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Reese Jansen, 2019 Ministry Captain at the Mass of St Augustine on August 30.





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### COVER: Changing of the Guard

Congratulations to our 2020 Student Leadership Executive team pictured on the front cover with the outgoing 2019 Executive Leaders:

L - R: 2020 Student Council President, Murphy Woodger; 2019 Student Council President, Nickolas Sofias, 2020 College Captain, Max McCaul; 2019 College Captain, Matthew Rolls; 2020 College Vice Captain, Tadhg O'Neill; 2019 College Vice Captain, Will Barwick

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# PRINCIPAL'S *welcome*

MR MARK STOWER — COLLEGE PRINCIPAL



We are certainly in exciting times at Villanova as we look with confidence to the future of our great College. I believe we are perfectly placed to develop the attributes and skills our graduates require to flourish in a rapidly changing world.

We are acutely aware that future employers will increasingly be seeking employees who are innovators with well-developed entrepreneurial skills and effective communicators who can confidently engage with people from diverse backgrounds. Employers will be seeking candidates who can collaborate and be constructive team members. The emerging world of automation and augmented and virtual reality will be key drivers of change. New jobs of the future will require the modern workforce to possess solid foundations in digital technologies. In a competitive marketplace, graduates will need to display high levels of personal and social skill to gain a competitive edge in a dense employment marketplace.

Underpinning these 21st century skills are the foundational subjects of English (Literacy) and Mathematics (Numeracy). These subjects form the solid base upon which each student builds his learning.

In order to provide learning opportunities for our students to develop these 21st century skills, we are embarking on an ambitious Master Plan to provide flexible learning

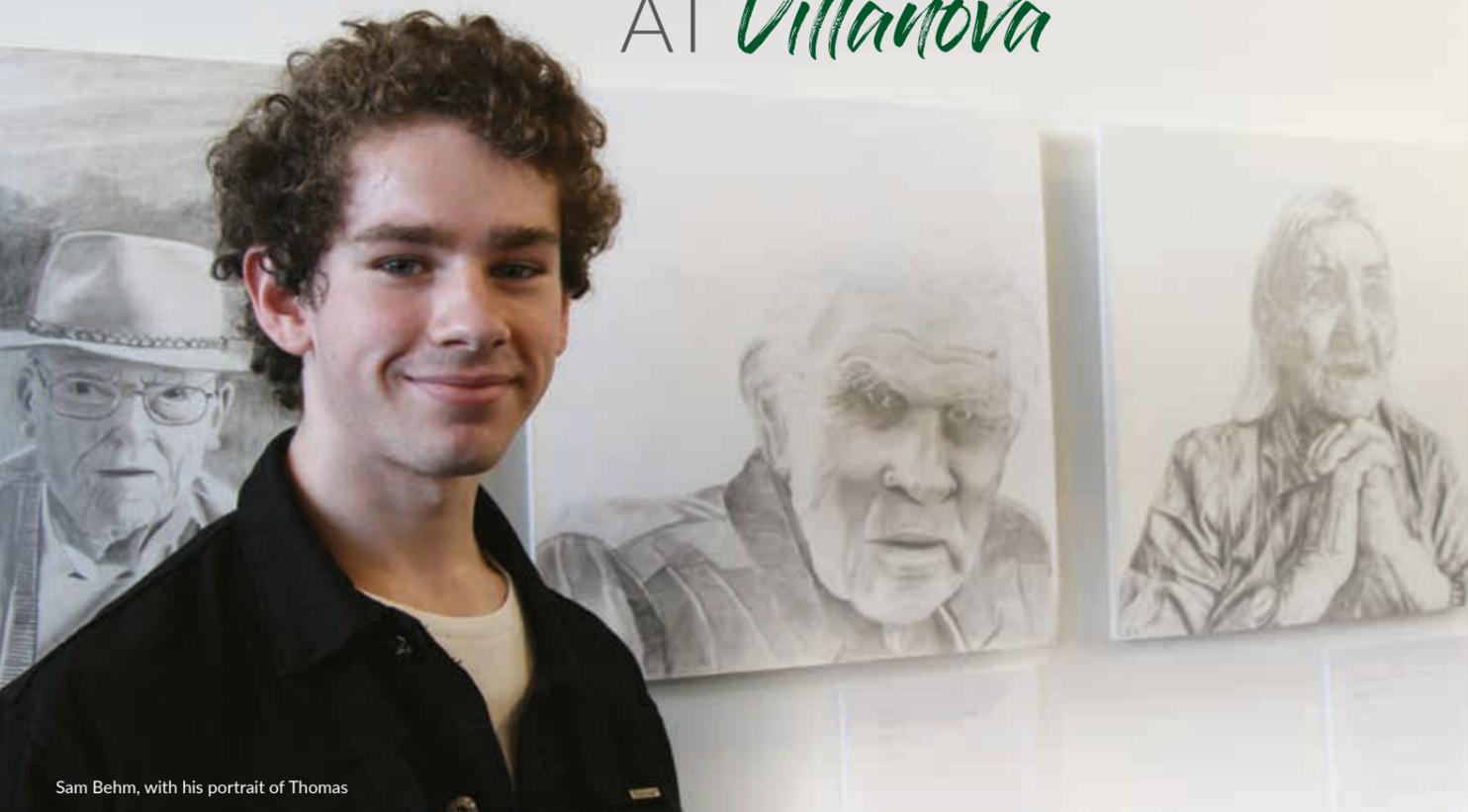
spaces that allow students to collaborate, experiment, problem-solve, design and work in teams on a variety of real-life experiences. The classrooms of tomorrow will be markedly different to the classrooms of yesterday.

Our Master Plan sees new facilities for Science, Technologies and Engineering to provide STEM experiences for our students. Business Studies will provide a vehicle for entrepreneurship and innovation in a facility designed to allow the real-world to permeate our lecture theatres and classrooms. Students undertaking Performing Arts subjects will work together in a new purpose-built facility which allows cross subject integration in the younger grades while supporting specialisation in the senior years.

On the sporting front, plans are underway to build a new double basketball stadium with adequate seating for a school population approaching 1500 plus students. Villanova Park is earmarked for further development with track and field facilities as well as the new Cor Unum- "One Heart" Centre.

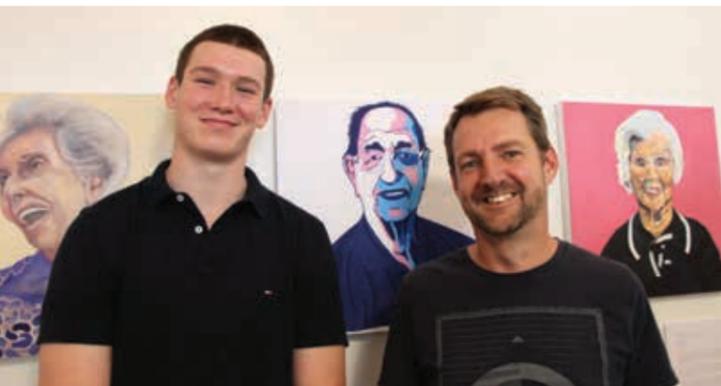
Villanova College is embarking on an ambitious journey of renewal while respecting the traditions of the past. Our whole community; staff, students, parents, Old Boys and friends of Villanova College continue to play an important part in our future. I look forward to sharing the journey with you.

# TEACHING AND LEARNING AT *Villanova*



Sam Behm, with his portrait of Thomas

## ART CONNECTS GENERATIONS



Lucas Boylan pictured with Mr Jason Lane and his Centenarian portrait

It was a project that not only saw the creation of brilliant artworks, but the forging of unique generational friendships.

The Centenarian Portrait Project by Teenagers connected 100 teenage artists with 100 centenarians in an exhibition highlighting the experiences, memories and life history of our most senior citizens. The artists, including Villanova College students Lucas Boylan and Sam Behm, were asked to capture a moment of a 100-year life. Their artworks were exhibited at the Seven Hills Arts Hub in August.

Sam met with his subject, Thomas, at his Precare Vela residence in Carina over four sessions. While Sam said they shared some lovely moments during their meetings, they were often accompanied by some sad memories.

“Thomas talked about his wife, how they met and their life together. Sadly, she passed away a few years ago and Thomas’s decaying eyesight means he can’t see their wedding photo as clearly as he would like.”

Although Thomas hasn’t seen his artwork yet, Sam will make a special trip to present his work after Villa Visions (Villanova’s Annual Art Exhibition).

Sam hopes to study a Bachelor of Computer Science/ Arts next year, while Lucas is looking to undertake a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science at QUT.

Thomas talked about his wife, how they met and their life together.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



The Villanova Junior Theatresports team successfully made to the grand final of the Youth Theatresports Competition on October 26 at La Boite. Of the 62 teams who entered the competition, the Villanova team was one of only six who contested the grand final. Well done to: (L-R) Oliver Broten, Declan Curtis, Matthew Beames and Flynn Curtis (Year 7).

Year 12 students Will Stevens and Ben McGregor represented Villanova at QUT’s Future Leaders program.

Over the past two years Ben and Will successfully completed the program to enhance their studies and develop confidence to pursue further opportunities when they start tertiary studies.



Congratulations to our Junior A Mathematics team who won the Annual Churchie Mathematics Problem Solving Competition on August 5, defeating teams from 11 other schools. An intense day of high-end challenges and a relay saw the Villanova boys bring home the silverware.

All four Villanova teams performed very well in the team events.



Jakob Ternel and Sam Behm were awarded third place (Year 11 - 12 division) in the South East Queensland finals of the Young ICT Explorers Competition held at the University of Queensland on August 24. The boys produced a website and app that looks to reverse the trend of delivered meals by encouraging consumers to eat in at local cafes and restaurants.

The judges commended them on the quality of design and interface.

# OUR *Teachers* ARE STILL LEARNING TOO

MRS KATE ALEXANDER – ACTING COLLABORATIVE AND REFLECTIVE PRACTICES PROGRAM LEADER

The Collaborative and Reflective Practices (CRP) Program at Villanova College aims to improve teaching practice by bringing teachers together to collaborate and discuss the impact they have on their students.

As teaching is an incredibly diverse and often autonomous job, we found the need to provide a space and structure for staff to ask questions about their practice, reflect on their strengths and weaknesses and safely step outside their comfort zones, in order to implement new strategies with the support of their peers. Professor John Hattie (2009), a leading Australian educational researcher, claims that the most successful schools are the ones that continually seek to find evidence of their impact. When asked the question, 'What is the most important pre-requisite for a teacher to be able to do a good job?' he replied with,

- by continuing to ask questions and seek evidence of their impact; and
- having high trust in teacher-teacher and teacher-student learning.

From just one 'pod' in 2014, the program has grown to include eight pods, involving over 70 staff, across 11 different year levels and departments.

## THE ART AND SCIENCE OF TEACHING

The program uses Robert Marzano's, *The Art and Science of Teaching* framework, as a basis to guide reflections and professional growth. Teachers complete a self-reflection of their proficiency across 43 key elements of 'best practice'

relating to feedback, content delivery, relationships and behaviour management. Teachers are then able to identify their strengths and areas for practice improvement. Teachers meet with the CRP facilitator to discuss specific strategies they could implement in their classroom to move up the proficiency scale within that particular element and then go about collecting evidence of this. The lesson reflections are then shared with their pod throughout the course of a year, where they are able to affirm their achievements and discuss ways to improve in the future. Other pod members complete a peer reflection for the presenting staff member and offer feedback or suggestions for further growth. This process often stimulates deep reflective and engaging conversation around various teaching strategies that are beneficial for all involved.

## AREAS OF STUDY

Teachers at Villanova College have reflected on a wide range of strategies and pedagogy. Some of these areas include:

- Classroom layout, including the physical space, furniture and student groupings;
- Engaging students through physical movement, academic games, or complex tasks;
- Revision strategies and study practices;
- Flipped learning;
- Problem based and hands on learning;
- Differentiation and co-operative learning; and
- Student wellbeing and strengthening student-teacher relationships.

## PROGRESSION OF CRP TO PRESENT

In 2018, College leadership recognised the need to develop a strong focus on formative assessment. This resulted in the formation of the Effective Feedback Action Research Pod. Led by Ms Chris Kemp, an initial review of formative assessment and feedback practices was undertaken to gain insight into best practice. Members then trialled various feedback techniques within their classrooms and have now developed numerous resources and strategies for staff to advise students how they are progressing through a unit of work and areas to improve to achieve greater academic success. In 2020, the pod aims to continue to upskill staff on feedback as well as implement policy on how feedback is delivered at the College and drive the progressive reporting framework currently being implemented.

