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50 years of Service

Developing fine young men





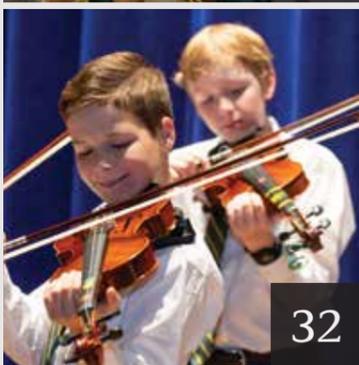
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PRINCIPAL'S *welcome*

MR PAUL BEGG – COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

As 2022 draws to a close this *Villa Voice* looks to encapsulate a year where we have emerged from the wake of the pandemic, and re-energised the Villanovan spirit and identity.

While the pandemic didn't corrupt the spirit or traditions of the College, it did challenge us to look at things differently, to be creative and behave differently and ask the question, "Was the way that we were doing things the right way?" Is there another way? Dare I say, is the 'truth' of years gone by the 'truth' of tomorrow. The pandemic forced us to encapsulate ourselves in a chrysalis, to consider and reflect, to be 'interior' and now as we emerge from that slumber, we have the opportunity to reinvigorate our identity, our practice and deepen our engagement and understanding of our identity and what it looks like in a 21st century context and for a 21st century learner.

Since our last edition there has been deep learning, celebration, and acknowledgement. Our Seniors have moved through their preliminary internal assessment and sit now for their external exams. Former Rector and current College Chaplain, Fr Peter Wieneke OSA, celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination. Our First football team and First Basketball team won AIC premierships. The basketball team in particular, who won their premiership in undefeated and emphatic fashion, held as their hallmark our gateway value of humility. While in several games they won with ease they never used their skill or dominance to humiliate or take away the dignity of their opposition. They resisted the urge to be lairy, or to put one individual's brilliance ahead of the needs and acknowledgement of the team. Their premiership win was an Augustinian victory; dominant and skilled but measured in the humility of the individuals within.

Villanova was also transformative in the AIC space leading the introduction of esports as an opportunity for our boys and all those in our AIC competition. AIC is the largest school sporting organisation by participation in Australia and at Villanova we are helping to lead and set the agenda for sportsmanship, participation and commitment. We will continue to play an integral role in the growth and prosperity of the organisation which offers our young men so much.

Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival (QCMF) returned this year and it was an outstanding success.



The Villanova community has offered up in service our staff and our school to Catholic education for over twenty years to support the development and performance opportunities for young people at our school and across Queensland. It was a wonderful event and I do hope that all members of the extended Villanova Community have the opportunity to share in this event and join us at the College in the future.

We have launched across the College the student behaviour support platform which brings the best of positive education, positive behaviour for learning and restorative practice across the second semester. It is built off our College values as action toward the development of the young men who are "The Villanova Graduate". As a community our pastoral leaders have distilled our gateway values into a concept called Villanova GREATS. A community that encourages, reminds, challenges, and expects that each boy is a student who is committed to Growth, Respect, Effort, Accountability, Teamwork and Service. I do hope that you enjoy our Head of Senior School, Matt Levander's, detailing of the journey we are embarking on.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of *Villa Voice* and witness through the pages the students, staff, community – our commitment to the Villanova graduate and the future of this great College.

Vincit Veritas

Paul Begg
 PRINCIPAL

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IN THE CLASSROOM *and Beyond...*

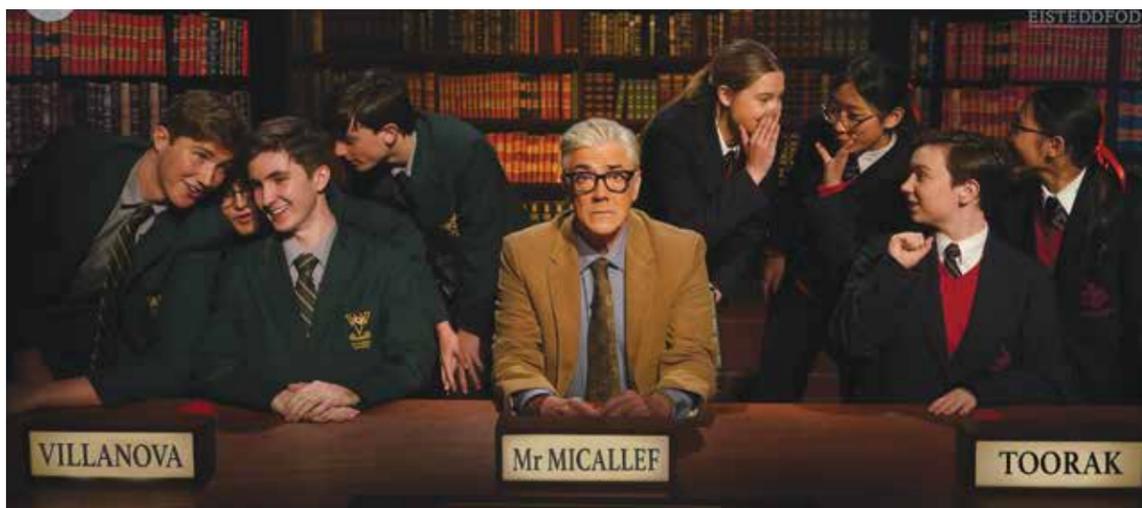
MR JOHN CHRISTIE — DEAN OF TEACHING AND LEARNING



Mentoring Breakfast

A huge thank you to the mentors that made our recent Year 12 Mentor Breakfast possible. The breakfast provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to hear stories of established professional old boys, parents and community members. You can't be what you can't see, and our boys certainly saw diverse opportunities for their futures. Thank you to our keynote speaker Kush Sami (class of 2011,

currently Head of Partnerships and Product at Taurus Finance) for his inspirational speech. And thank you to our panel discussion members Matthew Eglington (General Superintendent, WIRED Overhead Solutions), Jessie Newell (Director of Sales and Events at Victoria Park Golf Complex), George Samios (Founder of Madd Loans) for sharing your wisdom and experience.



Villa on TV

You may have seen a familiar green and gold uniform on the gogglebox recently as a team of Villanova students participated in Channel 10's new series – *Shaun Micallef's Brain Eisteddfod*. The show tests year eleven students from across Australia on their foreign language skills,

knowledge of Australiana, mathematics, physics, art and more, aiming to find the brightest sparks in the country! It was a valuable experience for the students, going behind the scenes in television production.

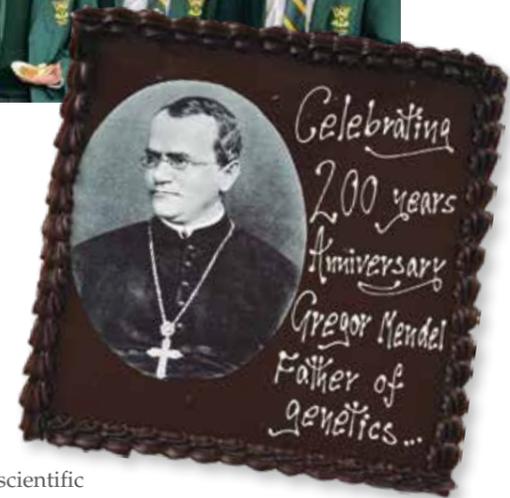


GREGOR MENDEL'S *Birthday Celebration*

On the 20th July 2022, we celebrated the memory of Gregor Mendel – the Augustinian who discovered the science of genetics, with a birthday morning tea.

On this day, two hundred years ago, a boy child was born in the Czech Republic. In adulthood he became an Augustinian priest and scientist. His scientific work was so unprecedented at the time, it took thirty-four years for the rest of the scientific community to catch up. Mendel discovered that various characteristics (height, colour, etc.) appeared in first and second generation plants in accordance with simple mathematical proportions.

In Mendel Hall at Villanova the study of science, with its mathematical component, is highly valued—the very best tribute to the Augustinian after whom the building is named.



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Villanova hosts first AIC ESPORTS TOURNAMENT



On Saturday, 22 October, the member schools of the AIC (Brisbane Association of Independent Colleges) met at Villanova College for an inaugural live esports competition. While esports is not new, this was the first occasion where students from Years 7-9 were invited to form two teams of five players to compete in a Minecraft Education Edition 'Capture The Flag' tournament. This was the first example of esports in the AIC, demonstrating the exponential growth and popularity of esports as an alternative form of competition. Further, this was the first example of competitive live Minecraft Education Edition esports in Australia, and perhaps more broadly in the Asia-Pacific region.



“The strategy of this fast-paced game involves both attack and defense.”

The Augustine Centre was modified to provide three distinct player zones with large screens and a separate spectator zone in the upper tier of the theatre seating. Over 100 spectators, 90 players and school officials were in awe of the theatre lighting and audio-visual design, accompanied by large player zone screens and projections.

So, what is Capture the Flag exactly? The strategy of this fast-paced game involves both attack and defense. Each team must assign players to protect its own fort whilst mounting an assault on their opponent's fort. Within the heart of each team's fort is a flag which must be protected at all costs. Points are scored when a team captures the other team's flag and retrieves it to their own fort. Much of the gameplay occurs in the open ground between the two forts, in the ramparts that surround the fortresses and occasionally within the guarded fortresses themselves.

14 teams from seven of the eight AIC schools competed. All teams competed in shorter round robin Capture the Flag matches, then eventually the premier team from each school was announced. The premier teams then entered a seeded elimination draw to decide the champion esports school. Marist College Ashgrove, who led convincingly from the start, went on to win the final match in a thrilling Grand Final. In all, 28 matches played over 11 rounds were used to decide the champion school!

Unlike other AIC sports, this event was largely coordinated and marshalled by Year 7 students. A team of Year 7 student 'hosts', led by Mr Jason Lane, hosted the PC servers that held the online matches. These student volunteers - Cooper Crowley, Damian Ellis, Alex Tento and Hugh Weston - were responsible for connecting players, resetting games, managing game settings and managing their own game servers for the duration of the competition. They did an amazingly consistent job. In addition, two Year 7 students, Elijah La Porte and Ming Yang, provided commentary on the games for the theatre spectators throughout the competition. The College was justifiably proud of the efforts and commitment throughout the day.

Thanks to Mr Jason Lane (Elearning Pedagogy Leader) whose accreditation as a Global Minecraft Mentor was invaluable in coordinating the resources and structuring the gameplay to deliver this esports event. Caain Miller (Audio Visual and Events Coordinator) did an exceptional job preparing the theatre lighting and AV to match the needs and expectations of a live esports event - it was truly epic! Thanks also to Mr John Christie, Mr Craig Smith, IT Department staff, Ms Rebecca Wildermuth, Mr Jordan Mullan, Mr Craig Stariha, Mr Paul Begg and the AIC Directorate for supporting, endorsing and provisioning resources for this highly successful inaugural esports event.

Villa Visions

CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

SALLYANNE FRENEY — CREATIVE ARTS CURRICULUM AREA LEADER

It was a wet and miserable Friday evening but over 250 parents, grandparents, students, and siblings battled with umbrellas to celebrate creativity in our community underneath Goold Hall.

Villa Visions is an annual event that showcases students' classroom works from all areas of the Arts across all year levels. From self-portraits to skate decks, digital art process to Media short films, promo videos and dramatic performances, all were on display as our talented musos provided a tranquil ambience.

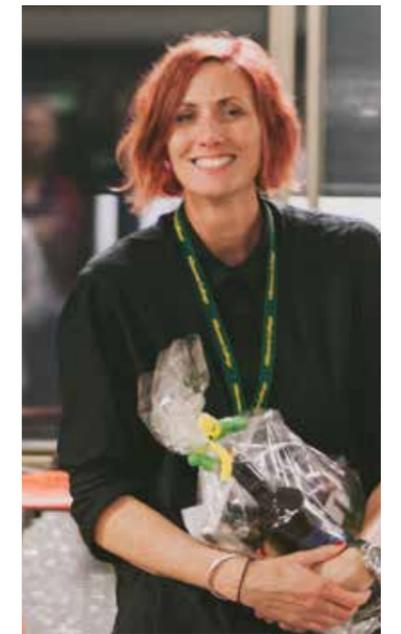
As families entered, they could purchase some red dots to award to their favourite artwork. The competition was rife as hundreds of dots were sold and decisions made as to the People's Choice for the best artwork for 2022.

