

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS



The Class of ...

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Rocky Caruso	2010	Robert Kennedy	1959
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Claire Charlton	2004	Anthony Louzikiotis	2010
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Ryan Clark	2012	Cathy Miller (nee Cornish)	1977
Peter Coombs	1982	Anthony Murdaca	2013
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Stephen Cutt	2007	Dr John Oswald	1961
Joe DeTullio	1974	Peter Oswald	1961
Adam Didyk	1998	Mary-Kyri Pallaros	1996
Chris Dittmar	1980	Anthony Roccisano	2010
Jack Dittmar	2011	Angelo Spadavecchia	1999
Tom Dittmar	2008	Paul Spagnoletti	2009
Bradley Ebert	2007	Davis Teakle	2012
Brett Ebert	2001	Scott Thompson	2000
Patrick Foley	1975	John Tobin	1984
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St Michael's College ~ Class of 1954, the First Year

On February 9, 1954, twenty-nine students commenced at St Michael's College, Beverley.

Robert Bender
Robert Butterfield
Paul Cashen
John Cornish
Don Coutts
Peter Cunningham
Ian Daniels

Terence Dinnison
John Graham
Christopher Hall
Michael Harley
Kevin Johnson
Livio Lamberti
Alexander Lewis

David Lovell
Bernard Maher
Terry Mayberry
Peter Mayberry
Raymond O'Sullivan
John Oswald
Brendan Roberts

John Schofield
Allen Suter
John Tonkin
Peter Tonkin
Thomas Warren
Michael Warren
Dion Williams
Robert Wise

As the year progressed, another twelve boys were enrolled into Years 5, 6, 7 and 8:

Walter Bajko
Bradley Beck
Richard Brandon

Michael Carmody
Paul Elliott
Anthony Medlyn

Christopher Murray
John O'Brien
Paul O'Sullivan

Peter Smith
Christopher Wojciak
Barry Young

Dom Ascoli ~ Class of 2009

I joined St Michael's at Beverley as a Year 6 student in 2003 where I attended with my three younger brothers. In my time as a student I was actively involved in leadership, particularly as a Year 11 Lasallian Youth Leader, and the co-curricular program in football and cricket. I went on to graduate with the Class of 2009.

As a student I always knew that I wanted to go to university but had no idea what I wanted to study. I enrolled to study a Bachelor of Development Studies but towards the end of my Year 12 I decided that I needed to take some time off and have a gap year.

I ended up applying for the Share the Mission Program in 2010. The Share the Mission Program is a 10 month program of the De La Salle Brothers in our District. I undertook the program in the remote Indigenous community of Balgo Hills, where I lived and worked with 2 other volunteers for 10 months.

Balgo Hills is in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Its population 400 people belong to the Kukatja people. I worked at Luurnpa Catholic School supporting the staff and students in any way that I could. I would work one on one with students that struggled or that needed to be excelled, take swimming lessons or PE lessons, make lunch for all 100 students and help with school maintenance.

At the conclusion of the year I was contacted by Lasallian Youth Ministry, the De La Salle Brothers and St Michael's College and offered the opportunity to become the Lasallian Youth Minister. In 2011 I returned to Adelaide, took up the job at St Michael's and began my university studies.

I have now been the Lasallian Youth Minister for almost 4 years and transferred university degrees to a double degree in Education and Arts at the University of Adelaide, with the aim of becoming a Psychology and Geography teacher.

It was a weird sensation walking into St Michael's as a member of staff after having recently been a student but I have loved every minute of working here alongside the current staff and students. As part of my role I have also been fortunate enough to travel to other Lasallian Communities throughout Australia including a trip back to Balgo. I have also been fortunate enough to spend time working at a Lasallian Youth Gathering in New Zealand and running a Youth Ministry Roadshow in Papua New Guinea.

Despite not wanting to become a Brother, I have been inspired by the Lasallian Mission of the human and Christian education of the young, especially the poor.

I am incredibly thankful for my time as a student and now a staff member at St Michael's College and the direction it has headed me going into the rest of my life.



Louise Barrington [nee Davis] - Class of 1977



I undertook Year 12 at St Michael's College way back in 1977, after Years 8 – 11 at Siena College. I'd always loved Maths and Physics, so after graduating I went on to get my Honours Degree in Applied Maths from Adelaide University, finishing in 1981. The offer to do a PhD was tempting, but by then I wanted some time away from study and some money in my pocket, so in January 1982 I was lucky to secure a job with what is now the Defence Science and Technology Organisation [DSTO] at Edinburgh. Amazingly, I've been there ever since, in one job or another!

My first position was as an Experimental Officer in Propulsion Systems Group of Propulsion Division. Yep, you guessed it; I was working on rocket propulsion. If anyone has heard of the Nulka active missile decoy which our Navy are currently using, I was part of the large team working on the precursor propulsion systems for Nulka. As luck would have it, the US Defence Department were working on some related technologies so I was offered a two-year posting to the US which I jumped at. Hence, I spent 1986 at the [then] US Army Missile Command in Huntsville, Alabama, and 1987 at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California. That was two years of incredible contrasts in everything from geography to culture. I'm fortunate to still be in contact with a friend from China Lake – her condominium in Hawaii is an added bonus.

When I got home from the US, I spent the next few years applying what I'd learnt to Nulka and other propulsion systems. I got married to Graham in 1990. He has three children, and now is up to five grandchildren – my Mum could never get her head around the fact that I was a [step-] grandmother before she was! So while I don't have children of my own, I'm very close to my extended family and they are all very accepting of me!

Then in another twist of fate in the early 90's, our Defence Department decided to close one of DSTO's facilities in Melbourne and move that capability to Edinburgh. So that meant another steep learning curve for me, in the fields of energetic materials and explosives ordnance. And yes, getting paid to blow things up is a great way to earn a living! During those years, I also completed my MBA in Technology Management from Deakin University in Victoria, through distance education.

In 2004 I was fortunate to win a position in DSTO's office in the Australian Embassy in Washington DC. So Graham and I headed off to the US for a wonderful three years. It was hard work, but the professional and personal development opportunities were just extraordinary.

Now I'm back again and working in DSTO's National Security and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division. If any of you are looking, DSTO is a great place to work – one employer but many careers!

And what of St Michael's? It's fair to say that I learnt many, many life lessons in just one year at St Micks, and I do carry them with me still. The values that we learn from family and school really do shape us, and support us in the life choices we make.

I wouldn't have had it any other way.

Matthew Broadbent ~ Class of 2008

Another talented AFL player, Matthew is a defender or midfielder of the Port Adelaide Football Club. Having played his junior football for the College and at the local Henley Sharks, Matthew was drafted from zoned club Woodville West Torrens in 2008. Matthew made his AFL debut in Round 16 of the 2009 AFL season against the West Coast Eagles at AAMI Stadium in July 2009.



Matthew played eleven games in his second season at the club and found his place as a midfield utility in combination with an occasional running defender role. He demonstrated an aptitude to win inside ball and effect contests around the ground as he pushed his way into the side after playing the majority of the first thirteen rounds with his aligned SANFL side Woodville West Torrens. Finishing the season off with nine consecutive games, Broadbent's performance was enough to show promise as a potential future midfielder.

With a career high 19 games in 2011, Matthew's offensive and attacking game flourished. Through those 19 games he showed promise as a quality player of the future but struggled to consistently find the uncontested football.