In preparation for the new Junior School and Year 7 innovative learning precincts in 2020, all Years 5 – 7 pods have adopted a Co-Teaching Action Research focus. We saw a need for teachers to have a space to discuss co-teaching and trial strategies, review research, and develop procedures for what this will look like at Villa over the coming years. Staff in these year levels have worked hard to adjust their pedagogy so that our students are being offered the most up to date, innovative and engaging teaching and learning available.

It's not just our classroom teachers who are engaging on this journey. In 2019, the Instrumental Music staff began their collaborative and reflective journey focussing on learning goals, success criteria and feedback.



## STAFF SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF CRP

As a result of CRP, staff have been encouraged to investigate areas of education that they are passionate about. This has led to achievements for staff outside the program such as, having their work published in Education Journals (see Chris Kemp's work on Peer Feedback in the *Australian Journal of Middle Schooling*), being invited to present at conferences, attendance at overseas conferences and school visits, as well as progression into leadership roles. All this experience and diverse learning by our teaching staff, ultimately means great things for our students here at Villanova.

## STUDENT IMPACT

At the core of our role, educating students is our number one priority. Throughout the CRP journey, staff have actively engaged students in feedback and surveys to gain insight into how the students learn best and perceive the teaching that is happening in the classroom. This provides excellent feedback for our teachers and allows them to adjust their pedagogy based on what works best for the students in our care. Many of the initiatives that have been investigated through CRP have resulted in increased academic results for our students. John Hattie's (2018) research into collective teacher efficacy indicates that staff and schools who believe in their ability to positively affect student accomplishments, have a strong correlation with student achievement.

# STAFF *profiles*

“At Villanova, we are blessed with many wonderful people on staff.”

## Mrs Maria Mascadri Junior School Student Services



Mrs Maria Mascadri is a familiar face (and voice) to many parents and the 320 boys in the Junior School.

A qualified Early Childhood and Middle Years teacher, Mrs Mascadri has been assisting staff, students and families of the Junior School since 2016. Prior to joining Villanova, she taught Early Childhood for most of her career until moving to work in the Learning and Enhancement team at Villanova in 2011.

Mrs Mascadri's day is often unpredictable and no two days are ever the same.

Handling queries in person and over the phone, tending to unwell students, following up student absences, planning Junior School events and answering all types of questions from lost property to borrowed items is all in a day's work.

She especially enjoys the pastoral side to her role.

“If I can make one boy feel better about himself before he leaves of an afternoon, I am extremely satisfied,” she says.

## Mr Callum Hackett Year 6 Teacher



With an Old Boy father and two Old Boy uncles, Mr Callum Hackett remembers being desperate to get to Villanova as a primary school student.

‘Along with my brothers Tom (2006) and Lochie (2011) we would constantly ask my mum Kathryn (who is also on staff) when we'd be able to attend Villa ourselves.’

This year sees Mr Hackett co-teaching alongside Miss Kelson Lee in the Year 6 dynamic learning space. “Working with the boys in 6 Black and 6 White is a constant source of amusement and excitement. The boys have a contagious attitude towards the College and we feed off this to get them engaged in their learning.

Mr Hackett is excited about moving into the new Learning Centre next year and breaking ground on brand new Junior School Learning Suites. “The classrooms are specifically designed to cater towards co-operative teaching and learning, which will change the way we teach and cater to the needs of our students.

“There's something special about being a Villanova boy and the young men I get to work with ensure that no day is the same. I remember fondly every class I've ever taught and enjoy watching our brand new Year 5 boys steadily grow into confident Villanova men.”

## Mr Alex Sullivan Middle School Teacher



One of three boys, Mr Alex Sullivan was educated at St Laurence's College. Careers as an electrician, with the Royal Australian Navy and even as a beer and wine sommelier preceded his time as an educator. Mr Sullivan holds degrees in Education and Arts and a Certificate in Theology.

Since joining Villanova in 2018, Mr Sullivan has enjoyed co-teaching in the Dynamic Learning Space and

working alongside the Middle School Pastoral Team.

Mr Sullivan says teaching and being a positive influence and role model to Middle School students (“who are going through a plethora of cognitive developmental changes and are often at their most vulnerable”), gives him the greatest satisfaction.

## Mrs Hannah Elder Middle School Teacher



What started in 2006 as a term contract position, has translated into over a decade of dedication to the students of Villanova College by Middle School Curriculum Area Leader (Science), Mrs Hannah Elder.

“Although Villa has changed a lot over the last decade, it still feels familiar and welcoming and that is what I love the most.”

In addition to teaching Year 8, 9 and 10 Science, Mrs Elder also

organises the curriculum for Science in the Middle School and is a Student Protection Officer.

Mrs Elder has attended both the Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games in support of her husband, Troy Elder OAM, who competed as a member of the Kookaburras (winning gold in Athens and bronze in Sydney). That sporting interest sees the Elder family involved with the Easts Hockey Club and Balmoral Little Athletics.

## Mr Brian Morrow Senior School Teacher



The life and times of Villanova teacher Mr Brian Morrow are anything but dull. His time with the South African Police Security Branch in his early 20s and his expose of corruption at the highest level resulted in the downfall of two key security ministers and may have changed the course of South African history. It is also the subject of his published works, *To Serve and Protect – The Inkathagate Scandal*.

For now, Mr Morrow is enjoying his Australian life (he moved here in 2002 after living in exile in the UK from 1991). It was while in the UK that Mr Morrow received his Higher Diploma in Education at the London University. Mr Morrow has been teaching English and Modern History at Villanova since 2006.



# CELEBRATING *excellence*

There was an air of excitement on Monday 28 October as the Villanova College community came together for the Celebration of Excellence in the Concert Hall of the Queensland Performing Arts Centre. The ceremony serves to acknowledge students for their hard work and dedication to academic pursuits across the year.

Kept secret until the ceremony are the Outstanding Achiever and Award of Distinction recipients. The spontaneous applause when the Duxes, Proxime Accessits and Major Award Recipients were announced was a genuine reflection of the audience's admiration and pride for the achievements of the College's outstanding students. In all, 208 students from Years 5 - 12 were presented across the stage.

## THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 AWARDS OF DISTINCTION WERE:

The Father Ben O'Donnell Shield for Villanovan of the Year: **Matthew Rolls**

The Frank Cullen Cup for Dux of the College: **Gunit Singh**

Proxime Accessit Year 12: **Thomas Pham**

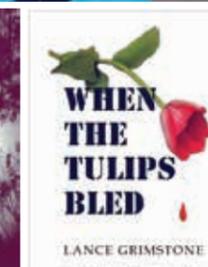
Paul Finnimore Memorial Shield for Sportsman of the Year: **Peter Klaassen and George Stokes**

The Bloxom Family Trophy for Musician of the Year: **James Battersby**

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER AWARD RECIPIENTS WERE:

Dux of Year 5	<b>Alexander Capaldi</b>
Proxime Accessit Year 5	<b>Reuben Wagels</b>
Dux of Year 6	<b>Isaac Lerato</b>
Proxime Accessit Year 6	<b>Dylan Fryga</b>
Dux of Year 7	<b>Bede Earthrowl</b>
Proxime Accessit Year 7	<b>Daniel Egert</b>
Dux of Year 8	<b>Mitchell Rieck</b>
Proxime Accessit Year 8	<b>Thomas Winn</b>
Dux of Year 9	<b>Liam McConville</b>
Proxime Accessit Year 9	<b>Lachlan McGregor</b>
Dux of Year 10	<b>Henry Barras</b>
Dux of Year 10	<b>Luke Palmer</b>
Dux of Year 11	<b>Jack Dunbar</b>
Proxime Accessit Year 11	<b>Luke Skelton</b>

The evening showcased the excellence of Villanova's performance ensembles. From the opening number, *Coming to Villanova* (a reimagining of Neil Diamond's hit *Coming to America*), the performances of the Symphonic Band, Sinfonia String Orchestra, Big Band and Irish Ensemble were appreciated by all in the acoustically-superb Concert Hall venue.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Villanova has a plethora of published authors, photographers and illustrators among its Old Boys, staff and former staff.

Most notable is multi-award-winning author James Moloney (1972) who has published almost 50 books for children and young adults. His long list of awards include two Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards (*Swashbuckler*, 1996 and *A Bridge to Wiseman's Cove*, 1997). In 2019 James was awarded the Nan Chauncy Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature in Australia.

Gregory Rogers (1974) is the genius behind almost 30 illustrated children's books, including four solo works, (perhaps best known is the *The Boy, The Bear, The Baron, The Bard*). He was the first Australian to win the British literary award, the Kate Greenaway Medal in 1994 to recognise 'distinguished illustration in a book for children.' Sadly, Gregory passed away in 2013.

Photographer, Dane Beesley (1996) has four published works of his photographs. He is acknowledged as one of Australia's leading rock photojournalists.

If you know of other members of the Villanova community who are published authors, we'd love to add them to our growing list. Contact villa@vnc.qld.edu.au

### PUBLISHED AUTHORS:

Ian Eckersley (1977), Dane Beesley (1996), Tim Collins (1974), Lance Grimstone (1965), Scott Mains (2011), James Moloney (1964), John Perrier (1960), Barry Wellington (1968), Craig Wilson (1984), Gregory Rogers (1974), Brian Morrow (staff), Adrian Hellwig (staff), Graeme George (staff), Fr Laurence Mooney OSA (past staff), Fr Rod Cameron OSA (past staff)



MR MATT LEVANDER — HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Remember why you're a leader: not just to lead, but to serve.

# STUDENT *leadership* 2019

The importance of establishing a strong culture of student leadership is a core component of the Senior School Formation Program at Villanova College. St Thomas of Villanova, our patron, reminds us that *“We are not born for ourselves and the natural gifts and graces we receive are not for ourselves alone, but we have received them for the benefit of all. It is a matter of justice that the graces, gifts, knowledge, and skills received - as a gift or by one’s industry - should be used for the common benefit.”*

Therefore, the notion of servant leadership – our underpinning philosophy of student leadership – focuses on the welfare of others and putting the needs of others before ourselves. Harmony, unity and respect

for others are fostered through serving the needs of others in the community.

The 2019 Student Leadership Team and Senior Cohort, ably and passionately led by College Captain Matthew Rolls, have made significant contributions in enriching the life of the College this year through their initiatives and endeavours. At the commencement of the Senior year, a clear vision was established, that if integrated into the hearts and minds of the cohort, would provide a platform for a successful year. **Where Passion Lies, Success Follows** has been a motto of substance and certainly the reflections of our Student Leadership Executive Team below will illustrate just that.

On behalf of the Senior School and the College, I would like to affirm the achievements of the 2019 Student Leaders and Seniors and look forward to witnessing the impact of their legacy in the coming years.

*Villa Voice caught up with the 2019 Student Leadership Executive Team to ask about their year in white shirts. With big plans for university study in 2020, our Leaders have found their respective eight years at Villanova College a rich and rewarding journey.*

## Matthew Rolls – College Captain

### What do you think the Class of 2019 be remembered for?

We were very ambitious when we sat down to discuss our goals at the end of 2018, looking forward to this year with great anticipation. For me the spirited involvement and charity of the Class of 2019 is something I hope lives on here long after we’ve left. The ‘Villa’s on Fire’ song always sent a buzz around Goold Hall and Villa Park, along with the War Cry which we have worked hard at as a group to leave an impression, something we hope will be continued into the future. Also, the incredible efforts of the cohort, led by Will Barwick, in taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave is something that I’m sure will be remembered for years to come. Overall, I believe it is our passionate involvement in the College that will be best remembered.

### What has Villanova instilled in you personally?

I have been so lucky throughout my time at Villa to have so many opportunities. Through these opportunities Villa has instilled in me a sense of community, confidence, interiority, mateship and memories I will have for a lifetime and of course a valuable education that will leave me well placed for whatever challenges lie ahead. Villanova has also opened my eyes to the needs of the broader community through Rosies and St Vincent De Paul.

### Message to future Villa leaders?

To the future leaders of the College both next year and beyond I would say, enjoy it! You only get one year in the white shirt so get as much out of it as you can. Try not to be overly ambitious, doing a few things but doing them well is key from my experience. Also doing everything for a reason I found to be important, looking at what the new initiatives you begin will add to the College, be it increasing the pride students have in their school, creating awareness for an issue or even making people happier to come to school each and every day. Your time will fly so take in every moment, make sure you get involved in something and leave with no regrets.

