new school year and reconnect with students past and present! Presented by Villanova Old Boy Greg Cooley of South Australian winery Greg Cooley Wines, (VOB '78 and College Captain '78), the shows will be held on both Friday 8th February and Saturday 9th February, under the stars on the lawns of the Senior School Terraces in front of the Veritas Building, with the background of the Brisbane City at sunset.

Event organiser Greg Cooley said the evening would combine the talents of some of the original Ten Tenors and former Villanova music teacher Craig Atkinson. 'It's an exciting celebration of food, wine and the performing arts, as well as a great social night out raising funds for a terrific school project', said Greg.

Brisbane trio Tenori performs with a 4 piece band and the event will also feature support act The Villanova Irish Ensemble. Fast becoming one of Australia's most sought after vocal groups, TENORI bring their sense of fun and sophistication to classics from the worlds of Opera, Music, Theatre, Jazz and everything in between. Think fun, think class, think mystery men in suits and old style Cabaret, and combined you get good old fashioned fun!

The trio made up of David Kidd, Craig Atkinson and Andrew Pryor have performed together for many years and after two successful tours of Australia in recent years, their fan-base and performing schedule has continued to expand as they continue to do what they do best; sing great songs in ways that the audience loves to hear.

The three Queensland tenors met while touring internationally with The Ten Tenors; performing in venues such as London's Royal Albert Hall, The Pantages Theatre in LA and the Sydney Opera House. After some time apart working with Opera Australia, Opera Queensland and many of the country's finest orchestras, they are back together doing what they do best.

Over the last ten years they have established themselves as a national touring force, travelling the length and breadth of Australia, performing on the iconic Queen Mary 2 and sharing the stage with the likes of Emma Pask, Darren Percival and James Morrison.

Anyone for Tenors, presented by South Australian winery Greg Cooley Wines will be held Fri 8th and Sat 9th February 2019 at Villanova College and promises to be a special night out.

Mark this special event as a diary date today and join us for an evening of Good Wine, Good Friends and Grand Times! It's a great opportunity for an Old Boys' catch up.

Gates open at 5.30pm, followed by a 90 minute classic cabaret show at 7pm featuring everything from Puccini, Sinatra and Cohen to James Taylor, Michael Buble and the Bee Gees!

Tickets start at \$45 per person with people encouraged to book through trybooking.com or Greg Cooley Wines - kelli@gregcooleywines.com.au

Tickets go on sale 1st January 2019. For more information, contact Kelli Shanahan at Greg Cooley Wines on 0421 055 799.





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Contact Mr Harrison Adams President of VOBAl on 0433 493 357 for further information.

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Contact Stephen Rouhliadoff at the College on 07 3394 5961 or email srouhliadoff@vnc.qld.edu.au for further information.

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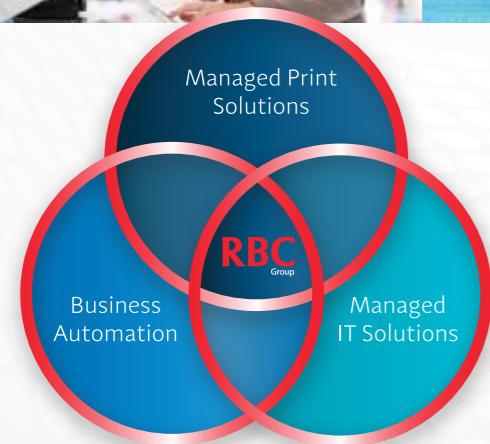
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