Beverages were served and delicious canapes consumed as parents stopped to chat about their sons' successes. As the crowd grew, Principal, Mr Paul Begg welcomed everyone and introduced our special guest and artist in residence, Dr Simon Degroot. Dr Degroot is father to Reuben in Year 8 and is a well-regarded lecturer and mural artist

who gave up his time to work with our Year 9 Visual Art students to design and paint the Arts courtyard wall. Having created large-scale public works for clients such as Queensland Rail, Brisbane City Council and The Brisbane Hilton, Dr Degroot had his work 'cut out' for him whilst working with our gifted boys. During the process, Dr Degroot spoke about how an artwork contributes to the aesthetics of the space and welcomes visitors' engagement. Together, a remarkable and uniquely Villanovan scape was delivered in a short 'and wet' time frame.

We are truly grateful to Dr Degroot for enriching our outdoor space and we look forward to further developing the area into a place of inspiration that we can share with the Villa community.

Thank you sincerely to all of those who braved the weather to support the Creative Arts at Villanova.



VANESSA COOK

Vanessa came to Villa having graduated with a Master's in Education from Griffith University. This being her first teaching post, she was excited to get started and immerse herself in the classroom.

With an extensive background in graphic design and photography, Vanessa immediately drew upon these skills to work with students in the digital environment and in using mixed media in the classroom.

In her short time at Villa, she has made an indelible impression on the Creative Arts by building strong relationships with her students. We have marvelled at her calm and creative influence on what can sometimes be a very frantic and energetic learning environment. Vanessa strives to ensure her classroom is inclusive and a safe place for students to explore creative techniques at their own pace.

She has contributed to the co-curricular space by taking photos of school events which have been used continually on our social pages and for advertising events.

Vanessa leaves us to take up a full-time teaching position at Victoria Point SHS. We will miss her terribly but wish her every success in her new role.

FORMING THE *Villanova Graduate*

MR MATT LEVANDER – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL



At the commencement of this Semester, the College Pastoral Care Team launched our new School Wide Expected Behaviour Matrix. Underpinning this document was an explicit focus not only on our Augustinian Values but the six lenses of our GREATS Framework for the Formation of the Villanova Graduate- Growth, Respect, Effort, Accountability, Team Work and Service. As we continue our journey of inculcating our young men about the positive behaviours and dispositions associated with being a Villanovan of integrity and substance, we have called upon our Student Leaders to articulate the ways in which we form the Villanova Graduate- both inside and outside the classroom and in our community.

College Captain Riley Richards powerfully illuminated the importance of a growth mindset and cultivating resilience in shaping one's definition of success. Riley stated:

"Throughout your journey, there will be numerous challenges, numerous failures, and numerous mistakes. Plenty of times when you won't succeed, and it'll feel bad. But don't obsess yourself with success, and let your past failures define you".

**Focus on growth,
become better than you
were before, and you'll
find that such a simple
switch in your mentality
can make the world of
difference in your life.**

College Vice Captain Cameron Wallis highlighted the fundamental value of respect as the foundation of positive relationships. He also highlighted the intrinsic power of self-respect when he stated:

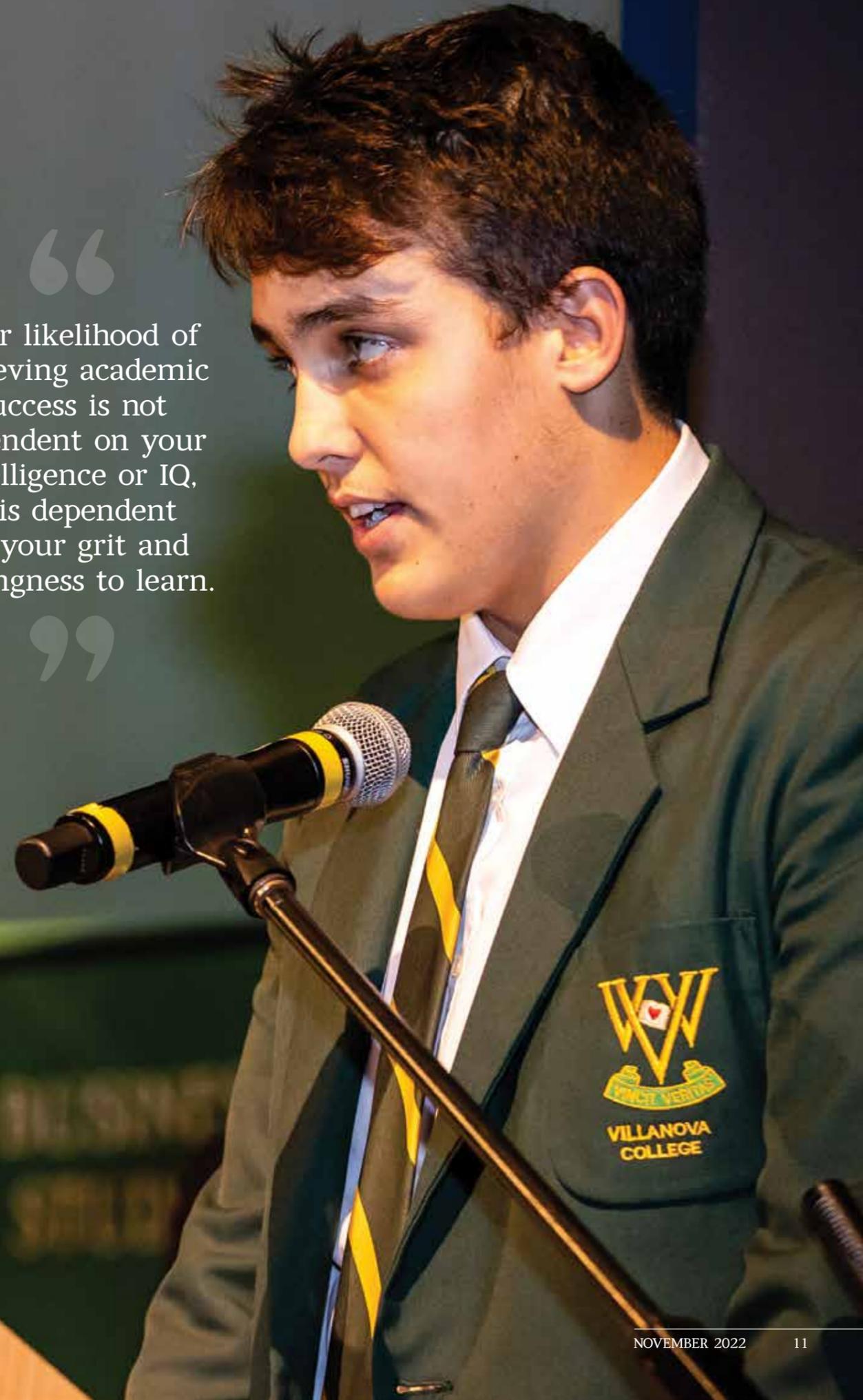
"An individual who has self-respect will always treat themselves with dignity and value. And in doing so, set standards for those around them, on how they are to treat not only you but themselves. Lacking our own respect is a matter of discrediting ourselves. When you don't set a standard for yourself, you are not only holding yourself back but those around you."

In speaking of the significance of grit and determination in shaping one's learning pathway, Academic Captain Lachie McGregor reinforced consistency of effort as a key attribute. Lachie confirmed the following:

"The only 100% effective, fail-safe, undeniable key to success, in any goal you are pursuing and despite any difficult situation you may find yourself in, is effort. Denis Waitley, author of the book *The Psychology of Winning*, says 'the results you achieve will be in direct proportion to the effort you apply'. Only by continuously putting in the effort and showing up every day to work hard and do your best, will you unlock your full potential. Your likelihood of achieving academic success is not dependent on your intelligence or IQ, it is dependent on your grit and willingness to learn."

Seeing our Augustinian values enacted and our Graduate Attributes lived out remains the key strategic focus within our formation of the young men within the Senior School.

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A PASSING OF THE FLAME

For the first time in Villanova College's history, the Year 12 journey for the Class of 2023 will commence a term earlier with the Commissioning of the Seniors and the Investiture of the Student Leadership Team taking place on October 21st at the Mass of All Saints. The change aligns with our new Senior Assessment system, with most of our Year 11 students commencing their Unit 3 studies in Term 4.



THE 2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM IS:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| ▶ Ashton Taylor | ▶ Joaquin Wiczorek |
| ▶ Benjamin Addley | ▶ Kai Asnicar |
| ▶ Caden Griffiths | ▶ Larry Clark |
| ▶ Cameron Bukowski | ▶ Mitchell Rieck |
| ▶ Charlie Corrigan | ▶ Mitchell Voss |
| ▶ Christos Nicolaou | ▶ Nicholas Malanos |
| ▶ Connor Moloney | ▶ Ryan Buck |
| ▶ Isaac Solomon | ▶ Thomas Rieck |
| ▶ Jackson Moloney | ▶ Thomas Winn |

In Term 3, the incoming Student Leadership Team was announced. The calibre of young men within this group is exceptional, reflecting a multitude of talents across all areas of College life, particularly the way in which these students embrace their academic pathways with determination and distinction. I would like to congratulate Mitchell Rieck for his appointment as the 2023 College Captain Elect, Charlie Corrigan and Connor Moloney for their selection as the 2023 College Vice Captains Elect and Nicholas Malanos for his confirmation as the 2023 Student Council President Elect.

All Year 12 students will be asked to nominate which committees they intend to contribute towards in order to serve the community and enact the vision of the Student Leadership Team. These committees are:

- ▶ Academic
- ▶ Augustinian Community Service
- ▶ Cor Unum Spirit
- ▶ Cultural
- ▶ Wellbeing

I look forward to sharing with you the initiatives and programs of each of these committees in the next edition of the Villa Voice.

STUDENTS SAY "You Are Not Alone"

RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WITH MULTI-SCHOOL FUN RUN



In a grassroots event organised by Villa students, over 1,000 young people and their families raised \$37,266 for Lifeline Queensland's crisis support services through the inaugural *You Are Not Alone* fun run.



Started by a group of friends at Villanova College, the *You Are Not Alone* initiative has grown to be supported by over 12 schools. *You Are Not Alone* Founder and Year 12 Villanova College Student, Tom Price said of the fun run:

"This is more than a day out with your mates. We are walking for the thousands of Australian families who have lost a loved one to suicide. If we can help one person, then all of this was worth it," he said.



"We've been given the chance to make a change and eliminate the stigma around mental health.

"Show the people around you that they are not alone and that you are there for them. Hiding our feelings over fear of judgement only adds to the stigma around mental health.

"Every single day Australia is losing young people to suicide; staying silent about our struggles is not working, we need to speak up".



Lifeline Queensland General Manager Luke Lindsay said it was great to see so much proactivity in the younger generation who are clearly passionate advocates for mental health and wellbeing.

"This is an incredible initiative that Tom and his peers have started with a very powerful message, and I hope it encourages more people to open up and reach out for support whenever they need it," he said.

"It's important for young people to have these conversations around mental health, not just in schools, but all throughout our community.



"It needs to be commonplace for everyone to open up and talk about mental health, and it is initiatives such as *You Are Not Alone* that help to raise awareness. Speaking up not only saves lives but it helps reduce the stigma around mental health."

Resilience IN THE KITCHEN

MR SEAN O'NEILL — ACTING HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL



Individuals handle adversity in many different ways. The various approaches and strategies that they use are learned and shaped by the culture, society and family systems that they grew up in and of which, they are a part. With school students spending upwards of 35 hours at school each week, we certainly understand and appreciate the responsibility we have to build resilience and handle adversity.



There are many ways that schools can help grow resilience in the classroom with theoretical skills and learnings but there are also some more practical skills that can be taught and learnt through events outside the classroom.

Within the Middle School this Term, we have had many examples of resilience and overcoming adversity. The Middle School Master Chef competition has been a really good example of how the students have worked in a practical sense to show resilience and overcome adversity. The students involved had to create their own dishes each week, based on a theme and produce them to a panel of judges who marked them on their presentation and taste. Each week saw participants get eliminated. What I was able to witness was a real sense of camaraderie amongst the students as they helped plate up, talked through ingredients and aided in serving.

What this did was create a culture of support amongst them which meant that when students were eliminated, they had a support network to confide in. The pride they had in their dishes was based on the hard work they had put into it, rather than solely on the judges results. Maggie Dent in her book "Road to Resilience" talks about how society today focuses on creating perfect lives and never failing. She refutes this claim and states that we need to embrace adversity and that failing is a wonderful teaching tool. While no Master Chef contestant failed, they did not always create their exact dish and that was okay!

Acknowledging the effort over the result will be a great learning for them all and they should all be super proud of their efforts.