## Nickolas Sofios – Student Council President

### What do you think the Class of 2019 be remembered for?

I think the Class of 2019 will be remembered for its passion. Everything the leadership team has set out to do – Matt Rolls’ commitment to the reteaching of the Villanova War Cry, Will Barwick’s role-modelling in the peer mentoring program, and the Council-Ministry recycling initiative, not to mention to the countless contributions of our portfolio captains – has come from an intrinsic passion and dedication to a better Villanova. I think the Class of 2019 should also be remembered for its leaders without badges. Behind every great leader is a great community, and I’m incredibly grateful for the support of my Senior peers in 2019.

## Will Barwick – College Vice Captain

### Favourite Year 12 memory?

One of my favourable memories from my Senior year was initiating the College’s inaugural participation in the World’s Greatest Shave, being able to raise an outstanding \$15,598 with the participation from 40 brave students. It would be fantastic to see this worthy fund-raising initiative continue each year.

### What makes Villa unique?

I’m sure I’m not alone in saying that Villa possesses a rare sense of community special to the green and gold. From my very first day as a Year 5 where my shorts fell below my knees and my socks were high above, the spirit and passion for our school has encompassed me and all of my peers.

### Message to future seniors?

Go for it! If you have an idea, put it forward and don’t be afraid to have your voice heard! It is far better to try and fail than never trying at all. Enjoy it. This opportunity only comes once in a lifetime so make sure you have the right school- life balance and make the absolute most of it!

Failures are part of life. If you don’t fail, you don’t learn. If you don’t learn, you’ll never grow.

—Anonymous

### What makes Villa unique?

Villanova is unique for its student-teacher relationships. It’s a dependable and encouraging community, wherein students and teachers alike are constantly learning from each other, and this sense of mutual respect drives meaningful interaction. We’re treated by staff and other students not as boys, but as the young men we hope to become.

### Message to future Villa leaders?

For future Villanova leaders, I cannot understate the importance of delegation and utilising the enormous support network at your disposal. If you ever find yourself struggling, staff and fellow students are always willing to lend a helping hand. In addition, remember why you’re a leader: not just to lead, but to serve.



# CASCIA NEVER LOOKED *so good*

MR GREG O'NEILL — HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Over three years ago, the rooms of Cascia became the location for a new 'pilot classroom'; a room that would help inform our Master Plan and reform our teaching practice in Middle School. That classroom or Dynamic Learning Space (DLS) continues to allow greater versatility of teaching and has helped Villa boys best develop 21st century learning skills including problem-solving, collaboration, self-awareness and leadership.

Following consultation with global architect consultants, Fielding Nair International, the open-plan space was designed with five critical design principles in mind:

### 1. The Launch Pad

The Launch Pad is a tiered seating space at one end of the room where all students gather at any stage throughout a lesson and where the teacher/s might deliver direct instruction, teach a new concept or model a new skill.

### 2. Collaboration Spaces

Spearheaded by the collaboration booths at the opposite end of the room, the furniture supports and encourages students to work with each other in small groups. Driven by pedagogy, the boys in this DLS are continuously developing their collaboration, teamwork and leadership skills. Whiteboard surfaces on most of the desks allow for students and teachers to work side by side in the learning journey.

### 3. Flexible Furniture

With the exception of the launch pad and the collaboration booths, the remainder of the DLS is furnished with desks and seating of various heights, all of which can be moved and rearranged to support the specific lesson.

### 4. Sound Absorption

Mindful of the noise that group work can create, the DLS is fitted with various noise minimising measures. The ceiling and some walls feature sound-absorbing materials, so the boys can freely collaborate without their learning environment becoming too noisy and distracting.

### 5. Seamless Integration of Technology

There is no traditional 'front of the room' in our DLS. Instead, two large interactive TV screens sit at either end of the space allowing teachers to project content wirelessly from their devices. The boys, all with BYO devices, can also move throughout the space, seamlessly accessing the College's excellent wi-fi network.

So, what do all these elements mean when combined? Interestingly, the space lends itself to introverted students in the room as much as extroverted students. Skills of the future dictate that we must work more collaboratively with the best of the best in each field. More often than not, these 'experts' are not selected based on their collaborative ability, but their expertise in their chosen field. Therefore, subject-based knowledge is redundant if the problem cannot be solved collaboratively. The DLS invites students to autonomously develop, nurture, and model these skills in a safe, controlled environment. These moments elicit great responses, allowing problems to be hypothesised, tested and solved not only by experts in their field, but functioning members of a team.

Whilst it looks fantastic, and is a great improvement on yesteryear, the Cascia DLS has, most importantly, reformed our teaching and learning practice. Combining two classes, the space is now a co-taught environment. Co-teaching is when two teachers are assigned shared responsibility for the teaching and learning in the space.

Teaching has typically been an occupation fulfilled in isolation from other teachers; co-teaching allows for teachers to co-plan, co-teach, co-debrief and co-reflect.

The Cascia DLS has reformed our teaching and learning practice.

In 2019, the Cascia DLS is home to 8 Blue and 8 Gold. Mrs Hannah Elder and Mr Matthew McGrath (VOB '88) take the class for Maths and Science, and Mrs Kate Alexander and Mr Alex Sullivan lead English, REPD, History and Geography. With two teachers facilitating the learning at all times, the learning can be better differentiated to best suit the learning needs of each student; i.e. some students require greater support at times, whilst others might require extending.

Since the commencement of the pilot program years ago, students and staff have provided regular feedback about both the physical space and the co-teaching pedagogy. Students continuously report to be more engaged, and are taking greater responsibility for their learning by developing a greater understanding of their strengths and weaknesses. This metacognitive practice, along with the development of their 21st century learning skills, have them well placed for their future at Villa and beyond. Meanwhile, the teachers have been invigorated by the experience. They feel a greater sense of accountability, but at the same time feel a greater sense of support in the classroom, being shoulder to shoulder with their colleague each lesson.

The DLS design principles have informed our new Master Plan and are helping us make decisions about future learning spaces in our Middle School.

# people ARE OUR PRIORITY

MR STEPHEN ROUHLIADEFF – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Nostalgia grows strongly in the Junior School during Term 4. Our relationships matter more than ever as we realise that our Year 6 students are soon moving on to Middle School, and our Year 5 students eagerly look to step up into leadership. Over 30 weeks of attention and practice with our manners, social skills, emotional literacy and wellbeing elements now come to fruition.

There are simple moments that we witness in the day around the Junior School Precinct. A student holds the door for a teacher carrying papers, another hands in a lost ID card to a mum, and then one boy high fives his teacher after class for “the best day ever”. Seen, heard or passed on in conversation – our sons have developed a natural tendency to show kindness and generosity of spirit. They notice the world around them and they engage in a positive manner because it’s the right thing to do.

Our parents model incredible strength in supporting and celebrating our staff and students. They attend College Assemblies, music performances, sporting competitions and help regularly in classes. Nothing is beyond their talents – cooking, reading, writing, mathematical calculations and creative art projects to name a few. A highlight each year in November is the annual End of Year Teacher and Parent Function where votes of thanks and individual stories highlight our time together. Our connection over 10 months means a great deal – home and school ties are truly the best platform for any young man.

The Junior School Term Leaders make every effort to foster friendships across sporting houses and year levels. Raffles, lunchtime round robin games, Masterchef, Lego Masters, fundraisers (eg Fiver for a Farmer) and random acts of kindness rewards are planned intentionally to bring the boys together.

Our Senior Students also seek to build friendships with their younger Villanovan brothers. Visiting classes twice a week for Circle Time, Q and As, games and war cries is one of the best ways to kick off mid-week lessons. Allocated days for handball, basketball and touch footy, swarms of Junior School boys gathered for their chance to outwit, outmanoeuvre and outlast their mates in the white shirts.

Old Boys regularly get in touch with the College and one father wrote to us about a once in a lifetime experience for his son at a Rugby First XV game.

His son was eagerly cheering on from the sidelines when a Senior student, finishing his warm up, came to the sidelines and handed over his treasured Ben Mowen Development Squad training singlet. Eyes popping, jaw dropping and heart pumping – Villanova spirit shared in a moment will last a lifetime with that one incredible gesture of thoughtfulness.

Nostalgia comes after the rollercoaster of early morning starts, lost lunch boxes, exam results and balls that fly over the 20 foot fence every day during lunch break. Memories are built with time taken to watch out for each other, noticing the moods and mindsets around us, and checking in on each other. We lift each other up just to have some fun in-between all the work. We especially go above and beyond when times are tough. We celebrate the smallest victories like remembering stationery items and polishing shoes, however we also roar our pride winning the Basketball Aggregate five years running.

Relationships do matter. How we feel about each other lives on forever. That’s why our work is worth it – people are our priority.



## FROM BIG THINGS LITTLE THINGS *grow*

Relationships are at the very heart of Villanova. There are no more endearing bonds than those that develop between our Senior students and our youngest boys in the Junior School.

Reproduced with permission is a letter from Michael Robertson (Old Boy 1991) whose son Eddie commenced at Villanova this year. Eddie had been on the sidelines for every First XV game this year, so what transpired was a very special moment – and is a great example of our Senior boys helping our younger boys grow into men by example.

*As an Old Boy, Villanova parent and supporter I was extremely proud of every boy from Year 5 through to Year 12 on their presentation, behaviour, passion and most of all love, for each other throughout this sporting term. Everything that truly embodies what it means to be a Villanova man was on display week in week out.*

*I wanted to let you know of a very special moment that involved my son, Eddie Robertson in Year 5 and Dante Santos who is the starting front row forward for the 2019 First XV rugby squad.*

*The moment occurred as Dante was about to begin warming up for the main game against St Laurence’s. Dante sought out Eddie from the other boys in the crowd and presented him with his Ben Mowen Development Squad training singlet. Along with the singlet, Dante spoke to Eddie and thanked him for his support throughout the season and how much it meant to him that Eddie was cheering him on. This gesture may not seem like a big deal to many, but I can assure you that receiving Dante’s singlet was as if he had been presented Cameron Smith’s Australian Kangaroos jersey. He cannot wait until he is big enough to wear it himself one day.*

*Dante’s acknowledgment of my son should be commended as an example of the characteristics that a Villanova parent would hope that their sons develop.*

*Please convey this message to Dante and his parents as his actions have made my boy want to be just like him.*





## TRIMESTER 2&3 SPORTS *wrap-up*

Since the last edition of Villa Voice, hundreds of students signed on to represent Villanova in the AIC Trimester 2 sports of cross country, rugby, football and chess and the Trimester 3 sports of basketball, rugby league, tennis and track & field.

As well as taking out the title of AIC Champion Basketball School (for the fifth consecutive year which included 14 aggregate and non-aggregate premierships), Villanova was the top performing AIC school overall across Trimester 3 sports. Congratulations to our teams winning coveted AIC premiership pennants:

### TRIMESTER 2 PREMIERSHIP/ UNDEFEATED TEAMS

#### AIC FOOTBALL

- 9B – coached by Mohamed Hersi
- 8A – coached by James Hermiston
- 6B – coached by Hudson Rogers

#### AIC RUGBY

- 10C – coached by Pat Thomas and Fletcher O'Neill
- 5B – coached by Ben Thurlow
- 5C – coached by Nick Philips
- 5 Gold – coached by Harry Addley and Isaac Abraham

#### AIC CHESS

- Opens – coached by Alex Ilka
- Senior B – coached by Alex Ilka
- Intermediate B – managed by Mrs Mylan Warren

#### AIC CROSS COUNTRY

- 14 years Age Champions



“The challenge set for all Villanova men is to have no regrets, knowing you have given your very best.”

Mr Craig Stariha – Director of Sport

## *heart and soul* AT AIC CROSS COUNTRY

Set on the plains of the St Patrick's College playing fields at Shorncliffe, the 2019 AIC Cross Country on May 14 would ultimately test the depth, talent and preparation of the Villanova Cross Country Squad.

With every year level team given a rousing send-off to the start-line, and green and gold supporters lining the course, a fantastic team approach characterised the efforts of the 'Running Wildcats' across the day.

With some individual brilliance and solid team performances, Villanova finished the day in equal fifth position. Spearheaded by Cohen Stewart and Mitchell Rieck (first and second respectively), the 14 years team won the AIC Age Championship. The promising Year 5 team closed the day in third position, with Zachary Moir running a brilliant race to finish in second place. Special mention also to Jacob Dimmick who came third in the 15 years 5km race.