Matthew's break out 2012 was unlined by a series of strong performances in the midfield, starting against Fremantle in Round 8 and running through to the mid-season bye. His highlight was setting up the match winning goals against North Melbourne in Round 8, whilst he polled three Brownlow Medal votes for his game against the Gold Coast in Round 9. He finished equal second in the club's John Cahill Medal count.

Matthew has become an integral member of Port's team, leading the way in 2014 for rebound 50s (90) and kicks (330). His work off the half-back line was sensational, providing the Power with consistent rebound and attacking drive, even drifting forward to kick three goals. For the third straight year, Broadbent played every game for the season and notched his 100th AFL game in Round 22 against Carlton. The raking right-footer has become a key cog in the Power's back six, providing run and carry out of the defensive 50 and regularly ranking high in metres gained each game.

Darren Cahill ~ Class of 1982



Darren Cahill is one of the great legends in the world of international tennis and started playing professional tennis in 1984, at the age of nineteen. His first success as a professional was in 1985, winning his first tour doubles title at Melbourne and later in 1988 in Gstaad, he won his first top-level singles title. The same year Darren eliminated Boris Becker at the US Open and reached the semi-finals and his performance at this Grand Slam event is widely considered his best ever.

A year later, in 1989 at the Australian Open, Darren continued a streak of successes. Playing with Mark Kratzmann, Darren finished runner-up in the men's doubles. Playing for the Australian team at the Davis Cup in 1990, Darren achieved a career 6-4 Davis Cup record with 4-0 in doubles and 2-4 in singles.

Darren was ranked as World Number 22 in Singles and World Number 10 in Doubles. He was the winner of two ATP singles titles and thirteen doubles titles. His list of victories contains wins over such distinguished names as John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Goran Ivanisevic and Mats Wilander. Darren's highly-successful career as a tennis player earned him the Australian Male Tennis Player of the Year 1988 Award.

Due to a knee injury, and after more than ten operations, Darren retired from the professional tour in 1994, but not from tennis. He became a highly sought-after tennis coach, analyst and commentator.

Darren has a reputation as a mild and well-mannered man and was nicknamed a "killer" in a typical Australian manner.

After retiring from the professional tennis tour, Darren turned to coaching. Between 1999 and 2000, he trained Lleyton Hewitt, to bring him to his first major title while playing at US Open in 2001. At the age of twenty, Lleyton was the youngest man ever to reach world rank of Number 1. In 2001, Darren won the Australian Coach of the Year award.

From 2002 to 2006, Darren trained Andre Agassi, helping him to get back to the Number 1 position. He helped Agassi get his eighth important title at the 2003 Australian Open. At 33, Agassi was the oldest tennis player to reach world rank Number One. From 2007 to 2009, Darren was the Australian Davis Cup coach and the Ambassador of Tennis Australia Coaching Membership program.

As an Adidas player development program consultant and coach, Darren worked with a number of players sponsored by Adidas, such as Andy Murray, Ana Ivanovic, Fernando Verdasco and Daniela Hantuchova. In 2007, Darren started working with ESPN2 as a tennis analyst and commentator, together with other tennis greats such as Chris Evert, Patrick McEnroe and John McEnroe. His presence was noted during the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon in 2007.

Darren currently lives in Las Vegas with his wife and two children.

Anthony Louzikiotis, Michael Caroscio & Anthony Roccisano ~ Class of 2010



Michael Caroscio, Anthony Louzikiotis and Anthony Roccisano (pictured L – R) began together at St Michael's in 2006 in Year 8. They completed their schooling together and went on to study Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide with their final year being completed this year in 2014.

Looking back at the years spent at St Michael's, all three agree that the College prepares students well for university studies. The boys have a vision to assist in bridging the gap between high school and university life in order to make the transition smoother and more enjoyable for students. They hope to do this by working closely with the school and students at college events, class talks and providing advice to students from past experience.

They are also keen to show students, particularly those with an interest in Engineering, what career paths they can follow in engineering disciplines.

Anthony, Michael and Anthony are working together on their University Honours project called "Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) Wake Interaction". Their project is aiming to improve wind turbine/wind farm efficiencies by building knowledge about wind turbine wake and the wake interaction between wind turbines.

In addition, the old scholars will be in attendance at the upcoming Careers Night (Monday 4 August) to talk to students and parents about subject selections and possible future career paths.

For further information about the project or University of Adelaide Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering degrees contact Anthony Louzikiotis – Project Manager HAWT Wake Interaction on anthony.louzikiotis@student.adelaide.edu.au.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Rocky Caruso ~ Class of 2010

Rocky Daniel Caruso
Class of 2010
23/11/92 – 14/03/2014

Cousin of Sam Caruso (12BU) & Olivia Caruso (10SU), Sandra Toscano (Class of 1999), Anthony Romeo (Class of 1996), Imma Caruso (12PE) & Domenica Caruso (Class of 2010)



REST IN PEACE ROCKY

While the core business of schools is clearly education, the concept of community is central to the success of this. From early times, in a Lasallian context, De La Salle created communities of educators who supported each other in their commitment to *the human and Christian education of the young, especially the poor*. This spirit of community has been enlivened and broadened in Lasallian schools over the last 350 years and embraced at St Michael's College from its inception 60 years ago.

There are many elements that go towards the building of dynamic communities, though Br Jeff Calligan highlighted the essentials when he said:

"we walk with one another and we walk with those confided to us. And as we walk we love and support, we assist and encourage, we touch one another's hearts and allow our hearts to be touched ... Such is the Lasallian way".

In a very real example of this, the hearts of the SMC community have been touched with great sadness over the last week with the passing of recent old scholar Rocky Caruso (Class of 2010), after a courageous battle with cancer.

Rocky's funeral was held on Thursday at Christ the King Church in a very fitting celebration of his life. It was attended by many hundreds of mourners, including representatives of the school communities that Rocky and the family had connections with over the years. On the way to the Church, the funeral procession drove around the perimeter of St Michael's College. A student guard of honour represented the next generation of SMC students making a very touching connection with Rocky and the Caruso family. As an old scholar, Rocky will always be part of our family as well.

Our prayers are with the Caruso family and all those that have known and loved Rocky.



Fr Paul Cashen ~ Class of 1954

Reflections on St Michael's after 60 Years

I was born in Adelaide in 1944, and with mum and dad and four siblings settled in Flinders Park in 1948. When St Michael's was opened in 1954 at Beverly my parents enrolled me in the original intake of students of 29: I was in year 5. On the first day the workmen were finishing surfacing the grounds around the new building: it was all a new experience for us all. The lower classrooms were able to be used at that time, and as there were so few of us only two classrooms accommodated us. There were three Brothers, Victor, school principal, and George and Ephraim who were in their twenties and played footy with us – to make up two teams almost!!

In 1960 I left for the seminary in Sydney. By then the College had grown to 450 and the first stage of the classroom block along East Ave was completed. My reflections on those six years were in two parts: the first three years was like a large extended family, in fact a family of nations as there were boys from many countries as part of the resettlement program post WWII. As the college grew, more teachers and prefects and added regulations were required. This second stage meant engagement with other colleges and high schools with sports and other activities. The education environment broadened beyond the college and even Adelaide with trips interstate. Philip and John, my brothers, and John, David and Peter McEntee, cousins, continued the contact I had for the next 10 years.