The other major learning that Middle School students had outside of the classroom was the two student led assemblies that were held throughout Term 3. Over 100 students presented across the two assemblies, and it took a lot of courage and resilience in order to present so openly in front of their peers. The assemblies focussed on Accountability and Relationships and students were able to share personal insights into how to be more accountable with their work and school culture and improve their relationships with their peers and teachers. The vulnerability shown amongst their peers was very empowering for all of the audience. The impact that this vulnerability has on their peers can be a really powerful tool to strengthen positive relationships. Renowned author Justin Coulson explains, "kids achieve positive developmental outcomes when they experience challenges", and the challenge of presenting in the assemblies certainly did that.

Whilst at Villanova, our emphasis remains on improving academic performance within the classroom, we continue to focus on the social and emotional competencies that are learnt throughout adolescence. The key is that if we continue to build up these skills, then the classroom content becomes much easier. When focussing on improving resilience; overcoming adversity, taking accountability for ourselves and strengthening relationships is equally as important.





The curly, swirly paths of learning: RESILIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

MR STEPHEN ROUHLIADEFF – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



All parents want their sons to be happy at school – and whilst there is a combination of factors that can contribute to well-being, making gains in the academic setting each year is certainly one of them. Our sons want to know that they are on track. It helps with the sense of belonging, it's an important part of growing up to know that you can manage expectations. We have a very high calibre of teaching professionals in the Junior School, so it's crucial that your son finds his pathway to

the success he is truly capable of reaching. Easier said than done? I would challenge that response. With a united approach, your son can reach his potential. Let's explore this.

Firstly, your son's potential to achieve "good grades" needs unpacking. It's very important to be mindful of the language you use around impressionable young minds. As parents, it's natural to use our own stories to motivate and inspire our children. Whilst intentions are always for the right reasons, our sons live in a very different world. Education curriculums, expectations and assessment tools are nothing like what we experienced. So, our stories will entertain but not necessarily connect in a way you might think. Unless you have a professional educational background, you do not have time to fast track a four-year degree, perhaps even a master's degree and years of hands-on experience. Trusting key information from Villanova College via information evenings, College and

Centre websites, parent teacher conferences, class OneNotes and class emails is a good start. Exploring trusted national online resources such as ACARA, BCE Curriculum (bne.catholic.edu.au) and Marzano Home (marzanosresources.com) is also highly recommended. Then it's time to consider the reality of the five point criteria used for achievement outcomes – and a C band means that your son is within expectations for a Year 5, or Year 6 student, at this point in time. Based on the teaching and learning, your son can express his knowledge, using his skills, to share what he has learnt, based on the stimulus he has in the assessment task. There is a lot to be said for appreciating his resilience in such an environment, his ability to read and interpret the information independently and then create a response

that matches the marking criteria. At the age of 10-12 years. Regardless of any other life event that happened before, during, or is anticipated afterwards, your son is putting his best foot forward. It's a moment in time, that may follow an early morning training, or precede the excitement of a birthday party that afternoon. It's a snapshot. The work will reveal part of his ability, and combined with his teaching and learning experiences, there will be a more complete picture of his potential for future attempts in this subject area, or within similar exam conditions.

Secondly, it's the reflection after a grade has been received that is vital. Was the preparation complete and thorough? Did school experiences and homework, revision and study, combine wholeheartedly so that your son feels his achievement matches the grade recorded? If yes, then congratulations. It's a wonderful feeling to know that your best efforts can come to fruition for the goal of a grade that is within your potential. Feelings of relief, gratitude, and a desire to celebrate are a welcomed experience to any household. Life is good! What's so important, is that life is still good, even when grades are surprising and unexpected. There is value in learning "why" there is a disconnect between expectations and results. Instead of blame, find solutions – steps towards achieving more in certain criteria next time. It's not always a sign that "nothing was learnt", rather it can be, "well this is what's important to remember moving forward". Resilience. It's a key part of parenting. For a son to make changes in the face of disappointment, he needs our full support. To know he's not alone. That changes take time, effort and he can do it with his teachers and parents standing beside him.

Be the role model of showing your own strengths and challenges in learning. Revisit the times you perhaps didn't quite hit the bullseye but rather the outer circles that meant some kind of contemplation. We all have subjects we favour, but don't be conditioned to think that the gene pool is going to be identical for your children. Be in awe of what they can do, especially if they surpass your understanding (trust me, we have some very smart young men). Be practical when they stumble with harder content or strategies – there's often many more ways to get the "good grade" than that straight, perfect, ascending line. The curly, swirly paths of learning often have the very best feeling – a sense of accomplishing the mountain, over a long period of time is one of life's most important lessons. Persistence and problem solving will get you much further in this world today.

There are almost zero students who can achieve all As across the many learning areas required in our National Curriculum. It's a total fantasy that anyone has learning all figured out in Year 5 right through until Year 12. The slow burn of organisation, dedication, and goal setting over the next eight years at Villanova College, with high support from staff and parents, will give your son every chance to be his happiest version as an active community member in the future. Keep your vision focused on the marathon, not the sprint. Trust the support that is available and congratulate the effort as much as any grade.

It's very true that you are the parent, and you may not find being the "teacher" at home always a desirable occupation – but spending quality time investing in your son's learning and tracking is one of the very best ingredients for the achievement of learning potential.



WHAT DOES MISSION LOOK LIKE *in our city?*

MS KATE GARRONE — DEAN OF MISSION AND IDENTITY

It is 6.30am on a Thursday morning at Villa as the bus loads up with a group of senior students and staff heading into South Brisbane to serve breakfast at Emmanuel City Mission. Some have been before and loved it. Some are coming because they have a genuine desire to serve others and contribute. Some are coming because it is what their mates were doing. Some are there because it is, "what we do at Villa".



On arrival each group of students divide into teams to make coffee, toast and ensure the continental breakfast is ready to go, whilst the others get in and prepare a cooked breakfast. The delicious aromas of freshly ground coffee beans, and bacon and egg burgers brings in people from all walks of life seeking food, companionship, and an opportunity to shower, do the washing, rest and refresh for the day ahead. Always people comment on how well our Villa students are doing and how grateful they are. Indeed, some weeks we've been complimented on having the best coffee in town, and there has been a competition to see who is best at cooking up the eggs to perfection!

2022 has provided an opportunity to build upon and deepen our connection with Emmanuel City Mission in its endeavour to support those experiencing homelessness in our city. In recent years Villa has been involved with community service activities which have involved both students and staff, and this year we have made a commitment to serving every Thursday morning and providing breakfast and an opportunity to meet and engage with those who seek refuge, support, community and belonging at Emmanuel.

Saint Augustine identified that, for any group or community, the character of that community can be identified by examining what they devote their time and energy towards:

"In order to discover the character of a community we have only to observe what they love."

The City of God, 19,24

It is our commitment that as our students graduate from Villanova College, all have had the chance to put our values into action and to look specifically at the needs of those who are experiencing disadvantage and injustice.

Emmanuel City Mission creates a space where our students can meet and be amongst people who are experiencing homelessness. The food is of course important, and the comradeship of preparing it together as part of the Villa community is of great value, but the moments of greatest impact for our students is when they get to engage with those whom Emmanuel serves. It is the greetings and sense of good will. It is watching people arrive looking distressed and seeing that here they will be received, listened to, cared for and supported. It is certainly a place of seeing faith in action. The moments that most impact the boys are when they hear some of the stories of those visiting Emmanuel City Mission, and most commonly it is realising the similar shared desire for a happy life that most impacts the boys.

Often students comment it is the first time they have really had the opportunity to share a meal and chat with someone who is experiencing homelessness. The stereotypes seem to fall away in the encounter, and the boys realise that people from all walks of life, with all sorts of skills and experiences, can find themselves experiencing homelessness. They also realise that people who are most marginalised and vulnerable in our society are amongst those with least support, resources and opportunities. They also realise that they do really enjoy helping others and that in the encounter they also receive much.

Over the weeks with small groups attending each week, all our Year 11 and 12 students have had the opportunity to serve at Emmanuel City Mission. In addition to this a further 30 Year 10 students have served as part of their Community Service hours. Students in other year levels, parents and our wider Villa community also assist with raising the funds for the breakfasts. Across this year that is over 330 Villa students having an experience of service that we believe helps them develop into fine young men!



50 YEARS of Service



ABOVE / LEFT: Fr Peter Wieneke's Ordination

RIGHT: Fr Peter Wieneke was honoured on "Dare to Donate Day" during Mission Week 2022

Recently, the Villanova Community celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr Peter Wieneke OSA (26th August) during the Mass for St Augustine celebrated in our Mission Week. There could be no better example in our community of someone who understands mission and lives it out! Fr Pete has dedicated the last 50 years to walking alongside people, being part of what is happening in their lives: often in the most joyful and difficult times, and he has gently invited people to experience a God who is present and loves them in the midst of it all. What a mission!

“Thank you, Father Pete, for the meaningful impact you have made on the lives of so many who have passed through the gates of Villanova College.”



In Father Pete's years of ministry, he has served in various places – a few years at St Augustine's College, Pastor of two Sydney parishes. However, 30 of those 50 years have been at Villanova College. Father Pete's Villanova story began when his parents Dawn and Keith entrusted him to the Villanova community for his education. While here the example of young and active Augustinians who were teachers became deeply embedded. Pete joined the Order and then followed the years of studies.

the most - a pastoral ministry as Chaplain. Fr Peter is our storyteller, connector and wisdom keeper. So often when we speak of a student or staff member Fr Pete will make the wider link with a story about their family, who they are, how they have contributed at Villanova and in our wider community. He often knows the boys, their brothers, their mother, their father, their uncles, their grandfathers! Beyond just knowing them, he very often knows and can articulate their strengths, their gifts.

Following ordination Father Pete served as teacher particularly in the field of Religious Education. Later he returned as Rector (Principal) of the College. In these latter years he has served in the ministry he has perhaps enjoyed

Thank you, Father Pete, for the meaningful impact you have made on the lives of so many who have passed through the gates of Villanova College.



Sport

MR ADAM FRY — AIC RUGBY COORDINATOR



AIC Rugby

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Villanova Rugby program for 2022. It was fantastic to see how committed our boys were and the skill level improve as the season progressed.

Our 1st XV squad commenced their strength and conditioning training in Term Four last year. They were buoyed by the presence of both Andrew Slack and Ben Mowen, former Wallaby captains and Villanova Old Boys, at their pre-season sessions and throughout the season. New coaches Eddie Harris, Jon Winsbury and Matt Levander were at the helm planning out the season and giving an enormous amount of time in preparation with the boys. Our thanks go to all the coaches for their commitment to the program and their desire to see Villanova rugby improve from year to year, as well as the solid relationships they form with the players in order to get the best out of them.

The season was bookended with 2 outstanding wins, beating the much-fancied Iona in Round 1 by a single point and finishing the year with a come from behind victory over Padua by three points. Throughout the season

the boys had many opportunities to have a couple more victories, but unfortunately some errors in games were the difference. The win against Padua in Round 7, shows how far our boys have come, being down 20 – 5 just before half time to outwork them in the second half to post a famous 33 – 30 victory. Overall, our First XV finished the season with three wins, three losses and a wash out game from their seven weeks.

There were many games across all year levels that also came down to one score games, work on that over the pre-season and I am sure those results will turn the other way in 2023. It was fantastic to see teams win this year and be competitive in narrow losses, who have been unsuccessful in previous seasons. There is no doubt that the Villanova Rugby program is heading in the right direction.

Basketball

Congratulations to Amarco Doyle (Year 11 and 1st V Basketball) who became the second Villanovan in College history since the inception of the School Sport Australia – to be selected in the All-Australian Honours Basketball Team after the School Sport Australia Championships in Bendigo. Representing Queensland Amarco and his side managed to come away with a Silver Medal after a hard-fought battle with rivals NSW. Amarco had a stellar week with multiple double-digit games including some thunderous dunks that have become accustomed to the Gould Hall supporters for the 1st V Wildcats.