**TRIMESTER 3 PREMIERSHIP/  
UNDEFEATED TEAMS**

**AIC BASKETBALL**

- First V – coached by Jordan Mullan, Stephen Rouhliadoff and Sean O'Neill
- Second V – coached by Jim Harris
- Third V – coached by Jock Lucas and Jake Motley
- 11A – coached by Pat Atkinson
- 9D – coached by Tom Deguara and Brandon Isaak
- 8A – coached by Matt McGrath
- 8B – coached by Sam Korst
- 8C – coached by Liam Hampson and Riley Pownall
- 8D – coached by Michael Hughes and Henry Goodwin
- 7B – coached by Christo Vasil and Tom Moses
- 7C – coached by Bronte Pascoe and Brian Pascoe
- 6B – coached by Adam Fry
- 6C – coached by Matthew Wilson
- 6D – coached by Melissa Liddy

**AIC TRACK AND FIELD**

- Year 5 Age Champions

## FIRST FIVE FIRE IN 2019

The 1st V team were highly rated as premiership contenders leading into the 2019 season. They lived up to expectation, delivering the AIC premiership to the College in sensational fashion, winning every game throughout the season.

Comprising athletes from Years 9–12, players approached the season with a 'team first' mentality. This attitude, and 'just a great training and work ethic' help cement the title according to co coach, Mr Sean O'Neill.

"The beauty of our success this year was that all 13 boys contributed each week at training and on game day. We knew we were contenders going into the season. Our pre-season was really strong and the calibre of players suggested it, but AIC basketball is a tough competition and one poor game can see it slip away."

A first up win against St Edmund's was a huge psychological boost for the team and a patient and mature display to reel in a big lead against St Patrick's were two stand-out games for coach O'Neill.

"The boys were really pushed at training each week and accepted the challenge to get better both individually and as a team. They also relished the big moments and enjoyed the thrill and excitement of playing in front of big crowds and in big moments," he said.

“Players approached the season with a 'team first' mentality.”



## *new era* FOR VILLA PARK

The Villanova Year 5 rugby league team will always remember their match against St Laurence's during 'Magic Round' on August 13.

The team was given the honour of being the first team to run onto Andrew Slack Oval through the tunnel of the new grandstand. The grandstand, replaces the original Cor Unum Centre which was destroyed by arson in 2017. The new complex contains seating for 400, home and away changerooms, toilets, and a multi-purpose space.

'Magic Round' saw Villanova Park play host to all games and schools during the rugby league season. Rugby league was introduced this year as part of a two-year trial.

All schools entered a team per year level into the competition with Villanova finishing the season fifth on the ladder.

The new grandstand and change rooms will be officially opened during Heritage Round against St Laurence's College (Old Boys' Day) on 13 June, 2020. All community members are warmly invited to attend.

*To read about the exciting plans for Villanova Park, and to donate to its development, visit [www.vnc.qld.edu.au/masterplan](http://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/masterplan)*

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# music BURSARY PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 Keith and Dawn Wieneke Music Prize Bursary Competition.

The Keith and Dawn Wieneke Music Bursary was donated by the family of Father Peter Wieneke OSA, College Chaplain and provides opportunities for Music students at Villanova College to further develop their musical abilities through a cash prize. The 2019 winners were:

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL

**Martin Beltran Mahoney – Violin**

Martin has been learning violin for five years and is currently undertaking AMEB examinations.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Lachlan Beake – Guitar**

Lachlan is at Grade 7 Trinity College level and has been learning the guitar for seven years.

#### SENIOR SCHOOL

**Nic Chay – Alto Saxophone**

Nic will sit his A.Mus.A. AMEB examinations in January 2020. He is a member of the Symphonic Band and Big Band.



# QCMF GEARS UP FOR 30 YEAR *celebrations*

The countdown is on for the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival (QCMF) 2020 when the Festival celebrates 30 years of “changing hearts and minds through music”.

Now a permanent event on the music calendars of schools and colleges throughout Queensland and Australia, the Festival has evolved significantly since it was first staged in 1991. Back then, 43 ensembles representing 12 schools participated.

Fast forward to 2019 where this year’s Festival attracted 580 ensembles from 112 schools which translates into 15,000 student performances across eight venues at Villanova College and St James.

It takes a team of ‘old hands’, Old Boys, staff and parents months to plan and execute an event of this scale. It also takes an army of volunteers across the four-day Festival. Again the Villanova community rose to the occasion with 500 volunteers donating their time (and earning great praise) in a fantastic display of Villanova’s proud and spirited community.

23 Villanova ensembles performed at this year’s Festival and earned 12 gold, eight silver and three bronze awards.



# AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL *Sydney 2019*

MR MICHAEL JONES – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

From 4-11 July, 2019, almost 50 student musicians and five staff travelled to Sydney for the Australian International Music Festival (AIMF). Comprising students from Years 6 to 12, the tour party prepared a varied program of quality repertoire to share with musicians from across Australia and the Pacific.

The experience for our students, of walking on stage to a packed house, then striking the first note and waiting for the final sound to decay around the space was incredible. The wonder and elation on students' faces as they stood to acknowledge the audience at the end of the performance will remain a highlight of my experience at Villanova. The students should be immensely proud of what they achieved as an ensemble.

The opening concert demonstrated the truly international nature of AIMF. We listened to ensembles from China, Malaysia, Guam and Western Australia. It was an incredible display of music and musicians from around the globe.

I thank the staff who travelled with us: Ms Sallyanne Freney, Ms Raquel Bastos, Mrs Emma Jimenez, Mr Josh McKeachie, and Miss Joyce To. I also recognise our Admin team – Mrs Schrauf, Mrs Peace and Mrs Magnus. Many family and friends travelled to Sydney and I acknowledge their wonderful support. Finally, thank you to the students who accepted the challenge and acquitted themselves wonderfully well!

We look forward to our next adventure in 2021!

Features of the week included workshops at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, a cultural exchange with the Seri Puteri Wind Orchestra from Malaysia, performances at the Maritime Museum and the Chatswood Concourse and sight-seeing. The highlight though, was our performance in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House.

## George ROCKS ON

Year 7 student George Audet has a very solid excuse for missing most of his Year 7 classes this year.

George has spent the past six months performing in the South Korean season of Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical *School of Rock*.

The talented musician has been learning the guitar and drums since he was nine years old. He is a member of three ensembles at Villanova including Jazz Band, Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble 2.

George was one of 16 Australian students selected to appear in the South Korean season performing alongside the adult cast from the UK. Appearing in up to eight shows a week, he played the role of Freddy and also learned the role of Lawrence.

For George, it's been a "whirlwind" six months.

"From the moment I was told I had the part of Freddy in the Andrew Lloyd Webber *School of Rock* musical, our lives have been a rollercoaster of excitement!

"The long days of singing, acting and playing the drums paid off when it came to the opening night performance in Seoul. I got to do what I love best and rock out in front of over 1,500 audience members cheering us all on!"

George's parents, Lauren and Peter Audet have also experienced a whirlwind six months. They have alternated their time at home in Brisbane with other sons Thomas (Year 8) and James (Year 5) and staying with George in South Korea.

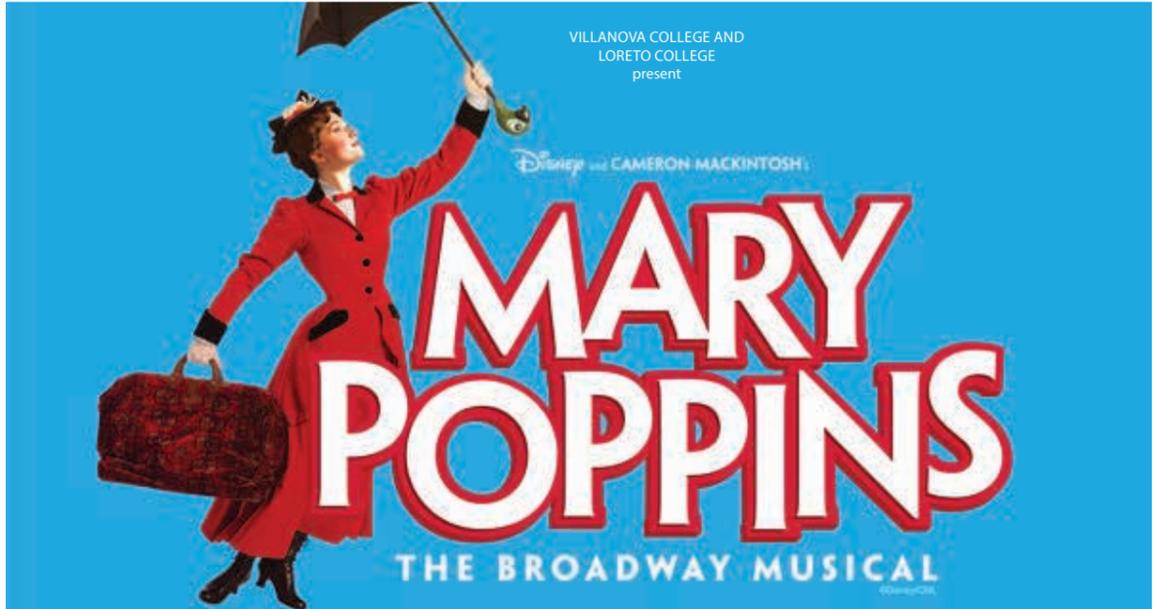
While in South Korea, George learned that he'd been selected to also perform in the Sydney season at the Capitol Theatre which opened on November 15 with a new adult cast and some new children.

Lauren said quite a few of George's family from New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland will travel to Sydney to watch George perform.

"George has a wonderful group of Villa boys that he is great mates with and they are all making the effort to come down and watch as well," she said.

George, who returns to school in Term 2, 2020, says,

“this experience is the coolest thing I have ever done and I still can't wipe the smile off my face!”



**27, 28, 29 February 2020**  
Hanrahan Theatre, Villanova College  
TICKETS ON SALE JANUARY 2020

# good WORKS

MR JOHN HOLROYD – DEAN OF MISSION AND IDENTITY

“In former times Christianity worked wonders, but what is it doing for people now? And you, who pride yourself on your Catholicity, what are you doing now for the poor? Show us your works”

This blazing question was asked to a 20-year old student in the cholera-stricken Paris of 1832. Frédéric Ozanam chose to respond. He and a friend gave away some firewood to a local widow. But this first action then led to a deeper and more organised kind of service, under the guidance of a local nun called Sister Rosalie Rendu. Working in pairs, community volunteers would visit and provide practical support for the many hundreds of people living in Parisian slums. Within a year, membership of the newly named St Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) had reached over 100. The organisation reached Australia in March, 1854.

The same question could be put to our graduates. Interestingly, there is a steady supply of young Old Boys putting their shoulder to the wheel to support the local St Vincent de Paul Society. Of particular note is the enthusiastic support of Kids Camp. This annual camp provides a holiday to children – many of refugee background - who otherwise would not have the opportunity. Over the past two years, nine current and recent old boys have volunteered, and Daniel Duskovic (2017, President of Villanova SVdP in 2016) was charged with the day to day administration of the camp this year.

Getting to know the children has led to some excellent spin-off projects. The best embedded of these is *Soccer Stars*, which is now run by young Old Boy Daniel Ingledew (2013, SVdP President, 2013, St Vincent de Paul volunteer of the year, 2018). The program creates an opportunity for club-style football for children whose families cannot afford kit nor club fees. (Note the eye-watering fees for children to play club football). Soccer Stars is about community. The first task of the volunteers is to collect the children. The current quartermaster is Angus Tracey (2017, SVdP President 2017).

There is an obvious and vital link here to the St Vincent de Paul Society within the College. Owing to the vision of Anthony Forshaw (South Brisbane Youth Engagement Officer), three places have now been ring-fenced for Villanova students to attend Kids Camp each year, and this is because of the quality of the Villa volunteers. At the same time, Anthony has started a servant leadership program for students from local Catholic schools.

As you can see, students are empowered when assisted to take the right kind of first step in tackling a difficult issue – like homelessness or refugee support. Sometimes a small, apparently insignificant action is dismissed as only a drop in the ocean. Saint Teresa of Calcutta offered the correct response: without that small drop the ocean would be “infinitely poorer.” This is because the drops involve working alongside particular people who may just need a helping hand for a time.

There is a wider point to be humbly made here. The mission of Villanova College remains as it always has been, right back to the days of the first six Augustinian priests who founded the College, to form, within community, young men of Gospel values who promote the common good. This is our due North. At a time of significant change in education – when individual results can seem like the best measure of a school; and a time of change in society – with individualism, entitlement and consumerism as the chief obstacles for young people – there is a quiet stream of young men leaving the College gates to work in Ozanam-style community projects.



Daniel Ingledew receiving the SVdP Volunteer of the Year Award in 2018 (with mother, Fina)



SVdP Soccer Stars volunteers

Get involved! Volunteering with St Vincent de Paul is such a rewarding experience. I've never finished a day without a great sense of accomplishment and an amazing feeling that I was able to make someone else's life just that little bit better.