I was ordained a priest in 1969 and celebrated mass in the Henley Chapel not long after its opening which renewed my personal acquaintance with St Mick's. Then in 1974 I was appointed Parish Priest at Henley Beach and had the duty and privilege of attending the College as chaplain and this continued in the two periods I had as Parish Priest of Hindmarsh/Flinders Park in the 1980s and the early 2000s.

In my time as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, I have had the privilege of serving in the diocese of Darwin as Administrator of the Cathedral and Vicar General in the 1980s. After studies in Belgium at the Catholic University in Leuven, I was appointed Rector of St. Paul's National Late Vocations Seminary in Sydney in 1990 and during that time was closely associated with the De La Salle Provincialate across the road at Kensington. During that time I began studies for a PhD in theology, which was granted in 2005 by the ACU. The thesis researched the changes in the attitude and practice of the faith in the Catholic Church in Australia, since Vatican II

From 2004 I had the opportunity of celebrating Mass frequently in the senior campus on a regular basis. This was important for me as a ministry because at that time I was involved with Diocesan Strategic Pastoral Planning and the Ministry Formation Program. During this time I was invited to be part of a luncheon group of past students which continues to this day: many memories are shared during these gatherings.

Last year I returned to Adelaide after three years as a member of the leadership of the Australian Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, based in Sydney. I now have a fulltime ministry in the Adelaide Cathedral Parish with the task of developing ministry programs that will reach out to the growing number of people and students who are coming to live in the city.

Since 1954 our world has changed irrevocably and in that time St Michael's is part of the church's response as it struggles with these changes. In recent times, Pope Francis has challenged all to respond to assist those who struggle with the everyday tasks and seemingly impossible situations. We, who through an education such as St Michael's offered, are also challenged to share what we have received. The commitment of the Brothers, the Parents and the Staff of St Michael's over 60 years has reflected these same ideals and values. This is the grounding on which so many of us have grown and established ourselves in our society; we have much to be thankful for.

Paul Cashen msc

Claire Charlton, College Captain ~ Class of 2004



Claire Charlton made history in 2004, in the College's 50th Year, when she was elected by her peers as the first female College Captain. Claire led the student cohort through a year of celebration and change ... a year that farewelled Br John Pill as Principal and introduced a modernised College crest.

In her Valedictory Speech, Claire shared " ... to become a Lasallian, we are privileged to be taught the importance of community and fellowship". She encouraged her peers to "Dream the unimaginable and strive for nothing but the best. You are the hero of your own story. Make of your life what you want of it ... we lead into the future as adults ready to conquer the world".



Claire followed her own advice. Today she reaps the benefits of her dedication to study and is following her dream to become a Marine Biologist and travel the world. Having completed a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology with Honours in Cetacean Acoustics & Population Biology, Claire is currently completing her PhD, focussing on Southern Right Whales with the Centre of Marine Science and Technology, Curtin University as well as working as a Senior Environmental Engineer and Marine Scientist with S2V Environmental Consultancy in Perth.

Like Claire's favourite quote, "She believed she could - So she did".

Leon Chiara ~ Class of 1992

I attended St Michael's College from 1988 to 1992. My mother still reminds me to this day how lucky I am to have attended the school. After graduating from Year 12, I headed straight to the University of South Australia and completed a Bachelor of Business. At the end of the degree I didn't feel ready for the workforce (not really knowing what I wanted to do!) so decided to enrol into a Bachelor of Commerce at Flinders University which I completed by the end of 1997.



During my final year of Commerce I applied for roles at all the major corporates and was fortunate to land an interview with BHP Billiton for a Graduate Accounting role in the Melbourne Head office. I still remember how excited I was walking into 600 Bourke Street for the first time and being offered the position. Back then I only owned one suit and one shirt so after the Melbourne weekend I came back to Adelaide and still had an interview with Southcorp first thing Monday morning. My mind was already set on the BHP role so the HR at Southcorp were quite surprised to see me turn up for a final interview in a t-shirt, shorts and thongs. No surprises but they didn't offer me the role.

After two years with BHP I decided to move back to Adelaide to take up a role with Ernst & Young. Although I enjoyed the ability to put my Accounting studies into practice, I also had a strong interest in financial markets so after eighteen months I decided to take the plunge as a Stockbroker with Macquarie Bank. Fourteen years later, I am so glad I made the move. I enjoy the challenge of the markets and especially the new opportunities that each day presents.

The values that St Michael's instilled in me have served me well. While I may not have appreciated it at the time, the support of the teachers and my peers in those senior years helped me immensely and gave me the confidence to make the important decisions both in my career and personal life.

Last year, with nine close friends I set out to run the New York Marathon and raise much needed funds for children charities. Along our training journey we raised \$60,000 for the Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation and \$40,000 for the neonatal unit at Flinders Hospital.

Next year I turn 40. When I started in this industry I was fresh out of Uni at 22 and I thought people of 40 were ancient - I couldn't understand why they were still working! The sad facts of life have long caught up with me. Not one to celebrate my own birthday, I will bring in the big four-oh by running the Paris Marathon and hope to raise vital funds for the Asthma Foundation. So here's my plug ... visit my fundraising page at:

<https://asthmasaparismarathon2015.everydayhero.com/au/leon>

Outside of work my greatest achievements are being married to a very supportive wife and having three amazing children.

Vincent Ciccarello ~ Class of 1981



Congratulations to Vince Ciccarello, 1981 St Michael's College Captain, on his appointment as Chief Executive of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. Vincent was appointed to this role in October, 2013. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-10-17/adelaide-symphony-orchestra-appoints-new-ceo/5028292>

Upon leaving St Michael's, Vince went on to study a Bachelor of Music (Honours) Degree at the University of Adelaide followed by a Graduate Certificate in Management, Arts Administration at the Queensland University of Technology and a Graduate Diploma in Journalism at UniSA.

Prior to his latest appointment, Vincent's CV includes:

- ★ Orchestra Manager, Queensland Symphony Orchestra;
- ★ Head, Opera and Classical Music Department, Performers Management;
- ★ Managing Director of Fanfare Artist Management, a theatrical agency representing Australian and international artists in opera and classical music.
- ★ Journalist - Flinders University (2009 – 2013), News & Media at University of South Australia (2006 – 2008) and The Independent Weekly (2004 – 2006).
- ★ Chairman of the Australasian Classical Music Managers Association.

The St Michael's College community congratulates Vince on his appointment and wish him every success.

Teresa Cimmino (nee Ciccone) ~ Class of 1977



The corridors of St Michael's College welcome back old scholar Teresa Cimmino (nee Ciccone). Teresa joins the staff of the College as the new Deputy Principal - Learning & Teaching Excellence; the first female Deputy in the College's 60 year history.

Teresa has very fond memories of her time as a Year 12 student at St Michael's and the friendships that were forged.

Upon leaving St Michael's Teresa went on to study a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) at Flinders University followed by a Graduate Certificate in Education at the University of Adelaide. Teresa also holds a Master of Catholic Education – Leadership.

Teresa has a teaching background in Languages and English and prior to her appointment at St Michael's, she taught and held leadership positions at Thomas More College and Nazareth Catholic College. Teresa was Deputy Principal R – 12 (Curriculum) at Nazareth for 4 years. Teresa worked as Curriculum and Assessment Officer – Languages at SSABSA for several years and continues her involvement with the SACE Board in a number of capacities.