Congratulations on another big step forward for a young man working towards his passion and aspirations. #villanovacollege





TERM 2

AIC FOOTBALL

Undefeated and Premiership Teams

Team	Coaches
1st XI	Tom Carnavas, Terry Kambouris Managed by Tony Eldridge
10C	Gabriel Mungarietta
9A	Ronan Whitlock
9B	Steve Davidson
7A	Hudson Rogers
5A	James Hermiston

AIC RUGBY

Undefeated and Premiership Teams

Team	Coaches
5th XV	Will Grigson and Brandon Frail
10C	Ashley Roberts-Thompson, Kane Hosking and Kirk Astill
8B	Coached by Tim McIlwain and Dave Anderson.
8C	Joel O'Reilly and Jack Daly
8D	Harry Grant-Smith and Jesse Dickson
7A	Nathan Spooner, Vaasa Afa and Damien Lyons
6A	Josh Stanbury and Damien Colbert
6B	Angus McLauchlan and Anthony Caruso
5B	Tim Fraser and Tom Peel
5C	Rohan McCaul and Case McCaul

CHESS

Congratulations to our champions for 2022

Junior Champion	Henry Dolphin
Junior Champion Runner Up	Hayden Oxenham
Intermediate Champion	Jack Neate
Intermediate Champion Runner Up	Max Kwok
Senior Champion	William Ilka
Senior Champion Runner Up	Daniel Egert

Golf

Villanova's best golfers teed off in the early hours of a Monday morning at the demanding Nudgee Golf Club. The constant rain and the squally winds failed to dampen their spirits and the team was confident they could recapture the highly sought after Balharry Shield.

Because of the uncertainty of the weather, the competition was changed from a Stroke Event to Stableford to ensure steady play throughout the morning. Playing consistently throughout, Thomas Winn again carded the best overall score of the day with an impressive 32 points (four over par). He was well supported by Tate Ramsay (33 points), Ben Pickering (30 points), Henry Wright (29 points), and Michael Gordon (27 points). The overall winner was determined by adding the four best scores together from each team. Villanova finished in sixth place on 124 points, 31 points behind overall winners, St Peter's Lutheran College.

Rugby League

As was expected, many boys are still learning the basics of rugby league but there were many positives to take out of the 2022 season. Many teams were competitive this year and several of our boys display a real talent for the game. Since the introduction of rugby league in 2019, many boys have now gone on to play club rugby league.

Congratulations to our First XIII captain, Cameron Bukowski. Cameron is a member of the Brisbane Broncos Emerging Academy and was selected this year to represent City in the U17 City versus Country representative match. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our only Year 10 First XIII player, Jackson Connor. Jackson was invited to trial for the Canterbury Bulldogs Emerging Academy which will take place later in the year. I wish both boys the best of luck and look forward to continuing to watch these young men develop their skills at the elite level.





TERM 3

TENNIS

Undefeated and Premiership Teams

Team	Coaches
4th IV	Mr Connor Wadsworth
5B	Mrs Maria Mascadri

AIC BASKETBALL

Undefeated and Premiership Teams

Team	Coaches
5D	Ms Kelson Lee
5C	Ms Chloe Adams
5B	Mrs Nichole Rouhliadoff
5A	Mr Steve Rouhliadoff
6D	Mrs Melissa Liddy
6B	Mr Callum Hackett
7D	Mr John Holroyd
7C	Mr Theo Day
8C	Mr Daniel Loveday
8B	Mr Joe Mahoney
9A	Mr Sam Korst
11C	Mr Rhys Nevis & Mr John Caffery
11B	Mr Will Mahoney & Mr Charlie McDonald
11A	Mr Jordan Mullan
2nd V	Mr Liam McLnerney
1st V	Mr Jordan Mullan & Mr Steve Rouhliadoff

AIC TRACK & FIELD HONOURS

AIC Junior School Best Performer at AIC Track & Field Championships	Darcy Dickinson
AIC Middle School Best Performer at AIC Track & Field Championships	Max Jones
AIC Senior School Best Performer at AIC Track & Field Championships	Hugo Harrison
Open Sprint Champion – The Egils Brutans Trophy	Hugo Harrison
Open 800m – The Stephen Gannon Memorial Trophy	Mitch Rieck
Senior Champion Runner Up	Daniel Egert

AFL Champs

Harry Rizio (Yr 6) and Ben Landers (Yr 7) attended the 2022 National AFL Championships (10-12 years) in Adelaide recently as members of the Queensland team. The National Championships provided a wonderful learning opportunity for the boys who competed against the best AFL players in the country.

Queensland finished a respectable 4th place at the conclusion of the championships having enjoyed two solid wins over ACT and NSW. Both Harry and Ben played well for the team and kicked several goals throughout the Championships.

It was a true honour for the boys to represent their families, Villanova and their state at the Nationals. Well done Harry and Ben, a sensational achievement, we are all very proud!

Volleyball Wins

Congratulations to Villa Student, Tom Boxall who competed in the Volleyball U18 Trans-Tasman Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport, against New Zealand. Go Tom!

Congratulations to Villa students who recently competed in the Volleyball State Championships.

- ▶ The U19 team took home a silver medal. They finished in first place after the pool rounds and lost the Gold Medal match in a close five set game against Met North.
- ▶ The U16 team took home a bronze medal. They finished in second place after the pool rounds and lost the Gold Medal qualifier to a strong Met West. The 16's team then defeated Sunshine Coast to claim the Bronze in four sets.

Steeplechase

A huge congratulations to Year 11 student Mitchell Rieck (2023 School Captain Elect) on winning the steeplechase silvermedal at Oceania Athletics Championships. Go Mitchell!!!



YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT TOM WINN...

Meet Tom Winn, current Year 11 Villa student, and gun golfer...



- 1 Tom is currently a member of the Pacific Golf Club. He started playing there at five years of age when his family moved across the road from the clubhouse. He attended some junior golf clinics, and as they say, the rest is history.
- 2 He scored his first hole-in-one when he was thirteen on the 17th hole at Burleigh Golf Club.
- 3 He has represented Villanova at the AIC Golf Championships since Grade 7.
- 4 Tom has shot the lowest score in these championships in consecutive years; 2021-2022.
- 5 Recently, Tom played in the QLD Junior Amateur and placed 3rd, scoring five under par over seventy-two holes.
- 6 Another notable achievement includes winning the Pacific Golf Club 2021 Open Men's Club Championship by fourteen shots at one under par through four rounds.
- 7 He is currently sitting in second place for the Junior Boys Order of Merit (Golf Australia ranking competition).
- 8 Making the Qld Schools Representative Team this year (nationals yet to be played) is the biggest achievement of his career thus far.
- 9 The most renowned professional golfer he's played with is with Dimi Papadatos. (He won the 2022 Victorian Open and has four other professional wins.)
- 10 Tom injured his back (stress fracture) midway through 2021 and couldn't play for approximately six months (until February this year). This had a significant impact on his game, both physically and mentally.
- 11 Playing with mates and seeing steady improvements in his game from day to day are the two main reasons why he plays golf.
- 12 Tom's current handicap is 'scratch'. A scratch golfer is someone who has a zero handicap. This means that players off 'scratch' usually score around par on any given course. For the uneducated, this is what most golfers can only dream of!
- 13 Tom sporting ability is matched by his academic prowess. He is currently in Year 11 and achieving straight As in all subjects!
- 14 Tom aspires to play College golf in the US and he's about to begin discussions with some of the coaches to work out the finer details. Stanford here he comes! Turning professional after college will hopefully be the next stepping stone in what could be a long and distinguished career.
- 15 Tom doesn't own a pet!

Making the Qld Schools Representative Team this year is the biggest achievement of my career thus far.

FROM COLLEGE CAPTAIN TO MELBOURNE STORM CO-CAPTAIN:

Christian Welch on Resilience

Christian Welch, Melbourne Storm Prop, Villanova Old Boy and College Captain 2011, has had a tumultuous year. Christian was named 2022 Co-Captain of the Melbourne Storm only to suffer a serious Achilles injury which has seen him sidelined for the season. *Villa Voice* spoke to Christian about what resilience means to him and how his time at Villanova College shaped the man he is today.



I'm very lucky. I get to play at a variety of stadiums to many different crowds but playing at Villa Park with your best mates in high school is right up there for me. It's one of my favourite places to go to.

You want to have excellence, OP 1s and professional sports people and musicians but being a good person as well, that's just as important, I think. Villanova has a good balance offering that.

Villa Voice: How is your recovery going?

Christian: Yeah, it's going really good actually, I just started running in the last week or two. Obviously, I had aspirations to play this year, but just didn't get there sadly but I'm just setup for a big pre-season, and I'll be back there for round one. It's been a pretty tough year, obviously having two ACLs in the past. Then I was picked as Co-Captain for Round One which is probably one of the proudest moments of my career with the Storm and then to do the injury in round one and not play again all year, it was pretty tough mentally to get through. But I've got through it all right and I'm excited about the next year ahead.

Villa Voice: Resilience is something that you've had to draw upon recently. What do you think is the key to your resilience?

Christian: I think just trying to have a bit of a silver linings approach to it. I've had some pretty major injuries. It's been tough, and I think it did affect my emotions. It's ok to feel bad and frustrated and angry about the situation you're in. That's totally healthy and normal I think. But I think once you get through that initial phase, trying to use some of these setbacks as opportunities. For all of my injuries I've kind of looked at what can I do with this added time where I'm not playing. Whether I can come back as a better athlete, where I'm trying to do rehabbing but also doing some off-field opportunities that I wouldn't get to do. Then I think also having some perspective really helped me with my journey. And gratitude. I started travelling. I went to Uganda in 2019 and saw some of the amazing work that CARITAS Australia was doing there in the community and providing kids opportunities to go to school. I do work with Camp Quality; the charity that supports kids and families battling cancer. I go into the Salvos soup kitchen in the city every now and then and volunteer.

I think having a good understanding of what my issues are. I'm very lucky to be paid very well as a footballer, and that's my job. My job has been to rehab, and I don't have to worry about paying bills. I still get paid the same for my contract, and it's a real privilege. If you're talking about having a dud Achilles or a bad knee that will eventually come good and be healthy again, I think having perspective on how bad some situations are helped me as well. I would go to the hospital and see the surgeon and you'd see people with permanent disability and life-threatening illness and it gave me a good grounding. I'm still a very lucky guy, in a very privileged position to do what I do.

Villa Voice: You not only attended Villa but you were actually the College Captain in 2011. Are there lessons that you learnt at Villanova that have helped you with your career?

Christian: I think the best thing about Villa in my experience was that it's about building well rounded young men. Obviously, it's great to strive for excellence in your academics, co-curricular, ministry or sport. But I think the best thing is that the school offers all of those, but it also teaches you to become a good person with good values. For example, I went on the Philippines Tour with AFAS and I think that was one of the big turning points for me. Earlier, I don't know if I had much gratitude or appreciation for how good I had it. But it made a big impact going on that trip. I think if you're a young fella at Villa, diving into everything that's on offer is a really great way of creating a well-rounded man once you graduate. That's the biggest focus of the school. You want to have excellence, OP 1s and professional sports people and musicians but being a good person as well, that's just as important, I think. Villanova has a good balance offering that.

Villa Voice: Do you have any specific memories or stories about your time at Villanova?

Christian: So many good times. I loved going to school every day. Obviously I loved my sport and I played every sport I could. It didn't really matter. Obviously, the premierships in Year 11 was probably the highlight, but equally playing for the thirds in basketball on a Saturday morning with your best mates and having a laugh. There were so many good memories of the school, of lunch times, and the staff. I'm still very close with a lot of the teachers who helped turn me into who I am. I'm very grateful for the community that Villanova is. I remember my first Old Boys Dinner in 2012, when I was a year out, and I saw Ben Mowen. I was just in awe of the bloke. I was just a young kid starting uni at UQ. I remember going up to him and asking for a photo and I was just so impressed by how humble he was, just there talking to me about what I was up to, and I just thought, "This guy is the Wallaby's Captain. He's such a revered guy but he's still got time", I just loved that about him. That really represents what Villa is about. I guess the premierships was the highlight, but I just loved going to school, lunch time, the great teachers and the trips you'd go on.

Villa Voice: What advice do you have for current Villa students?

Christian: Take advantage of everything that's on offer. Find what you're passionate about. That's a big thing with Melbourne Storm. Craig Bellamy [Coach] says you've got to be passionate about something to want to be good at it, to do it well. The best thing about Villa is, you can try to become a doctor or do a trade, or art, play sport, do music or drama. One of the great strengths of Villa is that it has all the offerings to all varieties of interests. So just dive into that. Do as much of those as you can, would be my advice. And enjoy it. I'm very lucky. I get to play at a variety of stadiums to many different crowds but playing at Villa Park with your best mates in high school is right up there for me. It's one of my favourite places to go to.