Daniel Duskovic (Senior 2017 and SVdP President in 2016)



Group of Villanova Young Old Boys and students who attended kids camps

Being involved with ministry at Villanova really sparked a passion to help those less fortunate than myself. ... The more volunteer work I engaged in, the more I realised how a simple act of selfless kindness not only improved the lives of others, but also improved mine. St Vincent de Paul allowed for my love of ministry to carry on outside the Villanova community.

Tom Balshaw, Ministry Captain of 2018

# introducing the new Villanova College Foundation Terry Hendle Bursary Fund



A young Terry Hendle

## A STORY OF DISTINCTION

One young man's dedication to his country, family and mates inspired a generation of Villanovans to establish a trust fund in the early 90s to provide life-changing opportunities to other young men. That man was Lance-Corporal Terence Hendle (Class of '64), the only known Villanova College Old Boy to have lost his life in operational action during the Vietnam War.

Terry commenced at Villanova in 1956, moving 'up the hill' after a couple of years at St. James. Having left school near the end of Grade 8 in 1960, he started work as an apprentice panel beater and after turning 17 in 1963, he subsequently joined the Army. During 1966, Terry found himself posted to Nui Dat in South Vietnam as a member of the 6th Battalion RAR Assault Pioneer Platoon. His death was the first loss by 6th RAR after the Battle of Long Tan. Aged just 20, he was survived by his wife Michelle and baby daughter Terri-Lyn.

Terry was popular with his mates from school and the army. Fortunately, memories of good times live on through the inspirational work of the bursary fund named in his honour. The Terry Hendle Bursary Fund was formed to assist the educational aspirations of young men from the Villanova College community who are in severe need of tuition fee support.

*"On the night of 29th of November 1966, everything is normal: it is pitch dark: we are again a part of the perimeter: the weather is still dry, and we were looking forward to the Operation finishing in about three days' time. Suddenly the terrifying cracking and flashing of automatic rifle fire shattered the evening. Automatic reaction had us sitting up in shock at the suddenness of the attack, Terry was hit in the chest and stomach. The Vietnamese attackers left the area as quickly and noiselessly as they had arrived. Later, Terry lying on a stretcher and still conscious, was about to be lifted into a hovering chopper when he motioned to me to come closer. He asked me to be sure that I hand in his mail (he had written that morning to his wife and parents). Those were the last words we shared, and I stood and watched as Terry was hoisted into the chopper."*

Michael Tucker, 6th RAR, Friend and Comrade of Terry Hendle

Today, we are proud to announce that the Villanova Old Boys' Association Inc. has generously amalgamated the Terry Hendle Bursary Fund with the Villanova College Foundation. Its official name will be the 'Villanova College Foundation Terry Hendle Bursary Fund' and this partnership will secure the Fund's enduring purpose well into the future. Further, the Order of St Augustine has joined this social endeavour by approving the addition of a significant historical donation received from the Order, into Villanova's new flagship bursary fund.

Education is the food of youth...the refuge and comfort of adversity, and the provocation to grace in the soul.

St. Augustine

# the gift of a Villanovan Education



Supporters at the 1994 launch, including Terry's sister Desley, mother Addie, widow Michelle, and daughter Terri-Lyn

## SUPPORTING THE ASPIRATIONS OF VILLANOVANS

Established in 1994 by the Villanova Old Boys' Association Inc. (VOBAI), the original Terry Hendle Bursary Fund has provided over \$200k of tuition fee support to 40 Villanova College families.

Due to extreme financial constraints, many of these boys wouldn't have had access to a Villanovan education, or through hard times, may have reluctantly needed to withdraw from the Villanova College family. Terry's legacy to the 'common good' lives on.

*"We didn't have money and sometimes struggled, so going to Villa wasn't always guaranteed. With the help of the Terry Hendle Bursary Fund, I stayed at Villa and this is a debt I will never be able to fully repay."*

Anonymous, former Terry Hendle Bursary Fund recipient (Class of '11)

## GLOBAL MATESHIP WITH LIGHT ON THE HILL

Few Australians could imagine the pain and uncertainty of having to flee their country out of fear, and to save their family's lives. For Year 12 students David and Anas, this became the terrifying reality for their Christian families when ISIS advanced into their hometown of Mosul in Iraq.

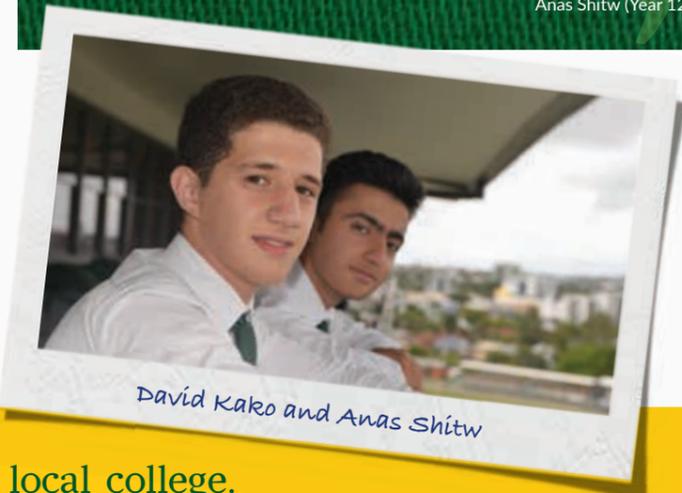
*"During 2014, things became extremely dangerous when ISIS arrived. You either converted or left, our parents chose to leave."*

David Kako (Year 12)

After a tense two year wait, David and Anas's families were eventually granted refugee status in Australia. In 2016, with Terry Hendle Bursary Fund support, they joined Villanova College through the College's Light on the Hill program, which offers support to refugee families in our local community.

We are very grateful to the Terry Hendle Bursary Fund for a Villanova education. Because of this generosity, we are now both in the position to apply to university.

Anas Shitw (Year 12)



David Kako and Anas Shitw

**"For some, Villanova is just our local college. For me, it's so much more. Villanova became everything to me."**

Anonymous, former Terry Hendle Bursary Fund recipient (Class of '11)

If you share in our vision, we ask you to consider investing in a young man's life by making a fully tax-deductible donation (over \$2), or longer-term pledge, towards the new **Villanova College Foundation Terry Hendle Bursary Fund**.

You can donate online at [vnc.qld.edu.au/support-villa](http://vnc.qld.edu.au/support-villa) or alternatively, please complete the enclosed donation form and return via the pre-paid envelope provided. The Fund's general administrative costs are underwritten by VOBAI and the College, meaning your generous donation will always go towards bursary support in the Villanova College community.

# Building Villanova's *future*

## OUR NEW SEVENTH AVENUE LEARNING CENTRE



Stage One of the Coorparoo Master Plan is now fully active, with the new Learning Centre on Seventh Avenue evolving every day. We are entering exciting times here at Villanova College and we thank all community members who have been part of the vision to transform our campus.

The architecturally-designed, three-storey building will deliver learning environments to educate young men for the 21st century. The Learning Centre incorporates the home of the Junior School (Years 5 and 6) on the first two levels with Senior School students occupying the top floor.

Having broken ground in May, work is progressing to schedule and practical completion is expected by Easter 2020. Subsequently, planning is now under way to renovate the current Junior School facilities in readiness for our Middle School students to take ownership of this precinct.

Many of the facilities and programs enjoyed by today's Villanovans are a result of the foresight, hard work and support of donors from generations past, whom we honour and thank. The current College community is invited to support the Master Plan by donating towards the Villanova College Foundation Building Fund.

Regardless of size, every gift is appreciated. Gifts over \$2 are fully tax-deductible and larger gifts can be pledged over several years. To discuss a pledge, please contact the Foundation Office at [foundation@vnc.qld.edu.au](mailto:foundation@vnc.qld.edu.au)

**“Wide and detailed consultation with many professionals has helped inform the design of the new Learning Centre. The use of pilot classrooms has greatly assisted us in guiding the change process. From this experience and knowledge, classroom designs and effective teaching and learning pedagogies have emerged.”**

Mr Mark Stower, College Principal

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# The Wieneke Family *music fund*

## ADVANCE IN GRACE AND TALENT



Villanova College has a proud tradition in music where all students are encouraged to be part of the Music program. In Junior School, all students participate in two Music classes each week, a classroom Music session, and an instrumental ensembles.

During the 1990s, a benevolent member of the Wieneke family (Mrs Edna Wieneke) created a fund through a donation to Villanova for musical purposes. With the blessing of Edna's nephew, Father Peter Wieneke OSA, Class of '62, current College Chaplain and past Rector, Edna's donation was reimagined in 2019 to create the Villanova College Foundation Wieneke Family Music Fund (Wieneke Family Music Fund).

The Wieneke Family Music Fund is a fully tax-deductible fund which broadens the educational opportunities of our community by supporting the fees of musically-talented boys at Villanova. The fund distributes bursaries towards College fees for eligible students based on the following criteria:

- ▶ Have met, or meet the enrolment criteria for Villanova College and whose families desire a Catholic education
- ▶ Because of financial limitations, would otherwise find it difficult to attend Villanova College
- ▶ Have demonstrated considerable talent in playing a musical instrument
- ▶ Display a keen enthusiasm to continue their musical education and to be involved with instrumental ensembles

*“Could you imagine a world without music? Don't try, it would be too disheartening. Villanova Music is the source of much joy, discipline, resilience, fun, co-operation, and pride. As importantly, there is a power in music that introduces beauty and awe to the lives of participants and supporters. Music can propel us into the realm of the spiritual. Maybe that is why St Augustine said, 'singing belongs to lovers'. I invite you to imagine a Villanova where students advance in grace and talent by accessing the very best musical experiences.”*

Fr Peter Wieneke OSA (Class of '62), College Chaplain, Past Rector, Proud Donor



The Wieneke Family Music Fund marks an exciting new chapter in the history of Villanova Music. If you share the vision, we invite you to consider a fully tax-deductible gift (over \$2) towards the fund. Regardless of size, every gift is appreciated.

**To our kind donors – through your recent generosity the Wieneke Family Music Fund has already supported aspiring Music students during 2019 – thank you!**

You can donate online at [vnc.qld.edu.au/support-villa](http://vnc.qld.edu.au/support-villa) or by returning the enclosed donation form.

# OLD BOYS *news*

## VILLANOVA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

<b>President</b> Harrison Adams (2011)	<b>Vice Presidents</b> Justin Kerr (1988) Luke Moloney (2004)	<b>Secretary</b> Jack Drake (2011)	<b>Treasurer</b> Paul Green (1982)
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**Members:** Peter Ferguson (1964), John Walsh (1976), John Godwin (1986), Sam Dennis (2015), Paddy Price (2017), Simon Healy (1977), Greg Cooley (1978), Chris Anderson (2003), Fr. Peter Wieneke (1962) and Damon Joseph (1993)

HARRISON ADAMS – PRESIDENT – VOBA

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Old Boys and members of the wider Villanova community

I hope that this edition of the Villa Voice finds you in good health and enjoying the festive season with family and friends alike. You will have noticed a dramatic improvement in the design and more importantly content in the most recent edition. The Association extends a special thank you to Sue Homann (Marketing and Communications Manager) for her tireless work to ensure that this publication is one that communicates effectively to all members of our community.

2019 has been a great year for the College. It has seen the launch of the Villanova College Foundation, the completion of a new grandstand at Villa Park and the commencement of construction for a new, state-of-the-art education precinct on the Coorparoo campus. Moreover, it has seen continued growth in enrolments and exemplary achievement across the playing field, performance stage and most importantly the classroom.

2019 has too, been a great year for the Villanova Old Boys Association. At the time of publishing, VOBA will have successfully hosted three engagement events – Old Boys Day at Villa Park, the Annual Dinner in Goold Hall and most recently the Charlie Fisher Cup at Gainsborough Greens Golf Club. We are also grateful for the opportunity to come together with the College and community to celebrate the lives of those Villanovans who are no longer with us at the Deceased Villanovan's Mass.

The VOBA calendar is one that spans throughout the year and it would not be possible to host events without the ongoing help and support of many individuals. A special thanks to the committee who has tirelessly discussed, planned and volunteered to ensure that events are a success. To Mr Steven Bremner and Mrs Kath Underhill, thank you for your commitment to ensure that each event is a success. Finally, to our long-term supporters – Madd Loans and Greg Cooley Wines. Events would not be possible without

your support and we are grateful to have had successful partnerships over the last few years.

Again, the Terry Hendle Bursary has supported many young men at Villanova this year. This would not be possible without the ongoing support of Old Boys. I thank you for your ongoing support and ask that this year, you consider giving the gift of education, by donating to the Terry Hendle Bursary.