Teresa is married to Joe and they have a daughter Giordana.

Daniel Cioffi ~ Class of 1998



I attended St Michael's College from 1996-1998. During that time I had the privilege of being Vice Captain of the College and Captain of the open A's Basketball team. After graduation, I attended UniSA and completed a degree in Physiotherapy in 2004. Although pleased to have completed my studies, my dream was always to play professional basketball.

During my time at university I travelled to the USA and Spain to represent SASI (South Australian Sports Institute). I represented SA at junior National Championships and Captained the U/20 side to the National Final. I played State League for the West Adelaide Bearcats and in 2000 I joined the Adelaide 36ers for two seasons.

I thought my dream had been realised, however, I felt that I was not given the opportunity I deserved so I began to explore other options. After a further two successive trips to the USA with

Aussie Hoops, playing exhibition matches throughout the country, in 2002 I travelled to Europe in search of a professional contract.

To my delight after trialling and travelling throughout Europe, I signed a three year deal with Division 1 club, Pallacanestro Reggiana in Reggio Emilia, Italy (Former team of Kobe Bryant's father and where he played some junior basketball).

From that time until 2011 I was fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to play in Spain, Italy and finally in German, reaching the playoffs eight times and being part of teams which moved up to top leagues six times. I have shared the court with European and NBA greats such as Dejan Bodiroga, Andrea Bargnani, Marco Belinelli, Danilo Gallinari, Rodney White, Mike Penberthy, CJ Watson and many other great players. Following major injury, I finished my playing career in Wuerzburg, Germany (hometown and former team of Dirk Nowitzki) with the S'Oliver Baskets.

In 2009 I married my wife Yolanda who is from Mallorca, Spain. She has travelled and supported me during all the years of my playing career.

Currently, I am studying law externally at the University of London and upon completion, I intend to practice internationally, protecting the rights and guiding the careers of professional athletes.

It has been a dream to be able to do what I have done. I have had success at a sporting level, travelled the world, learnt to speak several languages, met many people, made great friends along the way and have had experiences that I will never forget.

Along with the support of my wife, family, friends, God, coaches and team mates, my experience at St Michael's College both from an academic and sporting point of view definitely aided and instilled in me a strong work ethic, a desire to strive for excellence and belief in myself that I could achieve anything.

I thank you for this opportunity to share my story and I encourage you all to work hard in every aspect of your lives and reach for the stars because dreams do come true.



Ryan Clark ~ Class of 2012



RYAN STARS ON US COURTS

St Michael's College old scholar Ryan Clark is living every young basketball player's dream of a United States College scholarship.

Ryan plays Centre for the Lake Region State College men's basketball team, in North Dakota. The Royals have won 18 of the season's 23 Games, with the South Australian 20 year old averaging 10 points and eight rebounds a match. In January he was named Player of the Week in the regional Competition.

He has totalled 199 points and secured 150 rebounds, starting in every game. Ryan graduated from St Michael's College in 2012 and represented South Australia for five years. He has been playing US College basketball since mid-last year after having to postpone a scholarship offer following his mother's serious illness in 2013.

Ryan chose to stay by his mum Laima's bedside and help her recover after she suffered a stroke in October 2013. The left side of Laima's body was paralysed and she remains wheelchair bound.

"It was a pretty easy decision to make", Ryan said. "As soon as mum got sick there was no other choice to be made; I needed to stay with her."

Ryan was among 47 finalists shortlisted by an expert panel to receive an inaugural AMP Tomorrow Fund grant to pursue his dream to play College Basketball in the US.

He said the \$10,000 grant would cover living expenses and board so he could focus on studying and training and returning home to visit his family later this year for the first time since taking up the scholarship.

"This grant gives mum one less thing to worry about and helps me to inspire more Aussie kids to play basketball," he said.

Ryan's parents Laima and Kym, Director of Lasallian Mission at St Michael's College, say they are 'immensely' proud of their son.

Laima said she had watched every basketball game played by Ryan up until his move to the US. He started playing for the Woodville District Basketball Club at six. Laima too was a keen basketball player, also taking to the court as a six year old.

"I'm so proud of him: for him to achieve what he has is quite remarkable," she said.

The Southern Cross, March 2015

Peter Coombs ~ Class of 1982

30 years ago Peter made his first pair of spectacles whilst studying for a Bachelor of Design (majoring in Jewellery and Metalsmithing) at The University of South Australia. They were reminiscent of 'Jules-Verne-under-the-sea-the-Apocalypse-is-coming' which was very much about what was going on in the '80s - clunky but funky.



From there evolved a 30 year relationship exploring alternative, innovative ways to form and colour a variety of metals. It has always been important to Peter that there is art, expression and individuality expressed in each piece. The hinge element design and mechanical function has been an ongoing intrigue and has become the defining feature of his work.

Peter likes to think of his eyewear as 'Jewellery for the Face'. All pieces are rare if not one-off designs and many have been the result of private commissions over the years. Some he has just made because he needed to prove that he could.

In September 2014, a new generation of Peter Coombs Eyewear will be launched at the Silmo World Eyewear Fair in Paris. This is the culmination of a 30 year creative journey that was inspired by studies of maths, 3D and technical drawing at St Michaels College, Henley Beach. A journey that is not likely to end here.



Peter is inspired by everything and anything in everyday life, whether it is a particular musical phrase, an experience whilst travelling, food or wine. His biggest inspiration however, is the people that he meets and the interactions that ensue.

Peter's creative talents extend to jewellery, ceremonial and corporate pieces for recognition, commemoration or display and furniture design. Visit Peter's website to see his amazing designs.

www.petercoombsdesign.com



Nicholas Cocks ~ Class of 2003

From the Graduating Class of 2003, Nicholas Cocks is currently a Doctor – Senior House Officer at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane and also lectures at the Griffith University on the Gold Coast. Nick was unsure of his career choice in Year 12 but eventually decided to undertake a Bachelor of Psychological Science followed by a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS). This year Nick has commenced a Masters in Medicine, majoring in Ophthalmic Science.

Nick's favourite memory of SMC is of the Year 12 three day Retreat at Port Elliot and his advice to current and future Year 12 students is to choose subjects you enjoy and are good at instead of only choosing subjects that you think will give you more options as there are a lot of options in the years after high school. Working as a Doctor ensures Nick continues his life learning, not only in his area of expertise, but also for his personal interest and enjoyment. He enjoys video games and has always wanted to create one of his own, so has spent time learning programming and video game design.

Nick enjoys his position as Lecturer at Griffith University. Teaching has always been a passion of his, having tutored other students whilst still at SMC. He has also travelled to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Tonga working in Ophthalmology (eye surgery), similar work to the Fred Hollows Foundation, restoring sight to people with severe cataracts. Reflecting on his Lasallian education, honesty and inclusiveness have benefited Nick in his career. Owning up to errors, being truthful in the way he practices and being genuine to patients and colleagues has always seemed to benefit him in the long run. Being inclusive of others, independent of their background, has allowed him to learn a lot from others.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Stephen Cutt ~ Class of 2007 & Staff Member 2006 - 2011

Stephen Cutt was, and is, an inspiration to many.

Stephen graduated with the Class of 2007 and was known for his gentle, dependable and unassuming nature.

Stephen was an exceptionally gifted guitarist and vocalist. He was the first ever recipient of a Principal's Award for Music in his final year for Services to the College in Music and achieved A's for Year 12 Music. The recording studio housed at St Michael's was this year named "The Stevie Cutt Recording Studio" in his honour.