The first

VILLANOVA-ST AUGUSTINE'S RUGBY MATCH

MR PETER LYONS – (CLASS OF 1963)

As we celebrate 60 years of the friendly rivalry between Villanova College and St Augustine's, Sydney, Peter Lyons (class of 1963) recounts the first Villa/Saints MG Lyons Cup tour. Peter was a part of the team that travelled.

In my memory, the Villanova team which played in this match, and the match, has a bit of history.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s Villanova generally did badly in senior rugby. I remember in 1960 (my Sub-junior – Year 9) at age 14 playing in open 3rds and 4ths teams, against players often 3 and 4 years older. In one match I can't forget, I played fullback in a team which lost 66-0 (tries then only worth 3 points!). I still see waves of much bigger men rushing at me!

Villanova was producing good teams in primary school, with much success. It was decided that, in the long term, it would be better to give some of the players in lower secondary school the opportunity to develop, both physically and as players, before exposing them to open football. For that reason, an under 15 team was established in 1961, even though TAS (the association in which Villanova then played) did not have an under 15 competition. We nevertheless had plenty of games, mostly against GPS schools, but also against some TAS teams.

In one notable match, St Laurence's called their star team off the field. The coach alleged that the refereeing was not fair. But the trigger appeared to be that we were in front, and when their star winger, State sprint champion Peter Murphy, started to make a dangerous run, Dennis Rylands, with Gadget-like reach, grabbed him by the hips from behind and flipped him on his side. The team was then called from the field. One of their team, Paul Finn, stayed on the field with us, notwithstanding the coach's instructions.

We had some pretty good players. The outstanding player was half-back Bernie Warnick, highly skilled and very fit. Peter Wright was also very classy, and won more than one match for us. I think Nev Malouf was in the team, but am not sure about that. Dennis Rylands did some great things. The rest of us were pretty solid. And we were excellently coached by Fr Crilly.

We had quite a bit of success. My recollection is that we beat every school we played against, though we had to play

some of them twice to do so. And I am not sure we always played their top under 15 team. I recall playing against Brisbane Grammar, Nudgee (twice), and St Laurence's. I am pretty sure we played State High and Ashgrove.

The success of that team, as I recall, was part of the impulse for the trip to Sydney. We went as an under 16 team, to give the benefit of the trip mostly to those who had been in the under 15 team the previous year. That excluded some players who in 1962 played for the First (and Second) Fifteen, because of age. However players who were eligible but had played open (often First Fifteen) in the previous year went on the trip. That certainly included John Murphy, a very skilled footballer. It also included Kaz Otuszewski, also very talented.

I have been provided with the following list of players from the first match against St Augustine's:

John Murphy, Dennis Rylands, Michael Miley, Michael Cronin, Kazimierz Otuszewski, Bernie Warnick, Patrick Callaghan, John Mowry, Tony Chadwick, Francis Douglas, John Boyle, Rob Grant, Nev Malouf, Peter Lyons.

First, I am sure we had 15 players on the field, not 14. Secondly, I am certain that John Crawford and John Mazza were in the team. In fact I think we had a party of about 20, and maybe 25, players. To my recollection we played 4 matches in 7 days, and needed more than 15 players to do that (though some of us played in all 4 matches). My recollection is that we won all the matches, but that may be tinged with the haze of time.

For a young boy from Coorparoo it was a pretty exciting trip. It was my first serious trip interstate (beyond the banks of the Tweed); and in particular to the Big Smoke, as Sydney was considered. I remember leaving from the interstate railway station at South Brisbane early one evening. We stopped at Casino late at night, and some of us jogged up and down the empty station platform, passing a football. We did not have sleepers, and sat up all night. I remember the bleary-eyed arrival in Sydney the next morning.

“We had quite a bit of success. My recollection is that we beat every school we played against, though we had to play some of them twice to do so.”



ABOVE: St Augustine's College and Villanova College 1st XV's in 1962 Inaugural game played at Keirle Park



The St Augustine's community were wonderful to us, and very welcoming. We were billeted with families who had boys at the school. I was with the Russell family, who had a house in Fairy Bower, above Shelly Beach, on the north side of North Head. They told me it was the only west-facing beach on the east coast of Australia.

The father was an architect. The house was newly built, and may have been designed by him. It was about half way up the hill. It had a sprayed-on mustard coloured ceiling in the living area with rough, irregular texture, which must have been a novel technique at the time. More impressively, it had a wonderful view of Shelly Beach, and across the ocean to Manly, and the headlands to the north. The son, Tony, was very helpful to me. He did not play in the match (I think he had a broken arm). He gave me his surfboard one day, which I paddled across to Manly Beach, but lugged back after my surf.

I do not remember much of the match against St Augustine's, though I remember we won it. I think it was a pretty scrappy game. I remember we played at French's Forest. I can't remember much else. I think we had a day trip in a bus, possibly to Bowral. I remember John Mazza leading singing in the bus with, "The lion sleeps tonight". I also remember that the St Augustine's people were very hospitable to us. I think we ended the trip with a big barbecue/party on the last night.

A number of the team played in the First Fifteen that year. Otherwise the core of the under 16 team constituted the Third Fifteen; which won Villanova's first open rugby premiership; and most of that team were in the Second Fifteen the following year which were equal premiers. Villanova has gone on to much bigger things since then.

From The Podium

MR MICHAEL JONES — DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Term 3 returned to what we once knew as a ‘normal rhythm’ with preparations for the first ‘live’ QCMF in three years. Whilst the excitement of a return to regular programming was most welcome, we re-learned rapidly the physical rush of finalising details leading into the bump-in of the largest school music festival in the Asia-Pacific region. It is always an exciting time to be involved with music at Villa!

Throughout the term, we continued with our regular lunchtime performances in the playground. We enjoyed musical interludes from Sinfonia String Orchestra, Camerata String Orchestra, Concert Band, Irish Ensemble and our Rock Program, Junior School Wind Band, and Junior School String Orchestra. Every concert was well received and supported by students and staff – a great opportunity for our students to share their music with the broader community. In association with our playground performances, the Music Student Leadership Group continued their fundraising efforts towards Resound – collecting monies to go toward supporting the recovery of the Northern Rivers Conservatorium of Music after the Lismore floods. Donuts were almost as well received as the music and sold very quickly!

With the impending conclusion of the pandemic, many public performance opportunities returned for our students allowing them to represent the College in the broader community. As always, we were proud of the achievements of our ensembles who shared their music to a broader audience.

The rock band program, lead by the Shamps, performed with Mashed ‘n Kutchner as part of ‘Villa Vibes’ at the Villa Community Carnival. The opportunity to perform with a world-class act in your own building is a fantastic opportunity and one that the students revelled in. I would like to recognise the Villanova College Parents & Friends Association that made this opportunity available to our Rock Program and commend the work of Mr Dave Campbell (Music Teacher) and the students for their fine performances.

The Villanova College Big Band returned to local stages with our always enjoyable appearance at the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Fete and the Loreto Live and Wired Festival. Led by Mr Carl Harvoe (Head of Brass) the students did a fine job acquitting themselves and the music program of Villanova. We look forward to many more live performance opportunities for our ensembles as events return to a regular schedule post-pandemic.

As previously mentioned, the Queensland Catholic Schools’ and Colleges’ Music Festival returned to Villanova

College as a live event for the first time in three years. The organising group determined to reintroduce our live festival with a reduced offering, restricting participation to ‘core’ ensembles and operating only four performance venues across the weekend. Despite the restriction, we welcomed over 10,000 students from 90 schools, sharing over 370 ensemble performances. To provide some context, our last live event in 2019 welcomed almost 15,000 students from 110 schools, with over 530 ensembles. Even with restriction, we were working at a capacity of about two thirds compared with the previous event. It was quite amazing.

Special thanks must go to our organising group, including our newly minted QCMF Administrator, Mrs Kate Hartley, and our fantastic team of volunteers. Their efforts were monumental and vital in ensuring QCMF 2022 was the success it realised this year. I cannot thank enough these fantastic people who gave of their time and expertise, who invested personally in a common vision, and made sure that QCMF returned with a resounding success. If not for you, this would not have been possible.

During the pupil-free day in late September, we welcomed our new Year 5 students as part of the Orientation Day for 2023 new students. Our new team members had the opportunity to come and listen to our Instrumental Music teachers demonstrate instruments and participated in our instrument selection process preparing our students and program for the commencement of 2023. I would like to commend new students for their behaviour and the manner in which they engaged with this process. We are very much looking forward to working with you all in the new academic year.

A busy term rounded off with our final performances for 2023 ensembles with our Gala Concert series during the first week of Spring. We utilised both our Middle School Terraces and Hanrahan Theatre for these great events with both evenings very well attended. It was a fantastic opportunity for students, parents, and staff to stop, catch-breath, and reflect on what was a busy but rewarding Term 3. We ended our concerts with gratitude and anticipation with the great events that were appearing on the horizon with the arrival of Term 4.

Every concert was well received and supported by students and staff – a great opportunity for our students to share their music.





FROM THE

FOUNDATION

MR JORDAN MULLAN – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND FOUNDATION MANAGER

This year has been a season of change and exciting developments as we look forward to welcoming all our Old Boys, past families, and friends home to Villanova in 2023 to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee Anniversary – 75 years of Villanova College.

In preparation for a year of significant events, celebrations and milestones within our college and community we thank all our key supporters, donors, Old Boys, Parents & Friends, Support groups and committees for their overwhelming support and contribution to next year's preparations.

In commencing in the role of Community Engagement and Foundation Manager earlier this year I would like to thank our outgoing Foundation Manager Nat Davidson. Nat's service and commitment to the College has helped lay the foundation for continued development and opportunities in the coming years.

I have been completely overwhelmed with the level of support that there is amongst our community. The Villanova community continues to be one who bands together and lives the values that our College has been built upon – Humility, Interiority, Community and Restless Search for Truth. Having been fortunate to be part of the College community as the 1st V Basketball Coach since 2019 I have seen firsthand what it means to be a Villanovan.

Over the last twelve months, we have raised over \$50,000 towards the Terry Hendle Bursary through the support of our donors, Old Boys, Parents & Friends Association, students and staff who have all made considerable contributions to supporting current and future Villanovans. The annual Bridge to Bursaries campaign saw several students led by Fr Peter, Fr Saldie, Ms Emily Want and

Mr Brian Pascoe take on the 10km course to help raise money for their Villanova brothers, these students and staff helped to raise more than \$4,000 towards the Bursary and in 2023 we will be calling on more of our community to run, jog, walk or fundraise at next year's Bridge to Brisbane to support every young man to have the opportunity to receive a Villanova education.

Last term, we held our Annual Business and Mentoring Breakfast which saw our graduating class of 2022, enjoy breakfast with key business leaders including several Old Boys who volunteered their time to offer advice, guidance, and support to our graduating Villanovans as they prepare for the next step in their journeys beyond school. We would like to specifically thank our keynote speaker Kush Sami (2011), panellists Matthew Eglinton (2001), George Samios (2006) and Jessie Newell (Mother of current student Zac and future Villanovan Leo) for their contributions as well as the many other mentors who gave of their time. We welcome and look forward to hearing from anyone who may wish to be involved in the future to help prepare our Villanovans for their careers after school.

We had more events in 2022 than ever before and the College's Foundation will play even more significant role in delivering events for our students, staff, and the greater community across the course of our Diamond Jubilee Anniversary next year. The College will host several 75th Anniversary events in 2023 including our 75th Anniversary

Diamond Jubilee Gala Ball and our first ever Giving Day in June, to help raise funds to help us build for our future. The Villanova College Foundation will launch our capital campaign as we embark on our renewed Master Plan, this project will reflect our history and importantly plan for our future, bringing us closer together as One College, One Community. We thank all the major donors and supporters who have shared their interest in this project and we welcome any of our community to contact the Foundation for more information in becoming a major supporter.

Next year, the Foundation will partner with the Old Boys Association to launch our inaugural Old Boys Reunion Weekend, all old boys celebrating either 5 or 10-year anniversaries are invited to attend the weekend of 5th and 6th August coinciding with the Annual Villanova Old Boys Dinner held on Friday 4th August. We invite all Old Boys home to Villanova in 2023 to celebrate 75 years – our Diamond Jubilee. These reunion events, Old Boys rounds and many more will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with classmates, family, friends, and fellow Old Boys and be part of a great weekend of memories and experiences, we invite you all to come home to Villa in 2023.

I would also like to thank all our respective Foundation and Investment Sub-Committee members who give so willingly of their time and provide advice to myself and the College in their roles as Committee members, in particular to Paula Hoocher as Chair of the Foundation and Christian Burke as Chair of the Investment Sub-Committee for their guidance, advice and support in commencing in the role.