It is now, that I thank you, Villanova Old Boys and the Villanova community for the opportunity to have been President of this Association for the past three years. It is with great excitement that I inform the community that I will not be re-contesting the seat of President at next March's AGM. I am proud to have achieved the establishment of two new events on the Old Boys Calendar and turn the Annual Dinner into a formal occasion that continues to improve its ability to support the Terry Hendle Bursary. By the time of publication, the Association will have launched its own website – villaoldboys.com.au – which will provide a full history of the Association and Bursary alike, a full image gallery of events and an opportunity to purchase merchandise. I must thank all those who have worked with me over my term as president; you made the job easier and much more enjoyable.

An exciting opportunity now awaits for another Villanova Old Boy to take the reins and continue to ensure that the Association remains relevant in 2020 and beyond. Please feel free to contact myself (0433 493 357 or harrison.adams@live.com.au) to discuss what the position entails.



I wish the entire community a happy and holy Christmas period.

Vincit Veritas – Harrison Adams

## OLD BOYS *news*

### APOLOGY:

In the May edition of Villa Voice, a photo in the article on the Villanova Cadet Unit on page 37 was incorrectly captioned as being of Michael Gillespie. The photograph was actually of Brian Doyle. We apologise for the error.

Terry Reason (Lieutenant Colonel Retired) from the Class of 1964 has since contacted Villa Voice in relation to the article and Michael Gillespie.

*"I enjoyed the article on the Cadet Unit. It was a sad day when the Government of the day decided to close most of the Cadet Units. As a follow on to the Gillespie Memorial Trophy story, both Michael (1962) and his brother Brian (1964) served in the Australian Army as Second Lieutenants in what was South Vietnam with the Sixth Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR). Michael was in A Company who came to the aid of D Company at the Battle of Long Tan. Brian served with 6RAR during their second Tour. Sadly, both survived the Tour only to die in vehicle accidents in Australia. I have enclosed a rather poor photograph of Michael heading out on patrol. A bit different to today's soldiers. I hope this may be of interest to your readers."*



### BEREAVEMENTS

**Margaret Luton:** passed away in August. Mother of Paul (1981) and Bernard (1984) and grandmother to Samuel (2013) and Jonah (2015).

**Margery Keller:** passed away in August. Sister of Father Peter Hayes OSA, mother to Brian (1976), Alan (1978), Paul (1980), Peter (1980), Martin (1982), John (1986) and David (1994); mother-in-law of Peter Hackett (1968); grandmother to Tim Hackett (2000), Andrew De Groot (2000), Steven Keller (peer year 2007), Matthew (2014) and Benjamin (2016), great grandmother to Nate Lobegeiger (Year 5, 2019).

**Jean Kearney:** laid to rest in September. Mother of Robert (College Captain, 1976) and David (1978).

**Maria Greenhalgh** (née Perrier), mother of George in Year 11 and Josh (2018); daughter, sister and aunt to members of the extended Perrier family.

#### Fr Patrick Codd OSA



On the staff of Villanova in 1961 there were 16 full-time teachers. Among the 12 Augustinians on staff was Fr Patrick Codd OSA (staff member 1957, 1960-72).

As convenor of the Tuckshop, Fr Pat was responsible for establishing the famous Villanova mince rolls. While attending to the management of the Tuckshop and supervision of the 'tuckshop student helpers', Pat was a primary school teacher, the Prior of the Augustinian Community and Bursar of the College. He held the latter office during a time of growth in student numbers, teaching staff and building.

After more than 30 years of service to the Church in Australia, Fr Pat returned to his native Ireland. He died in Ireland in September this year at age 92.

For contributions, please email [shomann@vnc.qld.edu.au](mailto:shomann@vnc.qld.edu.au)



# OLD BOYS' dinner

Over 200 Old Boys converged on their Alma Mater on August 2 for the annual Old Boys' Dinner. Celebrating significant milestones were the Classes of '69, '79, '89, '99 and '09 and this was reflected in the large turnout of Old Boys from these years. The Class of 1989 made their 30 year reunion a night to remember with almost 40 in attendance.

### Special thanks to our sponsors:

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In what will become a tradition at the Dinner, the Toast to Villanova, written by John Perrier (1984) was delivered for the first time.

## A TOAST TO VILLANOVA – "Villanova Men"

*We started back in '48; five Irish priests back then  
They took a group of 40 boys to mould them into men  
Whinstanes was our centre, but it soon overflowed  
So they picked a hill in Coorparoo and moved us down the road  
They instilled in those boys with character, and knowledge learned in class  
Not just maths and science, but Vincit Veritas  
With those words from St Augustine always ringing in our ears  
Lessons learned of truth and love have echoed through the years  
We bellowed Uka Naaki as we competed on the field  
We trained to win, we learned to lose, but to never ever yield  
These days we reminisce the past, and catch up with old friends  
We've mateships spanning decades that we hope will never end  
So let's all thank this grand old school with (a) prayer and last Amen  
That we have grown from Villa boys into Villanova men.*





Congratulations to **Jack Palmer** (2014) and **Peter Bergin** (2010) who graduated in September as pilots in the Royal Australian Air Force. Jack will fly the C-17 Globemaster and Peter will pilot the Hawk Lead-in Fighter.

**Father Damien Everitt** (1991) returned to the College to lead the Feast of St Augustine Mass on August 30. Father Damien was ordained by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on June 29, 2018 at the Cathedral of St Stephen.



Fr Damien entered the seminary straight out of school in 1992. "Having done four years of the journey at that stage, I just felt that I was a bit too young to be going forward for the priesthood at the time," said Fr Damien.

He left the seminary in 1996 to pursue a career in social work. After establishing a solid career as a social worker, Fr Damien took another break to drive buses for the Brisbane City Council. But the thought of the priesthood still lingered. "I always felt the calling had never left me, I always felt I had something to offer the Church in the future," Fr Damien added. Fr Damien is assistant parish priest at St William's Grovely.

**Dan Arnold** (2004) has been awarded his first 'Chefs Hat' at the 2020 Good Food Awards held in Brisbane in September. His Fortitude Valley restaurant, Restaurant Dan Arnold, opened a year ago. Dan trained in a 3 Michelin star restaurant in France and represented Australia in the world finale of Bocuse d'Or in 2017 where he finished in 8th position - Australia's best ever result!

**Michael Zullo** (2005) helped his Sydney Football Club win its fourth A-League Premiership in a penalty shoot-out against Perth Glory in May. The left-back has enjoyed a stellar international and domestic career, recording 73 appearances for the Sky Blue since signing in 2016. Michael has represented Australia at Under 23 level and in 2009 debuted for the Socceroos.



**Jordan Pol Bodetto** 'Jordy Marks' (2015) and **Ethan Watson** 'Sellma Soul' (2011) both made it through the blind audition stage in this year's *The Voice Australia*.

One Old Boy has replaced another as Queensland Cricket Chairman. **Chris Simpson** (1999), a former Queensland Bulls captain and veteran of 51 first-class, 57 one-day and 24 T20 matches for Queensland, replaced Judge Sal Vasta (1981) on July 1.



Congratulations to **Callum Davies** (2016) who won this year's Bridge to Brisbane 5 km event in August.

Thanks to **Dimitri Zouppas** for sending in this pic from last year's Class of 1984 annual catch up at Koorungal, Moreton Island.



## 2019 AFAS EXCHANGE

TONY HINDMARSH

On September 20, 24 students and seven staff departed Brisbane for the 14th AFAS Exchange to the Philippines.

The next 14 days saw the group truly live out the Villa spirit, as we visited communities, schools and charities, and undertook projects. The Augustinian spirit was very much alive as we shared meals, played games, sang and danced together.

As well as visiting community and church organisations that support the needs of locals, the group enjoyed its stay with three schools: Divino Amore Academy (Cebu), Colegio San Augustin (Bacolod) and La Consolacion College (Murcia).

Through the proceeds of Mission Day, we were able to directly fund 17 academic scholarships for local children to attend these schools – ensuring increased employment prospects and brighter futures for these children and their families. Similarly, the great work of YAYM and other Villanova fundraising initiatives such as the Middle School Dance and Villa Visions Art Exhibition, allowed us to undertake projects including the construction of classrooms and the installation of drinking and hand washing taps. Food parcels, hygiene packs, music and sports equipment, transport costs for AFAS scholars and household goods for scholars were also donated to the schools and other community outreach organisations thanks to the generosity of the Villa Hospitality Department and the wider Villanova community.

Special thanks to Dr Juergen Landmann from Carina Medical and Specialist Centre for his donation to assist with covering medical expenses at the two orphanages for the young and elderly that we visited.

To say this experience is life changing for Exchange participants is an under-statement.

- "Words cannot describe how much the 2019 AFAS Exchange has impacted upon my attitude and way of thinking towards life"
- "Whilst the very visible poverty all around us on our journey was confronting at times, I do feel so privileged and humbled to have witnessed in person the extraordinary joy and happiness that the fundraising efforts of the Villa community brings to the communities in the Philippines."
- "The extraordinarily special bonds that are formed with the communities we visit is also something that I will cherish and never forget. I think the quote from St Augustine says it all "There is no better proof of friendship than to help our friends with their burden".

A big "thank you" to the Villanova Community; you have made a difference in the lives of our Filipino friends.

### 2018 AFAS ELDERS PROJECT UPDATE

Whilst it has taken some time to complete due to labour shortage/ weather and many other interruptions, the mat weaving facility on Kinatarcan Island was finally completed and opened on Sunday 29 September. Many thanks to all who donated to make this project a reality.



### 2020 AFAS ELDERS EXCHANGE - KINATARCAN ISLAND

Planning is underway for the 2020 AFAS Elders Exchange to Kinatarcan Island. This exchange differs from the AFAS Exchange in that it is open to staff, parents and Villa Old Boys (Elders). School age students are unable to participate. The group travels to Kinatarcan Island and undertakes a building/ construction project which is totally funded by Villanova Old Boys



The proposed dates are Saturday 28 November to Saturday 12 December. A full itinerary, including costs, can be found on the AFAS website: [www.afasvillanova.org/afas-elders](http://www.afasvillanova.org/afas-elders)



If you are interested in attending and would like more information or would like to enquire about contributing towards the project, please contact Tony Hindmarsh at - [thindmarsh@vnc.qld.edu.au](mailto:thindmarsh@vnc.qld.edu.au)

## CHARLIE FISHER CUP



Congratulations to the team of Justin Feuerriegel (2001 and staff) and staff members Matt Conlan, Alex Sullivan and Ben Lynam who took honours at the Old Boys' Golf Day on Sunday 13 October.

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## 2020 diary dates

**MONDAY 16 MARCH, 2020**  
AGM  
Chapter Room, Villanova College, 6.00pm

**SATURDAY 13 JUNE, 2020**  
Old Boys' Day  
(and opening of the grandstand at Villanova Park)

**FRIDAY 7 AUGUST**  
Old Boys' Dinner  
5.30pm

**TBA**  
Charlie Fisher Cup

**SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 2020**  
Deceased Villanovans Mass  
Goold Hall, 10.00am

## VILLANOVA MENTORING BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Villanova College will host a mentoring breakfast on April 2, 2020. We're especially keen to hear from Old Boys who would be willing to attend and offer their industry / professional expertise to our Year 12 students and young Old Boys as they investigate career and further study options.

Tickets and table hosting opportunities will be available for purchase in 2020. This invitation is extended to Old Boys and current and past parents representing all industries – from the professions to trades.

It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with other Old Boys and current and past parents on a professional level, whilst giving back to a new generation of Villanovans.