Stevie (as he was affectionately known) always volunteered his time and his gift for music to St Michael's when he played and sang at Graduation Masses, School Masses, Assemblies and Music Festivals. He was one of the first students to represent the College at the Catholic Schools Music Festival in the Festival Theatre and represented St Michael's in the parish community of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church at Henley Beach providing liturgical music at Sunday masses. He often entertained the elderly in the parish at local nursing homes and at the CWL meetings and Senior's luncheons during his school holidays.

At the Lasallian Youth Group gathering held at St Michael's in 2010, Stephen volunteered to provide the music for their morning mass each day and he organised his band to entertain them in the evenings. He also helped as a stage crew member at Mission Ignition 2008. Music was a huge part of Stephen's life which he loved to share with friends, family, school and parish communities.

Stephen played tennis and basketball for St Michael's all through his school life and continued to play social basketball with a team of fellow old scholars. He loved the beach and swimming, and sailed at Port Adelaide Sailing Club.

Stephen became a member of the College staff in 2006 when he assisted in the Book Room and also in the music area, repairing guitars and maintaining other equipment. At the same time, Stephen was a student at Uni SA Mawson Lakes campus studying mechanical engineering in his third year when in October 2010 he was diagnosed with cancer. Sadly, Stephen passed away in February 2011.

Stephen was deeply spiritual and remained faithful throughout his cancer treatment and always trusted in God's love to give him the strength he needed each day to get through whatever was ahead.

As November is the month of Remembrance, Stephen is remembered along with many other old scholars (those known are listed below) and staff whose souls we pray are at peace.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS

Joe De Tullio ~ Class of 1974



New Principal of Star of the Sea School, Mr Joe De Tullio matriculated from St Michael's in 1974 and recalls fond memories of his time at St Michael's College, Beverley and Henley. Mr Peter Wallace (formerly Brother Peter) was the Principal at that time. Joe remembers Peter as a very gentle and dedicated educator who inspired him to take up teaching as a vocation. Beginning his teaching career at Mount Carmel Primary, Rosewater as a Year 6 teacher Joe has also taught and held leadership positions over the years at Mercedes College, St David's Parish School, St Pius X School and St Francis Xavier School.

Adam Didyk ~ Class of 1998



I started my schooling at SMC as a Year 4 student in 1990 and graduated in the Class of 1998. I remember vividly, the nerves I felt when addressing the school assembly as Achilles Cup Captain and the day that old scholar and Olympic Swimmer, Daniel Kowalski came for a school visit.

Since my childhood I have had a strong interest in Athletics. It's offered me great opportunities, and allowed me to follow a passion throughout my life. This has enabled me to develop skills and relationships which will no doubt support me in my career and family life for many years to come.

After finishing secondary school, I went to UniSA and started my teaching degree. Whilst undertaking my Bachelor of Education, I was recruited by a number of Colleges in the United States as a Student Athlete and continued my studies whilst training. Whilst 'student' came before 'athlete' it was not the curriculum content that taught me the most. My year at the University of Memphis forced me to work harder than I ever had. I took on two years of University in one and tripled my required subject load so that I could leave after one year with a degree and major in Sport Psychology.

On return to Australia I completed my Bachelor of Education and in 2008 I was fortunate to win a position at the St Michael's College, Primary Campus as a Year 5 teacher. I now teach Year 7 classes. That same year I started my career as a professional athletics coach; it was only one athlete who happened to be a friend of mine, but it allowed me to realise my dream. Since 2008, the number of athletes I coach has grown to 38.

In 2012 I was fortunate enough to have my first athlete qualify for an Olympic games which saw the start of my international coaching career and retired me as an athlete. Up until London, I was still pursuing my own 'running' goals, but sitting in the Australian camp I was faced with the confronting thought I had failed as an athlete. This is where I wanted to be, with this team preparing to race. Sitting there as a coach revealed to me that this was the pathway I would now follow, and from then I became more involved in professional athletic coaching.

Since that 'lightbulb' moment, I have coached Australian athletes on Australian teams in events ranging from Cross Country running, 3000m Steeplechase, Marathon/Ultramarathons and was the Australian Team Marathon Coach for 2014 in Glasgow. I had two athletes (pictured) who I personally coached in Glasgow, Jessica Trengove who came away with a Bronze Medal in the Marathon and Madeline Heiner who came 4th (behind 3 Kenyan runners) in the 3000m Steeplechase.

The lessons I have learnt throughout my education in many different realms will assist me in supporting my family, athletes and students at St Michael's College well into the future. We all strive to be the best we can be, but it's only when you see the best in the world that you realise what is really required.

Adam was Guest Speaker at the 2014 Academic Assembly (Feb 2015).

The Dittmar Family



Chris ~ Class of 1980

Reflecting on his time at SMC, Chris recalls his involvement in sport as the highlight. He was a member of the incredibly talented cricket team that won every game during his five years at high school, a team that was coached by Brother Eric Pigott who kept the boys focused on cricket whilst also having many laughs.

Chris' sporting achievements upon leaving school are legendary in the world of Squash. Formerly ranked World No. 1, he finished runner-up at the World Open five times and was runner-up at the British Open twice. Chris captained the Australian Squash team who were world champions from 1989 to 1992 and in 1987 and 1989 was named South Australian Sports Star of the Year. Chris also represented his fellow players as President of the International Squash Players Association for several years and served as Patron of Squash Australia from 2002 to 2005. He was inducted into the Squash Australia Hall of Fame in 2005.

Since retiring as a squash player, Chris has worked as a television and radio sports commentator in Australia.

Chris reflected that he made many friends during his years at the College, friendships that continue today. His association with the College has continued through his two sons, Jack and Tom.

Tom ~ Class of 2008

My favourite memories from SMC include any opportunity I got to represent the school in sport and community events such as De La Salle Day and Mission Action Day. It was during these times that close friendships were formed and I could take pride in being a part of a great College. Since graduating in 2008, I have recently completed a Double Bachelor Degree in Human Movement and Education which has now brought me back to SMC for relief teaching which I am thoroughly enjoying! I also continue to play premier league soccer and catch up with many mates from school as those close bonds still remain. As our dad and cousins have all been through SMC, our family has enjoyed this continual close connection.

Jack ~ Class of 2011

Through sporting, academic and social areas, SMC provided a great opportunity for me to develop in all aspects of life. My time at SMC allowed me to make so many great friends that I still see on a regular basis. I am currently in my 3rd year of a Double Degree in Law/Commerce at Adelaide University, and I could not have achieved this without the guidance of my teachers at SMC. I have also been lucky enough to gain government funding to study in Japan (completed earlier this month) and I will be travelling around Europe for the second half of this year.

Bradley Ebert ~ Class of 2007

During his year of Graduation from St Michael's College, Brad was the 13th pick overall in the AFL National Draft by the West Coast Eagles. He had previously played for Port Adelaide in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL). This selection caused some controversy in South Australia as Adelaide were expected to select Ebert with pick 10, but instead chose Patrick Dangerfield, a Victorian. Brad had also captained South Australia at the 2007 Under-18 Championships.