Finally and most importantly thank you to all of our donors, partners and supporters without your ongoing generosity and support we wouldn't be able to continue to provide bursaries to those young men who otherwise may not be able to afford a Villanova education through the Terry Hendle Bursary or pursue their passion and love for music without the Wieneke Family Music Fund and to continue to develop and grow our resources and learning environments for the Villanovans we educate, develop and support every day.

This Christmas we launch our Capital Campaign as part of our renewed Master Plan, and we call on you our Villanova community to continue to support and give back to Villanova as we look to help more young men receive a Villanova education.

Thank you again for all your support – *Jordan Mullan*

TERRY HENDLE BURSARY



The gift of education is one that impacts a young man and his family for generations as seen through Villanova Old Boys – Jake Dwyer (2000), David Kako (2019), Anas Shitw (2019) and many others. As Villanovans and their families, you understand how Villanova can leave a lasting impact that will shape our young men today and into the future.

This year our community has rallied to ensure that no young man should not be afforded a Villanova education and through the support of our Old Boys, Parents & Friends, students, staff and families we need our community more than ever to support those less fortunate.

The Terry Hendle Bursary aims to ensure no boy should miss out on the opportunities and fellowship of a Villanova education due to financial hardship. The needs-based bursaries provide College tuition fees for students in financial need, who without this assistance would be unable to access a Villanova education. In 2022 thanks to the generosity of our donors we have raised over \$50,000 for the Terry Hendle Bursary which will go towards helping future and current Villanovans who may not otherwise be able to afford a Villanova education.

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FROM THE *archives*

Outback Australian Tour AUGUST 1976

Having joined the Villanova staff in 1975, I found there was a way to contribute to college life that related to my skills set and interests. The opportunity arose to offer students a cost-effective safari tour to Central Australia, with interesting and meaningful travel experiences, development of friendships, and of course, fun! If my memory serves me correctly, these aspirations were fully met by this tour.



The tour was offered to Year 10 and 11 Geography students, with 40 taking part in the trip. The cost at that time was \$180, covering travel, most meals and accommodation (generally in tents) for the eighteen days. The other accompanying staff member was Mr Steve Isham, Villanova's art teacher at that time. He is currently living in Hobart while writing, illustrating and publishing children's nature-themed books.

Tour operator was Red & White Coaches, providing transportation, a driver (Bill) and a cook (Thelma). The tour ran during the August holiday (at that time there were three terms in a school year, with holidays in May and August).

Regarding meals, the coach was provisioned with a camp kitchen, set up by the cook at each campsite and with some meal stops along the roadside. Assigned students assisted preparation, with some becoming quite proficient camp cooks by tour's end. After sunset the many stars of the outback dark sky would shine brightly – a source of wonder for city students – as the temperature dropped rapidly (below zero on some nights). I recall that one of my camp meals was "enhanced" by a student assistant cook who added a secret ingredient – a number of throat lozenges of a brand called "Anticol"!

LEFT: Mt Isa Signpost with Michael Druery, Chris O'Brien, Michael Jones, Brian Cavanagh, Damien Mullins, Peter Schmidt, Greg Reeves, Paul King, Danny Williams, Aaron Nolan, Michael Powell, John Keenan



Pushing the coach from Queensland to Northern Territory!

Highlights

At Mt Isa we marvelled at the scale of the mine workings, and later that day, disembarked the coach to push it across the cattle grid marking the Qld-NT border (we could then say we pushed the coach from Qld to NT).

Numerous highlights were visited in the southern portion of the Territory, with a focus on the Alice Springs area and then taking the gravel road to the mighty monolith, Uluru. At that time Uluru was often referred to as Ayers Rock, and climbing to the summit was permitted. (It wasn't until 1985 that Uluru was returned to the traditional custodians). Other landform features, including Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Karlu Karlu (Devil's Marbles) also amazed us.

In returning to the Stuart Highway, we called in at a local community near the NT-SA border to view (and purchase) craft products made by local craftspeople.

At Coober Pedy we spent the night in an underground space, rolling out sleeping bags on the floor. The evening was enlivened by a singalong with an Adelaide school also staying there. Good use was made of the Villanova Song Book, accompanied by one of our students playing guitar.

At Adelaide the coach developed a mechanical problem, and thus we had longer stop there than originally expected, while a replacement coach was driven from Brisbane to collect us. On the way back we stopped to take in a paddle steamer ride on the River Murray, and then it was travel home by express, to make up for lost time.

Finale

While some aspects of the tour were challenging (e.g. cold nights, tiredness, and lack of phone home contact [this was a time before mobile phones]), the tour brought about a marvellous spirit of cooperation and friendship, with plenty of long-lasting memories formed by all. When meeting Old Boys, I find that the school tour is something those who attended invariably remember (and talk about) decades later. From my own viewpoint, the experience was positive enough to encourage me to continue organising the annual tour for a total of eighteen years. The College Tour returned to Central Australia in 1988, Australia's Bicentennial Year.

To wrap up the Outback tour experience, several weeks afterwards we held an evening reunion, with students' family members also invited. A slide show reviewed tour highlights, stories were told, photo albums displayed. The meeting concluded with slide images accompanied by music – "Be" by Neil Diamond.

Mr Col Grant retired from classroom teaching several years ago. Since then, he has undertaken casual relief teaching at Villanova, and contributes actively to web-based citizen science projects in ecological fields.



Tour group at Uluru



Michael Jones and Danny Williams, Coober Pedy



Lake Hart



Tour group, Adelaide



Lunch stop at Glenelg, Adelaide

OLD BOYS

VILLANOVA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

President Chris Andersen (2003)	Vice Presidents Luke Moloney (2004) Rob Lucas (2014)	Treasurer Paul Green (1982)	Secretary Tim Gillespie (2004)
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Members: Xavier Vasta (2012), Harrison Adams (2011), Peter Ferguson (1964), Jack Drake (2011), Simon Healy (1977), Doug Caltabiano (2015), Tadhg O'Neill (2020), Fr Peter Wieneke (1962) and John Godwin (1986)

CHRIS ANDERSEN – PRESIDENT - VOBA

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we wind down another year, I'm happy to reflect that we've been able to find some sort of normality again this year with the Old Boys dinner back for the first time since COVID with over 180 people in attendance. Next year, with the 75th anniversary of the College, we can expect bigger and better events once again.

If you haven't reconnected with your old school mates over the past few years, you'll have plenty of opportunities in 2023, starting with the BBQ & Beers at the College on Friday, February 3rd. We weren't able to hold the event this year, but we had approximately 100 people in attendance in 2021 so we're expecting big things for 2023.

You'll also have a chance to attend Old Boys rounds for all sports throughout the year and we'll be running the Veritas Veterans Lunch again this year on Sunday May 7th for those veterans that may prefer a relaxed lunch to the all-inclusive dinner. Mothers of Old Boys will also have an opportunity to reconnect on Saturday, May 13th.

The dinner will again be held off-site on the first Friday of August (4th) with the venue to be confirmed later this year. Rest assured, we'll be looking to improve upon this year's venue at Royal on the Park, which was very well received. If you have any preferences, we'd love to hear from you at one of our upcoming meetings, starting with our AGM on December 6th at 6pm, at the College, in the Chapter Room.

If you're in town for the weekend of the dinner, you also have the opportunity to visit your five- and ten-year reunion events, courtesy of Jordan Mullan, Villanova College Community Engagement and Foundation Manager. He's available at: foundation@vnc.qld.edu.au or 07 3940 5665.

As you know, our committee are all volunteers and we're involved with the Old Boys because we believe it's important that we foster community among our old school mates and stay connected with the College. Nothing makes us happier than seeing people from across a range of grades reconnecting at our events. If 2023 is your year to reconnect for the 75th Anniversary, maybe for an anniversary year, reach out to us via our Facebook or Instagram pages, get in touch with Jordan from the College or attend one of our bimonthly meetings to further shape your experience with the Old Boys.



Chris Andersen (2003)
President

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Old Boys Events

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF VILLANOVA COLLEGE

- FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY**
75th Anniversary Welcome Back
Old Boys BBQ and Beers
- FRIDAY 17TH & SATURDAY 18TH MARCH**
Old Boys Round – AFL/Cricket/Volleyball
v St Laurence's (Round 3 & 1st Home game)
- SUNDAY 7TH MAY**
Veritas Veterans Lunch
- SATURDAY 13TH MAY**
Mother of Villanova Old Boys
- SATURDAY 3RD JUNE**
Old Boys Round – Football & Rugby v IONA
(Round 6 – coincides with Sports Lunch
potentially being day before on the Friday)
- THURSDAY 22ND JUNE**
Villanova Giving Day
- FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST**
Villanova Old Boys Dinner
- SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST**
Villanova Old Boys Reunion Weekend
- SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST**
Old Boys Round – Basketball/Rugby League/
Tennis v St Laurence's (Round 3 & 1st Home
game as well as Rugby League being hosted
at Villa Park for all Rugby League)

- SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER**
Deceased Villanovans & Staff Mass
- OCTOBER**
Villanova College 75th Anniversary Gala Ball
- FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER**
Villanova Golf Day – The Charlie Fisher Cup

Parents & Friends Association Events

- FRIDAY 12TH MAY**
Mothers Night
- SATURDAY 22ND JULY**
Villanova Carnival
- FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**
Fathers Night

Sports Club Events

- FRIDAY 2ND JUNE**
Sports Lunch
- SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**
Ladies Derby Day

Music Events

- THURSDAY 17TH - SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST**
QCMF (Queensland Catholic Schools
& Colleges Music Festival)

Making News



Rugby Legends

Congratulations to Villa Old Boy, Lucas Boylan (class of 2019, middle) who has signed for the Japanese professional rugby side Toyota Shokki Shuttles. 2021 was a big year for Lucas, playing Premier Colts for Norths, making his Qld Premier Grade debut for Norths and representing Qld under 19s. This is a wonderful reward for his hard work and we look forward to seeing his professional rugby career develop.

Will Sankey (Senior 2014) pictured right, made his Super Rugby debut for the Western Force recently. After playing a starring role in the 1st XV, Will moved to take up a contract with the Brumbies and Canberra Vikings.



Will Sankey

“Will’s achievement is an excellent example of where hard work and dedication can take you.”

Making News

Villanovans dominate Bridge to Brisbane

Villanova Old Boys Liam Boudin (2014) and Callum Davies (2016) won both the 10km and 4.5km Men’s Division events as part of this year’s Sunday Mail Transurban Bridge to Brisbane.

Liam has run the event several times and this year was the first time that he was able to beat out all competitors with a time of 28 minutes 52 seconds, just seconds in front of second place.

Callum Davies was the man to catch in the 4.5km shorter course coming in with a time of 13 minutes 5 seconds, comfortably beating out the rest of the field.

Congratulations to both men on taking out the events and we look forward to seeing their strive to greater heights as elite runners.



Callum Davies



Liam Boudin

Old Boys Making a Difference



A Huge Step Forward in Quantum Computing Was Just Announced: The First-Ever Quantum Circuit : ScienceAlert

A landmark discovery in quantum physics was published recently in the journal *Nature* out of the Center of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology, which is a collaboration between seven Australian universities. One of the Program Leaders for this team is Professor Michael Bremner, Villanova Old boy and Villanovan of the Year in 1996.

The landmark discovery, which was nine years in the making, saw the team create what is essentially a functional quantum processor, they also successfully tested it by modelling a small molecule in which each atom has multiple quantum states – something a traditional computer would struggle to achieve.

At his Villa graduation, Mick was awarded the Villanova Silver Medallion for Excellence across the subjects Maths B, Maths C, Chemistry, Physics and Modern History. He was also awarded the Gold Medallion as Villanovan of the Year 1996. Mick has a PhD in physics from UQ, and is currently Professor of Software Engineering, Centre for Quantum Software and Information, University of Technology Sydney.

“The landmark discovery, which was nine years in the making, saw the team create what is essentially a functional quantum processor.”



Matthew Eglinton

Why I Give Back

Matthew Eglinton (2001) is the General Superintendent and co-founding Director of WIRED Overhead Solutions. Over the past 17 years he has become a well-respected figure working with electrical linework and railway sectors nationally. He has an intimate knowledge of the railway construction sector and considerable experience in overhead wiring, electrical power systems and network operations.