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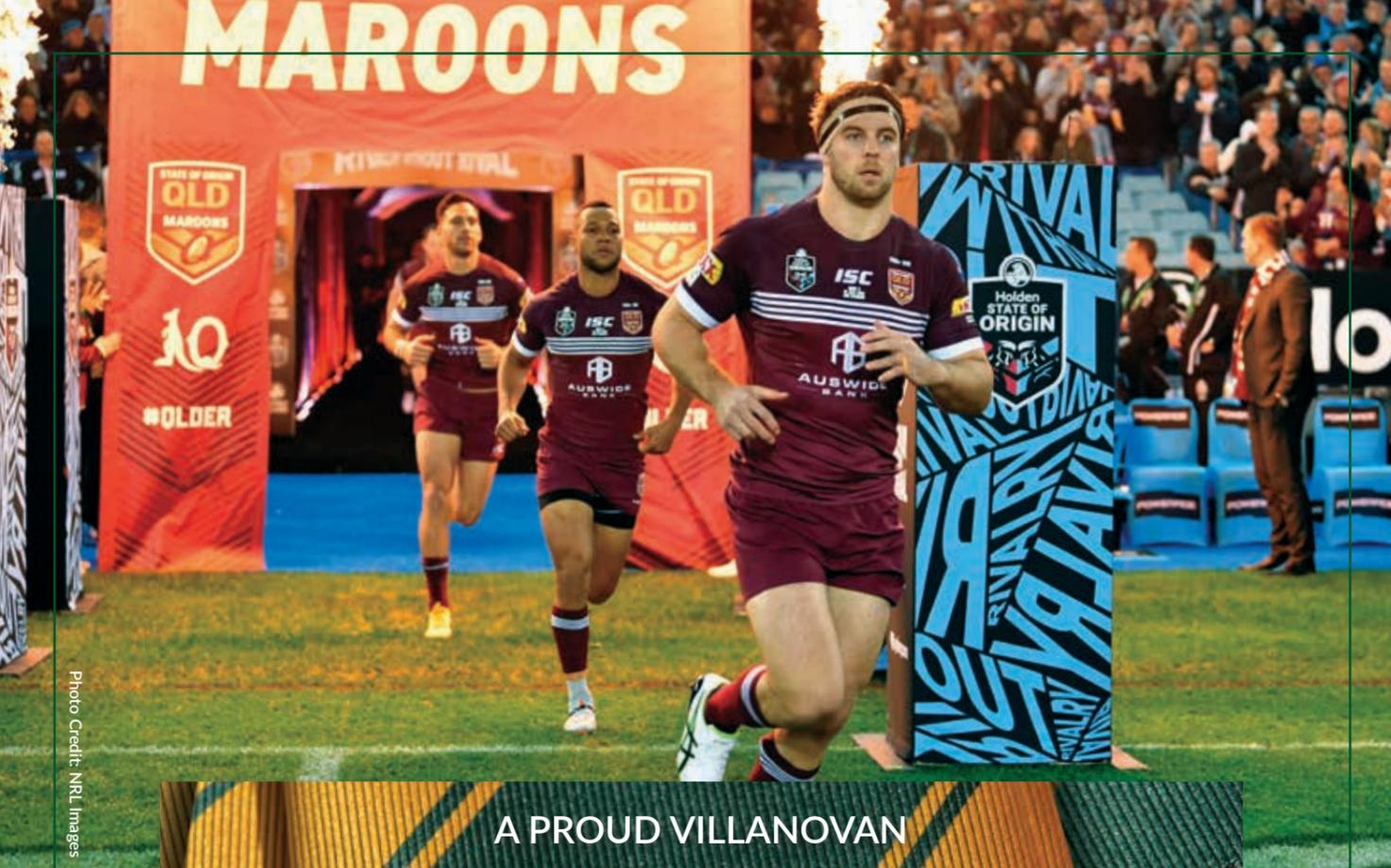


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## A PROUD VILLANOVAN

When it was announced that Christian Welch (College Captain 2011) would make his State of Origin debut for the Queensland Maroons in game 3 of the 2019 series, none were more excited than the Villanova College community.

Current Villanova rugby league players didn't miss the opportunity to wish Christian well when he joined the Maroons camp for training at Langlands Park (Easts Tigers) in the lead up to game 3, presenting him with his very own Villanova rugby league jersey.

Named as an emerging Maroon for the previous three years and in great form with his Melbourne Storm NRL club, Christian's call up came after an injury scare almost derailed his selection. The injury turned out to be meniscus damage and not a ruptured ACL that sidelined him for the Storm's title campaign in 2017.

Christian says he was "full of excitement more so than nerves" leading into the game.

"Playing in the front row is a tough job but it's also a simple one. I was confident of my ability to help contribute and having played in two NRL grand finals, I have experienced big occasions before."

"It had an intensity I hadn't experienced; the physicality and speed of the game was immense," he said.

Unfortunately, the game didn't fall Queensland's way with a Tedesco try on the buzzer breaking Queensland hearts.

Heartbreaking also was the season-ending injury Christian suffered in the round against the Brisbane Broncos in August after Origin (this time to the opposite ACL ruptured in 2017). In an attitude that has won him fans across the NRL, Christian has taken the news on the chin.

"It was devastating to rupture my ACL and miss the rest of the season. To be fair though, at the end of the day, it's just an injured knee. It's not a lifelong illness or disability. A lot more people are doing it far tougher."

Widely regarded as one of the smartest and nicest people in rugby league, Christian has ensured his Villanova grounding remains a big part of his life.

When asked about his standing as a role model at a press conference after the Brisbane Origin training session, Christian told the assembled media he had been shaped by his upbringing, including the lessons learned at school.

"I think I can be an example, but the best thing about Villanova is that it's not about scholarships and producing NRL players, it's about developing good people and chasing your interests; whether it's music, drama or sport."

"It was amazing (to see the support from the students); I'm very proud of my former school. I love that school and I love the people that are there and obviously I wouldn't be here today without going through Villanova College and learning the life lessons," he said.

While pursuing his rugby league career, Christian has been deliberate in ensuring that there is a viable career path when he retires from the game.



He holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne and has commenced a Master of Business Administration at the University of Sydney.

"Footy doesn't last forever. I really enjoy switching off from the high-pressure Storm environment to focus on another interest."

His message to Villanova students:

"Find something you enjoy. Don't limit yourself to the sole pursuit of something."

**The best part of Villa is the various offerings of extra-curricular activities. Learn an instrument, do drama, join a ministry, play a sport. It's the well-rounded individual who in my profession, usually flourishes.**

Christian also makes time for charity work as an ambassador for Camp Quality.

"I help raise funds and work as a trained volunteer at the camps with kids. Camp Quality does an amazing job bringing joy back to these kids who are battling cancer. Their resilience and positivity are inspiring. It's a really amazing charity to work with."

When asked about his greatest Villa memories, the list is long:

"I seriously loved my time at Villa, where to start...belting out the way cry after winning the 1st XV premiership at Villanova Park in 2010; attending the AFAS trip to the Philippines was incredible in shaping me as the person I am today; breaking out Powderfinger's 'My Happiness' on the last day of class in Year 12; question time with Laurie Sheehan (I've never laughed so hard)."

Christian's injury rehabilitation to progressing well and he hopes to make his return for the Storm in the 2020 season. And there's the matter of some unfinished Origin business.

# "QUIRKIE'S GIRLS"

FR PETER WIENEKE OSA

For most of them, their friendship started as Villanova Tuckshop mums. Some commenced their association with the College as early as 1955 or 1956. It was, in those earlier Villanova times, strengthened as they worked on Villanova fetes or other Villanova fundraising activities.

When their sons left the College, they wished to maintain a connection with each other, with the College and the Augustinians.

Fr Brendan Quirk OSA taught most of their boys, coached them in some sport, was a guest in their homes, attended their weddings or was just always around for them. So, when 'Quirkie' was transferred from Villanova to begin a new seminary and needed support, the 'Seminary Ladies' came to the rescue. The Augustinian Seminary began with the temporary renting of a building from the Capuchins in Lindum until 1969.

These women took their Villanova-practised skills and enthusiasm and raised money to support young men contemplating joining the Augustinian Order. They conducted fetes, ran bingo nights, baked cakes and conducted street stalls.

Helen Tosh is recognised as the last of the group still with us. Helen supplied the photos printed here. "We had so many, many happy days connected with Villanova," recalls Helen. "Fr Quirk, Fr Dullard, Fr Barry, Fr Dempsey they were great priests, priests of the people. My husband got on really well with all of them. All the men did, they were 'men's men'."

Helen's husband, Alec, was probably the first of the husbands to meet an Augustinian. As a youth, Alec was an altar boy at St Cecilia's, Hamilton. In 1948 the Augustinians began Villanova College on the property Whinstanes, across the road from St Cecilia's. After Mass one Sunday the parish priest said to Alec, "go and see what you can do for those fellows." Some years later, one of 'those fellows', Fr Brian Mahony OSA, was the priest who celebrated the wedding of Helen and Alec at St Agatha's, Clayfield.

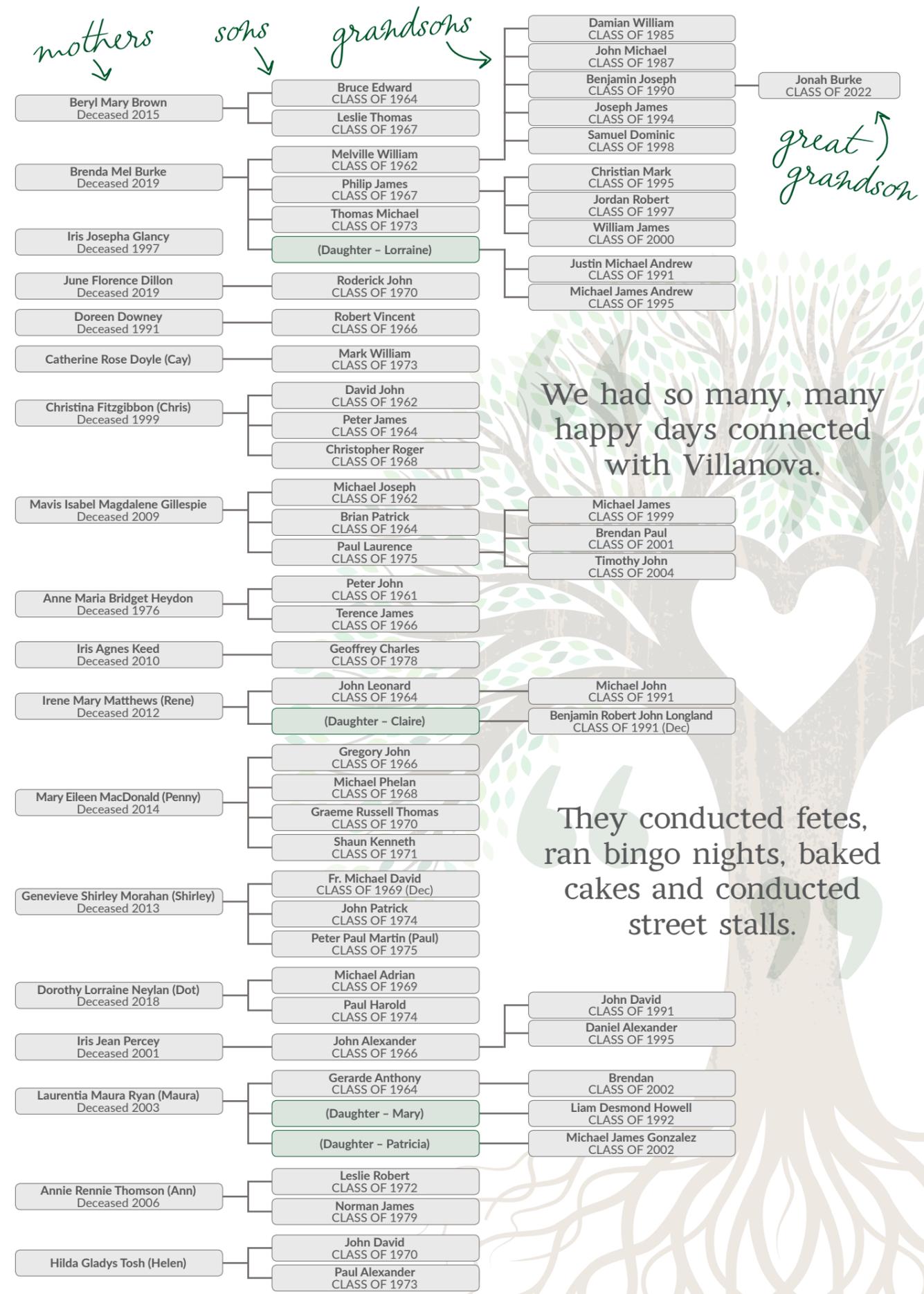
Women who were part of the 'group' but who do not appear in any of the photos published here include: Penny MacDonald, Ann Heydon and Dot Neylan. Dot is credited with being one of the foundation members of this group of Villa mums.

The years have witnessed the funerals of many of the priests and most of the women in our story. Many of the group were buried by Augustinians and many attended the funerals of the Augustinians who are buried in Brisbane.



Helen Tosh recalls, "many of the daughters of the women have attended these funerals over the years. After all, they associated themselves with their brothers, they were part of the Villanova days. They were wonderful days."

The list which follows is an attempt to record the sons and grandsons of 'Quirkie's Girls' who attended Villanova as students. Corrections, additions or insights to what is printed here will be gratefully received at: [villa@vnc.qld.edu.au](mailto:villa@vnc.qld.edu.au)



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They conducted fetes, ran bingo nights, baked cakes and conducted street stalls.