Brad made his debut for West Coast in round two of the 2008 season while still a 17-year-old, becoming the youngest Eagles debutant since Daniel Kerr in 2001. He played 15 matches in his debut season, and was nominated for the 2008 AFL Rising Star after a 25-disposal three-goal game in round 17 against St Kilda. Brad played 17 matches in 2009 and every game in 2010 playing mainly as an inside midfielder, playing with Peel Thunder in the West Australian Football League (WAFL) when not playing with the Eagles.

In 2011, Brad was switched from the midfield to the half-forward flank. He played 22 games, kicking 14 goals, including a career-high four goals against Richmond in round 20, but was dropped twice after struggling for form. He requested to be traded to Port Adelaide in October 2011 with the trade being completed on 17 October.

In 2012, he had a breakout year for Port Adelaide. His hard playing style and consistency quickly made him well liked from the Port Adelaide supporters. Brad had many stand out performances during the year, for example in round 22 against Brisbane he finished with 32 disposals (24 kicks 8 handballs) 3 marks and 4 tackles. Ebert finished the year playing all 22 games for the season and kicking 17 goals. His consistency led to many off field achievements also, such as finishing equal second alongside Matthew Broadbent (SMC Class of 2008) in the Port Adelaide Best and Fairest, and finishing the highest of all Port players in the Brownlow Medal.

In 2013, Ebert was named Vice-Captain of Port Adelaide and his no-fuss style makes him one of the toughest players on the club's list. 2014 produced another consistent year for the Power's Vice-Captain ranking in the top five at the club for disposals, clearances, inside 50s, contested possessions and tackles. Brad amassed a career-high 40 disposals against the Swans at the SCG in Round 13 and received three Brownlow votes for his 26 disposals and 2 goals against his old side in Round 5.

Brad thrives on winning the contested possession and is a fanatical tackler, but is classy enough to finish the work in front of goal.

Bradley Ebert is the son of Craig Ebert, a former West Adelaide and Port Adelaide player, nephew of Russell Ebert (four time Magarey Medalist) and grandson of 1967 Magarey Medalist, Trevor Obst. Brad's first season with the Power saw him play alongside cousin, Brett Ebert (son of Russell and SMC Old Scholar 2001), for the first time in Round 6. Brad wears number 7 on his Guernsey, the number made famous by his uncle Russell.

Brett Ebert ~ Class of 2001

In August 2013, Brett Ebert announced his retirement from AFL football due to a number of injury setbacks. His injury woes had frustrated his 2013 campaign after he missed less than 10 games in the first 10 years of his career.

Brett Ebert began his career with the Port Adelaide Magpies in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) and was drafted by Port Adelaide under the father/son rule at the 2002 AFL Draft. His father, Russell, was a four-time Magarey Medallist, three-time premiership player and played a total of 392 games.

Brett created his own legacy. Winner of the Magarey Medal in 2003, Brett had a dominant year as a midfielder playing forward in the famous black and white prison bar guernsey. He made his AFL debut in 2004 and ended the season with the premiership winning side with 17 goals including 4 goals in the Round 10 win against Geelong, and an AFL Rising Star nomination. In 2005, he kicked 18 goals, a goal more than the previous year.

Brett finished second in the club's goalkicking with 24 goals in 2006. A booming kick and a strong mark for his size, he kicked four goals against Collingwood in Round 2 and three goals against Carlton in Round 10 and Adelaide in Round 21. He led Port's goalkicking in 2007 with 56 goals, including a career best 6 goals twice; once against Richmond in Round 16 and against Melbourne in Round 17. Brett was nominated for the 2007 All-Australian side. In 2008, he kicked 33 goals with a six goal haul against the Sydney Swans in Round 9. In 2009, he kicked 28 goals in 20 games, with a highlight of 4 goals in the Round 14 win against the Brisbane Lions. In 2010, prior to Round 21, Brett was Port Adelaide's leading goal kicker with 30 goals for the season. In Round 21, he injured his knee which turned out to be an ACL injury. In 2012, an impressive display against Essendon in Round 16 drew two Brownlow Medal votes and cemented Brett's place as Port's first-choice small forward.

On August 21, 2013, Brett Ebert announced his retirement after being unable to play a game in the 2013 season because of injuries. He had played a total of 166 games for the Power and had kicked 240 goals, the third most in the club's AFL history. Brett was farewelled with a lap of honour at AAMI Stadium in the Power's Round 23 clash with Carlton.



Patrick Foley ~ Class of 1975



Patrick Foley is pictured above with South Africa's President Zuma at the recent G20 conference. Patrick was the Lead Liaison Officer for President Zuma's visit and attendance at the conference.

Patrick, from the Class of 1975, left St Michael's for a distinguished career with the Army and then with the Department of Defence. During that time he was heavily involved in the National Army Cadets programme.

Chelsea Fortuna ~ Class of 2014



Congratulations to Chelsea Fortuna who has been awarded a University of Adelaide Andy Thomas Scholarship. Chelsea is pictured with The University of Adelaide Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Pascale Quester.

Founded in 1999 this scholarship is one of the University's most prestigious awards and is named after one of its most distinguished graduates, astronaut Dr Andy Thomas. Dr Thomas completed his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide in 1973 and a doctorate (in mechanical engineering) at the University of Adelaide in 1978. The Scholarship is awarded on academic merit as well as community involvement and contribution.

Chelsea is a worthy winner of a Scholarship and explains ... "Shortly after accepting my SATAC offer for a place in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechatronic) program at the University of Adelaide, I was invited to apply for the Andy Thomas scholarship. The invitation was extended to students commencing a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechatronic), (Honours) (Mechanical) or (Honours) (Mechanical and Aerospace) degree in 2015 who had shown outstanding academic ability through their high ATAR results. The application process involved answering a set of questions about goals for the future, community involvement, leadership activities, extracurricular activities and personal interests. Supporting documentation needed to be included for all responses which resulted in an extensive 40 page application.

I am so grateful to have received the Andy Thomas scholarship for 2015 and don't think I would have had a chance at winning without St Michael's. I participated in the LYL program and played netball for the College which really boosted my community involvement. Community contribution was second to academic ability when considering candidates for the Andy Thomas scholarship. Additionally, competing in Maths quiz nights and maths competitions through St Michael's was useful to my application."

Brian Gilbertson ~ Class of 1972



I attended St Michael's from Grade 4 to Matriculation starting at Beverley and then Henley as did my older brother Kevin (OS 1970).

On graduating I obtained a degree in law from the University of Adelaide and within 18 months joined with another St Michael's old scholar Shannon Adams to form "Adams & Gilbertson," barristers and solicitors. Throughout my school life and following I had enjoyed singing in children's operas and musicals and in rock bands with old scholars Kevin McDonnell, Paul Fisher, Rob Murphy and Shannon. I also enjoyed performing in cabaret and musicals.

Having worked as a lawyer for some 7 years, an opportunity arose to take up singing and performance studies in Vienna, this time in Opera. It was a significant decision at the time that affected many others but it was a decision I had to make and having made it, it became the biggest growth experience in my life. Living in Vienna for two years as a foreigner gave me a different perspective on life and world citizens. Studying under the guidance of Maestro Franz Schuch Tovini was a wonderful exercise in understanding the voice but also in understanding life. He was a tough task master but my interests were his priority. He changed me vocally and as a person. When my wife Julie and I returned to Australia after 2 years, I had performed as a principal tenor in Austria and toured with the Vienna Chamber opera to the United States. I subsequently enjoyed a 20 year career singing principal tenor roles in opera and concerts, singing on TV and recordings and at major sporting events here in Australia and overseas. Highlights have included several foreign Anthems at Test Cricket and Davis Cup matches plus operas with wonderful internationally renowned directors, singers and conductors the biggest being Wagner's Ring Cycle. My biggest joy was that my family often travelled with me when I performed.