Matthew recently joined us at the Villanova Business and Mentoring Breakfast to share his knowledge and experience as a business owner with the graduating class of 2022. We caught up with Matthew to reminisce about his time at Villanova College, and his experience giving back through the Business and Mentoring Breakfast.

Q As an Old Boy what keeps you engaged and attached to the College and why?

A It's easy for me, I have nephews and plenty of my mate's sons attending these days. My own son Henry is due to start grade 5 in 2024. The old boy community is wonderful also, and I am still very good friends with many of the people I went to school with. The amazing thing is I have developed friendships with plenty of Villanova old boys from other grades that I didn't know or associate with as much at school. However shared core values and pursuits have meant we have formed lasting relationships.

Q What is your most cherished memory of your time at Villanova? Why?

A Victory over St Augustine's at Brookvale Oval in 2000 - I was in Grade 11, on my first rugby tour with my mates. I stayed with a wonderful family for a few nights and became good mates with the St Augustine's No.8 Ben. Ben stayed with my family the following year on the return tour, and we put a cricket score on

them. The party at Smithy's after was one for the ages! I have such great memories of spending time with my Villanova mates.

Q How did Villanova help to develop you into the man you are today?

A I didn't realise this until later in life, but a lot of what set me on the path I follow today was as a result of my time at Villanova. For years I took for granted a sense of appreciation for community, an instilled sense of self-worth, empathy for others, a strong social conscience, and an infallible moral compass. I feel that Villanova had an overarching impact on all these aspects of my character.

Q The values of the College are instilled in each and every Villanova Graduate. Which of these have left a lasting impact on you and why?

A All aspects have had an impact on my life, however the ones I feel that are most obvious are community and humility. Community has always been a major facet of my life, whether it be within an educational capacity,

on the sporting field, in my local urban context, or in a professional sense. Similarly, humility is something that has developed in me from my time and Villanova, and continues to this day. I feel it is particularly important within my professional context, and it is something I look for in others.

Q A Villanova education can only be possible with great teachers, educators, and support staff, tell us about one of the staff that left a positive impact on you?

A Two amazing people come to mind, Ms Susan Lawson and Mrs Marianne Lethbridge. Through my formative years at Villanova they helped me navigate a myriad of learning and behavioural challenges. Their support, along with that of my parents, Mark and Christine, was an integral part in my development as a young man. Had it not been for these people and the impact they had on my life, I wouldn't be the person I am today.

Q You have grown and built your own business WIRED Overhead Solutions. Tell us about that.

A In 2016, having been involved in the overhead wiring industry for quite sometime, my business partner Jason Priest and I identified and seized upon an opportunity to create a new venture. We wanted something that would innovate, disrupt and improve practices within the industry. We called it WIRED Overhead Solutions.

Initially founded on our shared knowledge, experience and reputation, combined with six years of hard work, WIRED has become a successful organisation, with over fifty staff, and an ever-expanding portfolio of major projects.

I feel it is my duty to give back to Villanova and the wider community, just as those before me have done.

Q You recently attended the Business & Mentoring Breakfast for this year's graduating class, to help guide and support our young men as they prepare for life after high school what advice would you give them?

A When these young students enter the work force, I would advise them to be confident, honest, and respectful, and treat others as they wish to be treated. It is imperative to set short- and long-term goals, both in your career and in life. The cornerstones for career success are hard work, sacrifice, honesty towards oneself and others, and an understanding of one's environment coupled with an inward personal focus.

Q Why is it important to you as an Old Boy to give back to Villanova?

A I feel as a proud Villanovan, it is my duty to give back to Villanova. I have always been a strong supporter and believer in the power of community. I feel it is my duty to give back to Villanova and the wider community, just as those before me have done. An institution such as ours, with strong traditions and values contributes immeasurably. The positive ripples that emanate from within have an extensive impact on all those connected with Villanova.



We are always looking to welcome Old Boys home to the College. If you are or someone you know is a Villanova Old Boy and would like to share your story, or be part of next year's Business and Mentoring Breakfast, please contact our Foundation Manager: foundation@vnc.qld.edu.au

OLD BOYS



“The opportunities the boys are given at Villanova are second to none and my advice is to get in and give them a go, you never know where it may lead you.”



Lansky Legend

A huge congratulations to Villa Old Boy, Rhys Lansky (2018) on winning his 3rd National Open Men's Modern Pentathlon Championship in Melbourne in April. Congratulations Rhys! Rhys reflected on his time at Villa:

“The numerous sporting opportunities I was given at Villanova were the perfect grounding for my future in Modern Pentathlon which is a multi-discipline sport including Swimming, Running, Shooting, Fencing and Horseriding.”

“The chance to participate in swimming and running obviously had a direct impact on my current sport. But my involvement in almost every sport on offer at Villanova developed the variety of motor skills required to do a multi-sport event such as Modern Pentathlon. It also gave me a great foundation in skills such as resilience, determination, commitment and working with other members of a team which are all essential skills as an athlete and in everyday life.

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George Samios

on mentoring, giving back and the Villanova Community



Villa Voice talked to Old Boy (Class of 2006) and founder of MADD Loans, George Samios in his Seven Hills Office about his Villanova community experience.

Many people will now know him as MADD George, a homage to the successful mortgage brokerage business he has single-handedly built and developed over more than a decade. But George Samios has never forgotten what helped him become the man, father, and entrepreneur that he is today.

After an early departure from Churchie (Anglican Church Grammar School), the separation and eventual divorce of his parents, George was unquestionably lost, confused, and looking for purpose when he joined Villanova in Year 6. He remembers his time at Villanova vividly – a proud Villanovan, he encourages many of his friends and family to reconnect, reminisce and remember how Villanova gave them a community and a home.

My tip to all the Villa boys is to be a good person, because the world works in a mysterious way and things always come around.

Q You have framed in your office, your 1st XV Jersey and medal from 2006, why is that so important to you?

A Playing for the 1st XV, I became a part of something, I became part of a team which was respected, which was expected to perform at a high level, the team took itself seriously. We trained together; we ate together, and we used to go to Sizzlers every Friday night we used to call it 'carbo loading night'. We would all eat unlimited spaghetti and cheesy bread before our game on Saturday and it was just something that I pushed myself so hard to get it and I got it! It was the first time in my life that I realised that anything is achievable if you want it bad enough and you work hard for it. I had to visualise it and then work hard for it, a lot of people don't realise that, and some people never realise it but it is so true, if you visualise it and then go and do the work for it.

Q How did Villa help develop you as a young man?

A My parents got divorced in Grade 5, and they both went broke, and I went into Villa in Grade 6 because it was a different school fee to Churchie, but I didn't like Villanova for the first couple of years, everyone had their friend group already and I was sort of an outcast. But when I went to senior school, that's when I started to open and embrace the community, I started to build really good relationships and develop strong friendships with my classmates. Villanova helped me to come out of my shell, I was a bit of an introvert in my younger years, but I left Villanova being extroverted and confident in who I was and not ashamed to talk to people and to have that confidence to talk to anybody. Villanova brought out the best version of myself and I have mates that I will have for the rest of my life and those mates live in different states across the country, but we may not see each other for six months but we still talk to each other like we are in school. It's opened beautiful relationships, my community is massive, my network has grown well beyond my school years, and it has helped with the development of my business immensely.

When I finished school, I wasn't the most academically focused student, I went to university as did many of my mates from Villa and I dropped out, I was lost for a bit. I went into real estate, then I went back to university and then I went back to real estate, and I finally found my calling in a bank. The whole time I had my friend network at Villanova, some were studying to become doctors, lawyers, some were doing apprenticeships to become tradesmen. It didn't really matter what we were doing, if we were enjoying that part of our journey together. Those people are my friends, and have always been there, like my best mate, I may not see him for six months. There's people that I don't see for five years, and we can start talking like it was yesterday. Its hard to explain, but I think fundamentally Villanova helps you make true friends, who you may not need to see every day, but you can see years apart and pick up the conversation from where you last were.

Q What separates Villanova from other schools?

A Villanova isn't about being someone you are not, they develop boys into men, men who aren't defined by their careers whether it be a garbage collector or a doctor, Villa helps you to find what you were meant to become, your purpose, and to be proud of that. And no matter what that is, to do it to the best of your abilities. Villanova teaches you, moulds you to be the best version of yourself and they want you to be happy and a good member of the community. Villanova is not about social status, that's not part of the importance of community, whatever you do you do it properly and you work hard at it.

Q Why do you, as an Old Boy, to give back?

A I want to do the right thing. I have built trust with my community. I feel obliged and that I am supposed to give back. There's this urge inside of me that I don't feel right, I get enjoyment personally when I give back to people less fortunate, and I have family who went through Villanova who were broke and were on the Terry Hendle Bursary. And I probably would've been on it as well, if it hadn't been for some other family members helping me out. Especially now working in finance I see how important it is as we work with people who may not be in the best financial position. So, for all the support I receive from the Villanova community, I feel that I must give back to support the next generation.

Q Having attended the Villanova College Business and Mentoring Breakfast, why is it important to have a mentor or someone to help guide you both personally and professionally?

A I never had someone telling me what to do or guiding me, and I had to learn for myself by making mistakes. I had to look for people who were doing well and learn from them and see what they were doing. I would copy and try to look to things that they were doing. I looked towards my uncle who was a great father, a great grandfather and I wanted to be like him to my kids and grandkids. I wanted to be present. I looked at my father and grandfather and whilst they weren't perfect, they had some great traits and they got stuff done yesterday. They were confident in what they did, and they backed themselves and their abilities. I learnt from people. I left the bad and took the good, but it was hard and now I teach those in my team what I learnt: how you do this and that, from all the mistakes that I made in my life. That's why I think having a mentor that's hands-on and with the right time and attention can teach people to hurry and fast-forward through things that they have learnt and to avoid mistakes.

Q Best people of advice to young people?

A Try your hardest, just know that your number one purpose in life is to find why you were put on this planet. Try, experiment with careers, do work experience, try different things, and have an open mind in where your career and life may take you. You may have meant to be an uber driver, be a teacher, or to be in a job that you have no idea about like when I first started, I had no idea what a mortgage broker was when I was in year 12. Doesn't matter though as the world has a very funny way of working and putting us in situations and places where we need to be, just be a good human, try your hardest, take opportunities when they come and who knows what you will end up being or becoming. But whatever you do, you have to do it at 100%.

Harrison Vig

Green & Gold for Villa. Green and Gold at the Commonwealth Games



Harrison Vig (Senior 2020 and Swimming Captain) was selected to represent Australia at the recent Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Harry was born without a tibia bone in his lower leg and his foot was amputated when he was 12 months old. His lower leg was amputated prior to beginning primary school, and he has lived with a prosthetic leg since. An amazing young man, a great ambassador for both Villanova and Paralympians

Villa Boys wished Harry well at a special spirit rally. Harry came in fourth in the 100m Backstroke Para-Sport S9 – Men Final. The Villa community is so proud.

Harry, is now studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Queensland while managing a full-time professional athlete training schedule, we sat down with him to hear about his experience at the Games.

Q When did the goal of being selected for the National Team become a realistic goal for you?

A In 2018 I got into the mix of making the national team for the 2018 Comm Games on the Gold Coast. While I didn't make it, and really wasn't planning on making the team, I managed to get a fourth. They take the top three, and I wasn't really close to third place. It kind of started from there because it became this idea that maybe I could make the team. So in 2019, I was about 16/17, I sat down with my coach, and we started to look ahead to the Paralympic Trials for 2020, but they eventually got pushed back due to COVID.

Q Starting a new school can be very difficult for all kids. As a person with a disability, did you feel the Villanova Community supported you and made you feel welcome?

A No one ever gave me a hard time or treated me any differently to anyone else, and that stayed the same throughout my time at the College. I did have people come up and ask me about how I did lose my leg, but that was more out of curiosity. I never really felt like I needed to reach out and ask for support or help, it was smooth sailing the whole time. Living my whole life without a leg I had been used to overcoming obstacles, but I never felt any different to anyone else and I was treated like everyone else.

Q Who was someone who had an impact on you from your time at Villanova? Why?

A I was always really into my sciences and Ms Jacobs being the Head of Sciences and Head of Swimming, she was always really involved and very helpful with everything. She always knew what was coming up. And for me knowing if I had a big meet or another competition, she could help me with my work and studies to ensure I was ready for both school and meets. It was really good to know that I had that person there that was looking out for me.

Q How do you manage your dual career pathway – studying full-time while being a professional athlete?