# FROM THE *archives*

## 1974 T.A.S. 1ST XV PREMIERS:

1974 proved to be a vintage year for rugby at Villanova. The 1st XV won the T.A.S. Shield and three members of the team: John Dawson, Brian Reeve and Geoff Lawler all gained selection in the Queensland Schoolboys team.

The captain, John Dawson gained his football experience through the primary and minor 'A' grade T.A.S. sides. His outstanding tactical ability as a centre gained him selection in the 1973 1st XV, in which he combined with

co-centre Brian Canavan in launching many successful attacks on the opposition's try line. Captaincy of the 1974 side was granted to John because of his unique qualities of leadership and determination.

Geoff Lawler became the first Villanovan to gain full representative honours against an international team. As Footballer of the Year, this was a great achievement and a just reward for a player who who contributed a great deal to the success of the 1st XV during 1973 and 1974.



**FRONT:** Steven Massey, Phillip O'Keeffe, John Dawson (Capt), Brian Reeve, Trevor Klinger, Robert Glynn.  
**MIDDLE:** Peter Hillas, Nicholas Simpson, Phillip Jorgensen, Peter Rylands, John Conaty, John Doyle, Justin Kassulke  
**REAR:** Richard Godwin, Barry Mullins, Greg Glynn, Gary Hourigan, Geoff Lawler, Brian Mason

The team started the T.A.S. Competition with a victory over St Laurence's at Villanova Park in front of a large crowd. Barry Mullins had an outstanding game scoring three tries and kicking two conversions. The clash against Marist Brothers Ashgrove will be remembered for many years with three key players injured. However, inspired by Trevor Klinger and Geoff Lawlor (in the last two minutes), Greg Glynn touched down for the winning try!

Mr Graham Prange, Coach of the 1st XV, was known as "the small man wielding the big stick". The stick was not one of punishment but rather of dedication, discipline and respect. He viewed his coaching role as that of teacher and trainer, using his knowledge in these fields to coach the team.



### *where are they now?*

PLAYER	CAREER	SONS AT VILLANOVA	LIVES
Steve Massey	Business owner - real estate (semi-retired)		Gold Coast
Phillip O'Keeffe	National Agriculture Manager - Simplot Australia		Devonport TAS
John Dawson	Business owner - electrical contractor (retired)		Brisbane
Brian Reeves	Queensland Public Service (retired)		Brisbane
Trevor Klinger	Business owner - electrical contractor (retired)		Gold Coast
Robert Glynn	Hospital Administrator (retired)	Eamon (2009)	Sunshine Coast
Peter Hillas	Land Acquisition Manager - Brisbane City Council		Brisbane
Nicholas Simpson	Nick passed away in November 2018	Chris (1999)	
Phillip Jorgensen	Financial planner /insurance broker (retired)		Brisbane
Peter Rylands	Business owner - builder	Mitchell (2012)	Brisbane
John Conaty	Project Manager - BMD Group		Brisbane
John Doyle	Mechanical engineer		Sydney
Justin Kassulke	Commercial pilot		Brisbane
Richard Godwin	Fire fighter (retired)	Raymond (2009)	Brisbane
Barry Mullins	Business owner - Multicom		Townsville
Greg Glynn	Business owner - Pancho's Pizza		Brisbane
Geoff Lawler	Insurance claims/ administration manager	James (2012), Andrew (2014)	Brisbane
Brian Mason	Teacher - St Rita's Primary School		Brisbane

### VILLANOVA ARCHIVES

Staff are currently working on College sporting teams between 1948 and 1958. We would appreciate hearing from any families with information about rugby teams during these years. In particular, we're interested in photos, memories and memorabilia either as a loan or a donation to the Archives.

Archives is staffed Monday and Wednesday during term time and can be contacted at [Staff-Archives@vnc.qld.edu.au](mailto:Staff-Archives@vnc.qld.edu.au) or on 3394 5609.

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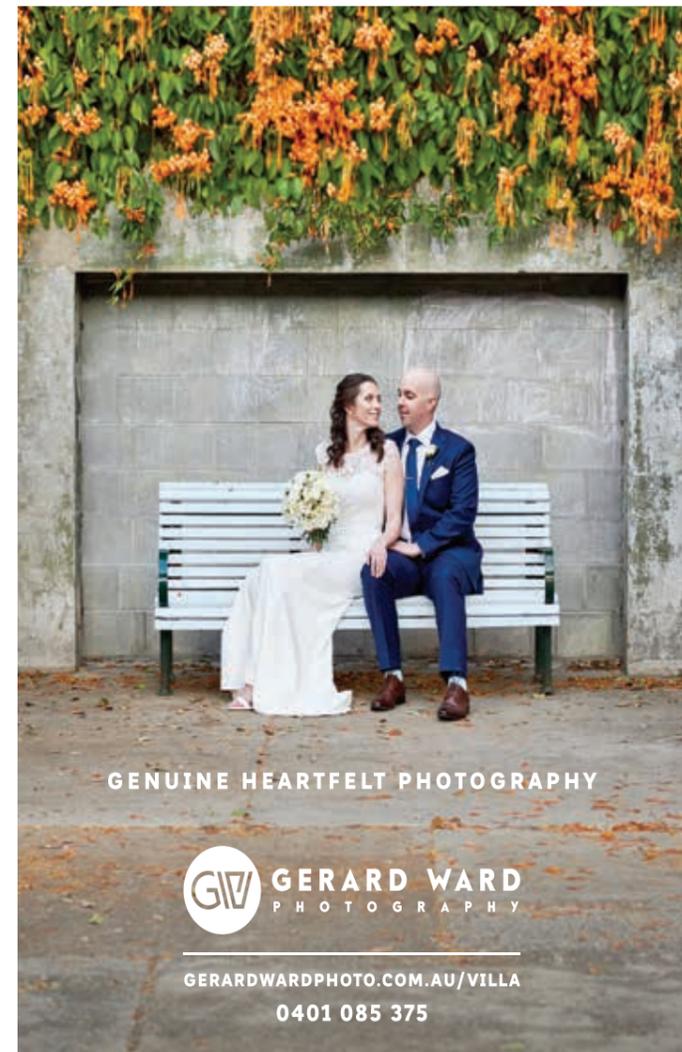
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## P&F UPDATE

VASS CAYAS - PRESIDENT

On behalf of the P&F Association executive team, I acknowledge the support of the College, parents, volunteers and sponsors in ensuring a great year for the Villa community.

This year saw another fantastic International Carnival in March. Special thanks to convener, Cameron Clelland and the many volunteers. Our collective efforts saw over \$62,000 raised for the College.

To celebrate and acknowledge the important role our mums play in the raising of our young men, the P&F again hosted the Mothers' Night event in May. The event saw over 360 ladies enjoy a great night on the Senior Terraces with the city lights as back drop. Thanks to our sponsors, caterers, volunteers and the army of dads who waited on our mums. This event raised \$5,500.

A major service that the P&F co-ordinates is the Second-Hand Uniform Shop. This is such an important role and we thank Maree Erikson for her continued efforts. The service has raised close to \$20,000 for the P&F.

There are numerous other events that the P&F co-ordinates or supports, from each year level function to the Trivia Night. These all help raise funds for facility improvements and resources for the College.

This year, the P&F was able to assist with the following:

- \$80,000 towards the Tolle Lege Library refurbishment
- \$50,000 initial contribution for air conditioning of Junior and Middle School classrooms
- Joint purchase of a mobile freezer with the Music Support Group and Sports Club

The P&F will work with the College to identify key initiatives that it can support in 2020 and beyond.

In addition to fundraising events in 2020, the P&F committee worked with the College to invite keynote speakers to talk about relevant topics. We will look to expand our engagement with the broader community by developing a full calendar of speakers and topics in readiness to share at the beginning of Term 1.

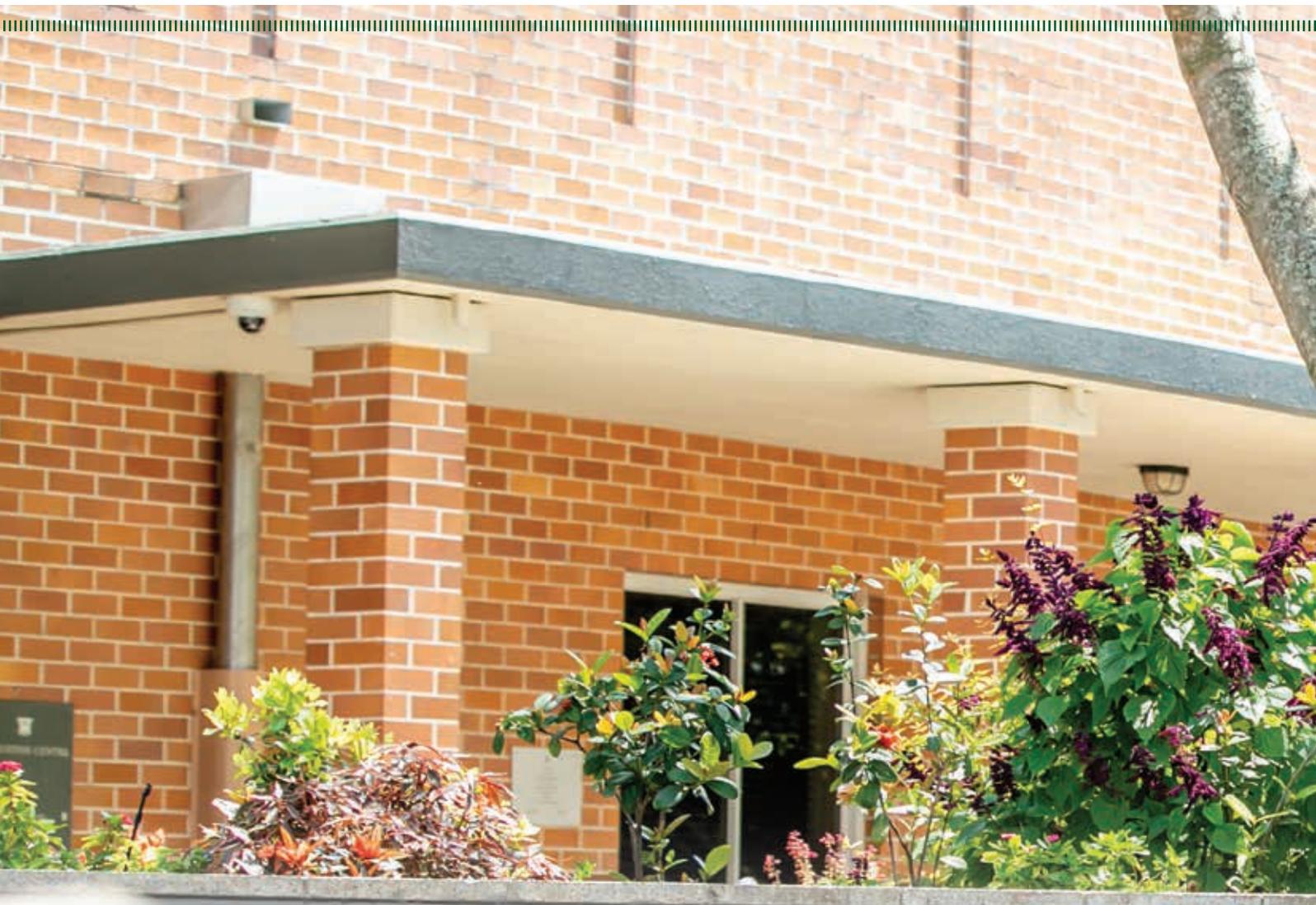
I am excited to confirm that the executive committee are all continuing in their roles in 2020. We look forward to meeting and working with more families in 2020. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone would like to join the committee as our Grants Officer. Should any family wish to support any of the events through planning and volunteering, either in person or through corporate sponsorship, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or any of the executive committee.



**2020 *community* EVENTS**

<b>SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY</b> Tenori in Concert	<b>FRIDAY 29 MAY</b> Sports Club Annual Lunch
<b>27 - 29 FEBRUARY</b> Combined Schools Musical (Mary Poppins)	<b>SATURDAY 13 JUNE</b> Official Opening of the Grandstand, Villanova Park
<b>SATURDAY 21 MARCH</b> Villanova International Carnival	<b>SATURDAY 25 JULY</b> Villanova Ball
<b>THURSDAY 2 APRIL</b> Villanova Mentoring Business Breakfast	<b>SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER</b> Mothers of Old Boys Afternoon
<b>FRIDAY 8 MAY</b> P&F Annual Mothers' Night	<b>SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER</b> Mass for Deceased Old Boys and Staff
<b>WEDNESDAY 27 MAY</b> Villanova College Open Day	<b>SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER</b> Derby Day for Ladies





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