In 2002 with a view to staying in Adelaide and enjoying the development of my children's education from close quarters, I undertook the contract to manage and direct the Credit Union Christmas Pageant where my career as a solicitor, performer, director and producer all came together. I have enjoyed that work now for 12 years whilst still singing and watching my children now 24 and 21 develop their careers as a mental health nurse and actor. My wife Julie has become a thought leader and consultant in Workforce Planning over 20 years and life is always good despite the curb balls that come your way from time to time. My brother Kevin is now deceased.

My time at St Michael's gave much for a firm grounding in values. Thank you Brother Charles and Brother William for your support of the Arts in a predominantly sports oriented school holding talent quests and children's opera. Thanks to two students Vincent Plush and Patty McDonnell who also supported my earlier singing career at school. When I left Adelaide I was asked "why would you give up a successful legal practice to sing?" When I got to Vienna I was asked, "why would you think to continue a legal career if you can sing?" Interesting perspectives. I am very happy with the choices I ultimately made.



Brigadier Matthew William Hall, CSC ~ Class of 1965

Brigadier Matthew Hall was born in Adelaide in 1965 and attended St Michael's College in the early 70's following his older brothers, John (Rick) and Rodney who also attended St Michael's College. Brigadier Hall is uncle to Sophie Hall 2012, Sarah Hall 2009, Christopher Hall 2007 and Aidan Hall 2004.

Brigadier Hall entered the Royal Military College Duntroon in 1983, graduating in 1986 when he was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, serving in the 1st Field Regiment. In 1989 he transferred to the Australian Intelligence Corps and studied Vietnamese at the Royal Australian Air Force School of Languages, Point Cook.



On promotion to Captain, Brigadier Hall held regimental and staff intelligence appointments at tactical, operational and strategic level. This included employment as an analyst in the Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO), following which he deployed overseas to Cambodia in 1992. On return he was appointed as the Intelligence Officer of the Northwest Mobile Force (NORFORCE) Darwin, then posted to Headquarters Northern Command Darwin. On promotion to Major in 1996, he was fortunate to be posted to the United States Defence Intelligence Agency in Washington D.C. as an integrated exchange analyst in 1996-1997, and was awarded the United States Meritorious Service Medal for his performance in this position. After attending the Australian Army Command and Staff College, Queenscliff, in 1998, he served at the Directorate of Officer Career Management – Army, prior to completing Long Term Schooling (Masters of Management) at the Australian Defence Force Academy. He was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and employed as a Senior Carer Advisor, prior to being appointed as the Commandant of the Defence Intelligence Training Centre in 2002 and Commanding Officer/Chief Instructor of the Command Staff and Operations Training Centre, Canungra in 2004. In 2006, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, Brigadier Hall was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross for his service in these appointments.

Brigadier Hall then served on operations in Afghanistan from September 2005 to March 2006. He fulfilled the duties of Chief of Analysis, US Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan, while also acting as a Liaison Officer for the Defence Intelligence Organisation. He was awarded the United States Bronze Star for his operational service to Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan.

On return to Australia in March 2006 he was promoted to Colonel and appointed the Director Joint Intelligence Staff, DIO. In 2008 he was selected as the Chief of Staff to the Vice Chief of Defence Force. In 2009 he attended the Defence and Strategic Studies Course at the Australian Defence College, prior to being promoted to Brigadier and appointed as the Commander Career Management-Army.

Brigadier Hall's tertiary qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts (Military Studies) and Masters of Management (Human Resource Management) from the University of New South Wales, a Masters of Defence Studies from the University of Canberra, and a Masters of Strategic Studies from Deakin University.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS



Michael (Mick) Harley ~ Class of 1956

I was one of the original 29 students at St Michael's College, Beverley, in 1954 and I was the only non Catholic in the school. I converted to Catholicism four years after leaving school when I was 18.

As with any new establishment, the property at Beverley was a wasteland of weeds and trees. The oval was only half the size it ought to have been and was a mass of mash mallow weeds which were kept down by the students and by the use of an old agricultural implement, the scythe, wielded by the 'junior' Brothers.

I left school in 1956 and joined the PMG (Postmaster Generals Department – now Australia Post) delivering telegrams. I progressed through the ranks with Australia Post to Sales Executive and Postmaster at various Post Offices.



After leaving school I joined the Findon YCW where I became President and it was there that I met Shirley McLeavey who was the Girl's President who became my wife in 1967. We have 2 adult children, Tammy and Shane, and a foster son Robert. Shane was also a St Michael's student and is now in the Australian Airforce serving in the Middle East.

In 1958 I started the Findon Skid Kids which is the sport of bicycle speedway and is still going strong to this day. www.cyclespeedway.asn.au

The Skid Kids is famous for its Trick Riding Display Team where the members perform various stunts on pushbikes which includes the World Famous Fire Jump.

In 1979 I was awarded Father of the Year for South Australia and in 2000, Citizen of the Year for the City of Charles Sturt and Citizen of the Year for South Australia. In 2001 I was proud to receive an Order of Australia Medal.

In 2006 I was elected as Councillor for the Beverley Ward in the City of Charles Sturt and was re-elected in 2010 and 2014.

I left Australia Post in 1994 after 37 years and joined Commander Communications selling telephone and other systems before finally retiring in 2014 at the age of 72.

Dr Paul Hine ~ Class of 1973



Paul Hine enrolled at the College in Year 3 in 1964 and graduated in 1973. Three other Hine boys undertook their education at St Michael's between 1963 and 1976, each grateful for their association with the De La Salle Brothers, each benefitting from the quality of education they received.

After completing school Paul studied Arts and Education at Flinders University before taking up employment in catholic schools in South Australia in 1979. Following the partial retirement of Rob Keenan, a long serving Deputy Principal at St Michael's, Paul was appointed Deputy of the College from 1991 until 2002. In 1999/2000, Paul was appointed to Principal while the incumbent Principal, Br John Pill, was seconded by the Catholic Education Office to assist a diocesan school. Paul was appointed as the first lay Principal of Blackfriars Priory School in 2003. In 2008, Paul was

appointed to Sacred Heart College Senior as Principal, broadening his experience to include students from non-metropolitan regions who boarded. Following an international search for a Principal at St Ignatius College, Riverview in Sydney, Paul moved to Sydney in 2013 to take up his appointment as the 21st Headmaster in the school's proud and distinctive history in 2013.

Paul has pursued an academic career alongside of educational administration in schools. In 1991 he was awarded a Masters of Educational Studies via dissertation from the University of Adelaide and in 2001 was admitted to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Curtin University for his research on psycho-social dimensions of learning environments. In 2009 Paul was appointed an Adjunct Research Fellow at Curtin University where he has examined Doctoral theses and contributed to research programs. Since 2003, Paul has lectured in the undergraduate and post-graduate Education programs at the University of Adelaide and assisted in the Masters program on thesis design and presentation. On two occasions – 1999 and 2001, Paul presented papers at the American Education Research Association - the largest academic symposium of its kind in the world.