A I always liked chemistry the most and picked it to study and then I thought if I added the engineering to it, I would have a range of opportunities available to me. When I started at UQ I did four subjects for the first semester that I was at uni, but since then I have brought that back to three subjects. The lecturers and tutors advise at least 10 hours per week of study time based on each subject, so that can add up. Plus I do about 20 hours each week of training for swimming, so it can be quite a lot. Being part of the UQ Elite Athlete Program I am lucky that now I only have to go between university and home. Where possible I try to be at university when I have to, so I get home to rest and recover. The uni also makes a lot of concessions for me. As an example, last year during National Team trials for the Commonwealth Games it coincided with end of semester exam block, I was able to defer my exams to allow me to focus on the trials.



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Harry Vig doing butterfly in the open race at AIC in 2020.

Q What was it like when you found out you were selected in the Commonwealth Games team?

A It was kind of weird and unceremonious because for Para-Athletes it is a bit more complicated, so everyone gets put into a class based on their disability and depending on the type of disability and when it occurred determines when you get reclassified. I had to get reclassified at the start of the year and at the time I was with a small team at a swimming meet in Indianapolis. I remember sitting waiting for the two assessors for a while to come back to me and I started to think that they may be changing my classification, but they did finally deliver the news. It didn't really sink in then though. When we got back to the Gold Coast for the team training camp they handed out all the teamwear and the Dolphins bag. That's when it really sunk in for me, it is still very surreal that I was one of the ones picked when I saw Australia on the gear.

Q What does coming fourth place in the Commonwealth Games mean to you?

A It is pretty cool to think that I came fourth, close to third but in the grand scheme of things when I look back on the Games, my race doesn't really come to mind first. We were away for a month, and we spent so much time around the Games and in the stands cheering for those friends on the team. I look back on those events and experiences more than I think about my own race funnily enough.



A very special spirit rally wishing Harrison Vig the best at the Birmingham Games.

Weddings

Nicholas Di Savia (2013) married Gabriella Lucchi in the Cathedral of St Stephen, 8th October 2022. Among the groomsmen were Giuseppe Spina (2013) and Jayden Kowage (2013). Among the guests were many Villanova past students and their families.

In Remembrance

Ed McMahon



Passed away at home on Sunday 4th September, 2022. Ed was the Principal Architect of several of Villanova College's key landmarks and buildings including: Good Counsel – opened in 1967, Mendel Hall opened in 1971, The Library (Tolle Lege) opened in 1972, the Augustinian Priory opened in 1986, and Goold Hall opened in 1986. Ed's Sons – Tim (1980) & Gerard (1989) as well as his Grandsons, Thomas (2010), Benjamin (2013), Luke (2017) and Andrew Ellison (2020) are Old Boys of the College. Ed's memorial service was recently held in Goold Hall led by his son.

Peter Gagen

Passed away in August, 2022. Father of Old Boy Tim Gagen (1992) and grandfather of Gabrielle (Year 9), Francis (Year 7) and Joseph (Year 5).



Kevin Ryan

Passed away on 12th August, 2022. Kevin was one of the first non-Augustinian staff members from 1959 to 1987. Several past Villanova staff attended the funeral Mass.

Mary Collins

Passed away in May, 2022. Several of Mary's family are Villanova Old Boys including brother, Terry Magill (1954 - 1958) and sons Roderick Collins (1972 - 1973), Brendan Collins 1976 - 1981, and Tim Collins 1977- 1984. Roderick Collins passed away in 1976. Mary also had two grandsons who are Villa Old Boys Jack Gerrard (2017) and Michael Gerrard (2020).

Father Gerry Dullard



Passed 30th May, 2022 in Melbourne. While on the teaching staff of Villanova, Fr Gerry at times held the position of Vice Rector and Acting Rector. In 1962 he became OC of the Villanova Cadet Unit with the rank of Captain. In the same year he began work on the development of Villanova Park.

Following study leave in 1974, Gerry served as Chaplain to Griffith University and Mt Gravatt College of Advanced Education. Still resident with the Villanova Augustinian Community he was able to continue his association with Villanova families acting as celebrant at a large numbers of weddings, baptisms and funerals.

After 1979, Fr Gerry was involved in Augustinian parishes and was the first pastor of the new parish of Redland Bay.

The College held a Memorial Service on Thursday 14th July, 2022 in the St Thomas of Villanova auditorium, attended by several current and past Villanovans and their families who shared their fond memories and stories of Fr Gerry Dullard.

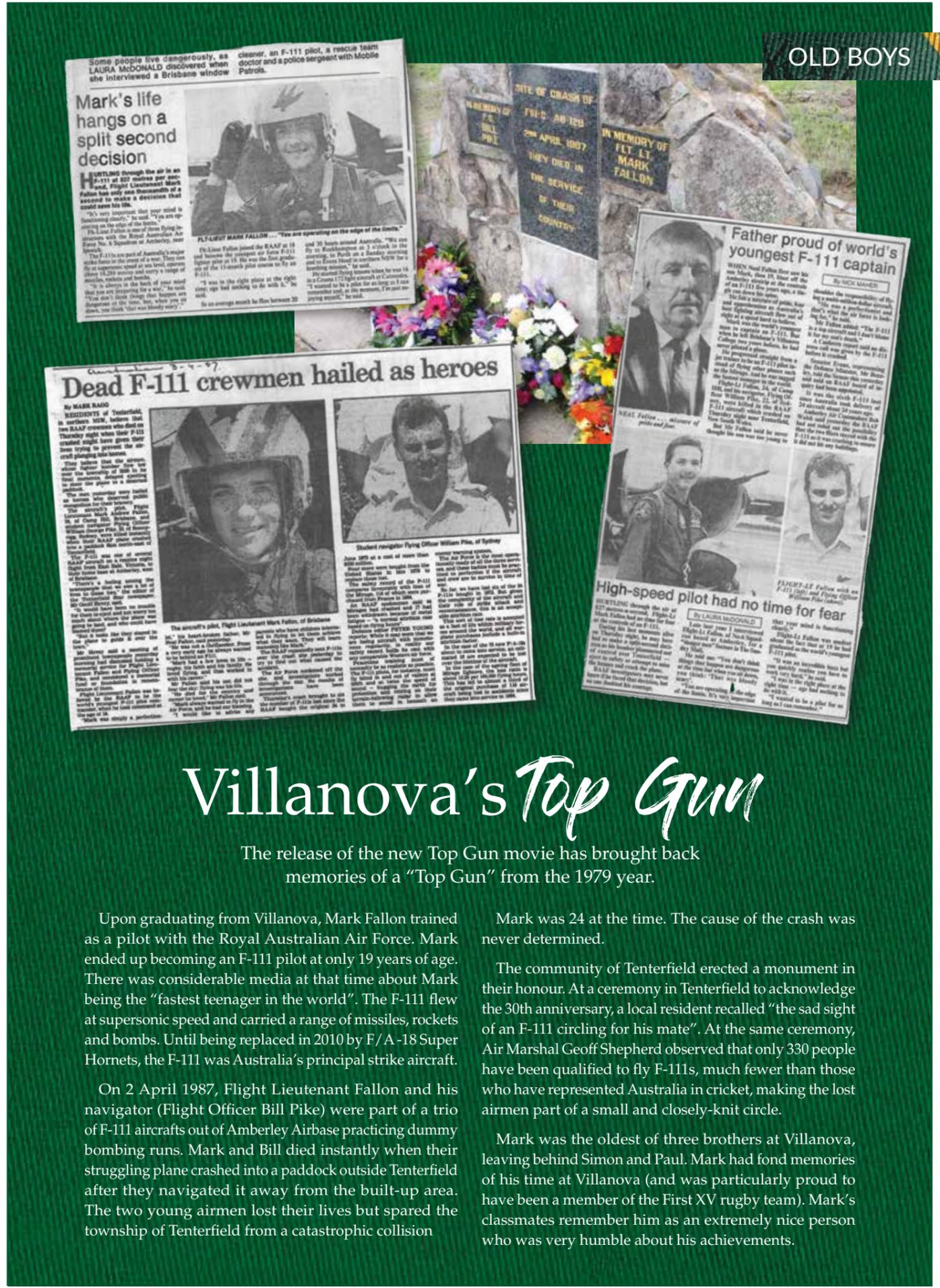
Jocelyn Bourne

Sadly passed away on 11th May, 2022. Jocelyn and her family have a long-standing relationship and connection to Villanova with her daughter Juanita Jacobs a long-standing staff member of the College. Each of her sons are Villanova Old Boys – Greg Bourne (1984), Andrew Bourne (1986) and David Bourne (1988). Her brothers Tom Murphy (1962) and John Murphy (1963). Jocelyn is also the great grandmother of current Year 9 student, Oliver Jacobs.

Marcus "Marc" McIntyre



Passed away 24th March, 2022. Marc's brothers are Villanova Old Boys: Bernard (1968) and Darren (1982). His brother Bernard shared vivid memories of how Marc played in one of the first 1st XI football teams for Villanova in 1967, in Coorparoo and Camp Hill.



Villanova's Top Gun

The release of the new Top Gun movie has brought back memories of a "Top Gun" from the 1979 year.

Upon graduating from Villanova, Mark Fallon trained as a pilot with the Royal Australian Air Force. Mark ended up becoming an F-111 pilot at only 19 years of age. There was considerable media at that time about Mark being the "fastest teenager in the world". The F-111 flew at supersonic speed and carried a range of missiles, rockets and bombs. Until being replaced in 2010 by F/A-18 Super Hornets, the F-111 was Australia's principal strike aircraft.

On 2 April 1987, Flight Lieutenant Fallon and his navigator (Flight Officer Bill Pike) were part of a trio of F-111 aircrafts out of Amberley Airbase practicing dummy bombing runs. Mark and Bill died instantly when their struggling plane crashed into a paddock outside Tenterfield after they navigated it away from the built-up area. The two young airmen lost their lives but spared the township of Tenterfield from a catastrophic collision

Mark was 24 at the time. The cause of the crash was never determined.

The community of Tenterfield erected a monument in their honour. At a ceremony in Tenterfield to acknowledge the 30th anniversary, a local resident recalled "the sad sight of an F-111 circling for his mate". At the same ceremony, Air Marshal Geoff Shepherd observed that only 330 people have been qualified to fly F-111s, much fewer than those who have represented Australia in cricket, making the lost airmen part of a small and closely-knit circle.

Mark was the oldest of three brothers at Villanova, leaving behind Simon and Paul. Mark had fond memories of his time at Villanova (and was particularly proud to have been a member of the First XV rugby team). Mark's classmates remember him as an extremely nice person who was very humble about his achievements.

Community Events

Old Boys Dinner



After a two year hiatus our community happily reunited for the Old Boys Dinner at Royal on the Park. We had a great showing from a range of anniversary years with the largest contingent of Old Boys from the class of 1972 (50-year reunion) and 2012 (10-year reunion).

It's great to see the Old Boys spirit alive and well and that the Terry Hendle Bursary also benefited from the event with all funds raised going towards the education of future Villanovans who may otherwise find it difficult to cover tuition fees.

Villa Carnival



A huge thank you to the Parents and Friends Association, all of the volunteers, staff, and generous community members who donated. Your contributions made the Villa Carnival such a special evening and are greatly appreciated. The Carnival was very well attended, with all enjoying the food rides and fun which raised \$35,000 for the College.

Vincit Veritas Veterans' Lunch

On a sunny Sunday afternoon we welcomed back pre-1970s Villanova Old Boys and their partners for an afternoon of reminiscing at the Vincit Veritas Veterans' Lunch. Thank you for joining us for a walk down memory lane



Year 5 Father and Son Breakfast



In September our Year 5s were joined by their dads for a special father son breakfast.



2023 Community Events

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF VILLANOVA COLLEGE

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

75th Anniversary Welcome Back Old Boys BBQ and Beers

FRIDAY 17TH & SATURDAY 18TH MARCH
Old Boys Round - AFL/Cricket/Volleyball v St Laurence's (Round 3 & 1st Home game)

SUNDAY 7TH MAY
Veritas Veterans Lunch

SATURDAY 13TH MAY
Mother of Villanova Old Boys

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE
Old Boys Round - Football & Rugby v IONA (Round 6 - coincides with Sports Lunch potentially being day before on the Friday)

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE
Villanova Giving Day

FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST
Villanova Old Boys Dinner

SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST
Villanova Old Boys Reunion Weekend

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST
Old Boys Round - Basketball/Rugby League/Tennis v St Laurence's (Round 3 & 1st Home game as well as Rugby League being hosted at Villa Park for all Rugby League)

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
Deceased Villanovans & Staff Mass





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