In addition to academic life, Paul has worked for the South Australian Government, Chairing a Ministerial Advisory Committee for six years working with four Ministers of Education and reporting to Cabinet.

Paul attributes any of the success he has had in life to his family and his school. St Michael's is regarded as the nativity of Paul's life – a place where he learned to value scholarship, a place where he met his life long friends, a place that cultivated his values and faith.



Adam Hornhardt ~ Class of 2000

Adam studied Stage 2 Drama at St Michael's in 2000 where he worked as Stage Manager for the performance of Hannie Rayson's "Hotel Sorrento". Since graduating from the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in 2003 with a degree in Technical Production, Adam has worked in various production positions on festivals including Sydney Festival, Melbourne Festival and the Adelaide Festival to name a few. He has stage managed for many companies including Sydney Theatre Company, State Theatre Company of SA, Great Big Events, Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Come Out and the Adelaide Festival of Ideas. Adam worked on WOMADelaide music festival as site manager both locally and in the UK.

Adam currently works as Special Events Production Manager with the Adelaide Festival, overseeing large-scale outdoor events including "Lola's Pergola", the new Festival Club, the Elder Park opening night concert, Writers Week and a series of theatre and music shows in the Queens Theatre. It is exciting to consider that as we begin to enjoy these Adelaide Festival events this weekend that an old scholar has been instrumental in their success.

Jessica Ierace ~ Class of 2005

I began Year 11 at St Michael's College in 2003 after leaving Siena College. I had always wanted to finish my schooling at St. Michael's, as my older brother went there and it seemed like a really good school. I also didn't like being at an 'all girls' school and wanted to be able to socialise with boys again! After much resistance from my father, I enrolled and was accepted. I thoroughly enjoyed my two years at St Michael's and am so grateful for the amazing and diverse teachers I had during those couple of years.



After graduating in 2005, I went on to study a Bachelor of Laboratory Sciences at the University of South Australia. At the end of the first year of my studies, I decided that I didn't want to be a Medical Scientist, but I was more interested in food and nutrition. I then transferred to a Bachelor of Nutrition and Food Sciences which I completed in 2009. Finding a job as a Food Scientist after university proved to be quite difficult, so I took a full time job at the Red Cross Blood Service as a Technical Officer. I spent a few months learning how to process blood donations into different components, ready for transfer into patients. Just as I was settling in, I was offered a job at San Remo Macaroni Company as a Food Technologist. I was dying to break into the food industry and this was my chance so I left Red Cross and worked at San Remo doing quality control and research and development for the next year. During that time I decided that I wanted to do some further study and began a Graduate Diploma in Environmental Health Practice at Flinders University. After the first semester of my studies I realised that I wanted to be on the other side of the fence, and become an Environmental Health Officer or auditor. Luckily enough, my position at the Red Cross became available again so I applied for the position as it offered more flexible work hours. I was successful in getting my job as a Technical Officer back and picked up where I left off.

In 2012 I was nearing the end of my Graduate Diploma and started to think about applying for jobs in Environmental Health. At the time, there weren't any jobs in that field available in Adelaide, so I began looking interstate. Whilst I was job hunting, I found out that our department at the Blood Service was being made redundant as all processing was moving to the Melbourne site. I had the option of re-applying for my position in Melbourne or accept redundancy and look for another job. I was then offered two jobs that I had applied for, one was with the Broken Hill City Council in the Far West of New South Wales and the other was with the Shire of Kalamunda in Western Australia. Decisions, decisions!

I decided to move to Broken Hill as it was only around 6 hours away from Adelaide, which meant that I could go home and visit family and friends regularly. In August 2012, I packed up my belongings and drove to the 'Biggest Outback City' which would be my new home. On the drive, I realised I was heading towards the heart of Australia; red dirt, salt bush, emus, kangaroos and no water!



I have lived in Broken Hill for just over two years now and decided to give up my job as an Environmental Health Officer at the local council and try something that was out of my comfort zone. I am now employed at Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation as a Health Information Officer. I have spent the last 12 months learning how an Aboriginal Health Service functions and have nearly finished writing the longest document of my life on child health which is soon to be published.

Broken Hill is such a diverse place, with a mine located in the heart of the town and sometimes an emu walking down the main street. I am enjoying my time here, but hope to return to Adelaide in the next couple of years. I hope that one day I will have children and can send them to St Michael's College so that they can experience all of the great things that the school has to offer.

Kevin Johnson ~ Class of 1954

Today we were privileged to receive an email which contained a wonderful letter from the sister of one of our original students and from a family with a long and continuing association with the College.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Loyola Franson (Nee Johnson). I recently read The Star and noted that you were requesting news of the first intake of 29 boys in 1954.

My brother was Kevin Johnson who sadly passed away from cancer on March 30, 2009 at age 66. Kevin was one of the original 29 students at St Michael's when it opened at Beverley and he had fond memories of those early days at the college.

When he left school he worked in the Post Office. He married and had two sons Stephen and Shane and at the time of his death he had two grandchildren.

I have particularly enjoyed reading the history in The Star lately and have felt very nostalgic, as they were happy and exciting years for Kevin and I as we lived around the corner from St Michael's at Beverley. We watched every brick being built and my father (Ambrose Johnson "Mick") become quite involved, driving the Brothers to camps in Sydney and running bingo nights to raise money for the Parents and Friends.

Kevin was a very good tennis player and became the Junior Catholic Champion. I believe there is a trophy somewhere in the museum. I recall all those boys in the first few years, as many of them were regular visitors to our house.

My involvement with St Michael's has continued as all of our children attended the College.

John Franson commenced Year 4 in 1970. He was a Prefect in Year 12, however he left to pursue a career in 1982 and is now a successful State Manager for a pharmaceutical company.

Chris and Tony Franson also began Year 4 starting school in 1971. They both left school in 1983 and were successful in attaining apprenticeships. Chris currently works for Solver Paints and Tony with Telstra.

Jane Victory (Nee Franson) came to St Michael's from Siena College as happened in those days and graduated in 1980. Jane is now the Bursar at St Margaret Mary's School at Croydon.

My family has had a strong connection with the College over what is now 60 years. While my brother was one of the first St Michael's students in 1954, my grandson, Mitchell, was one of the first Reception students at St Michael's in 2002 and will graduate this year along with his cousin Tessa Franson.

Six of our eight grandchildren have attended, or are still attending St Michael's College. My granddaughter Kate Franson was a part of the last group of Year 11 girls in 2010. She graduated in 2011 and has completed a traineeship with the Australian Taxation Office.

Gemma and Sarah Victory daughters of Jane Victory (Nee Franson) are currently in Year 10 and Elise Franson is currently in Year 9.

In the College's 60th year I have worked out that members of our family have spent an accumulated total of about 60 years at the school. Some are still to finish school and who knows what the future holds.

Phillip Kavanagh ~ Class of 2005

The Drama Department and the St Michael's College Community congratulate old scholar **Phillip Kavanagh** (Class of 2005) who has been shortlisted for the Jill Blewett's Playwright Award as part of The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature.



The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature are highly regarded by writers and publishers around the country, consequently attracting quality nominations in all categories. The Jill Blewett prize, named in honour the late Ms Blewett's contribution to theatre, will be increased in 2014 from \$10,000 to \$12,500.

This award supports the commissioning and development of a new play by a South Australian writer, with the assistance of the State Theatre Company of South Australia. Winners will be announced Saturday 1 March 2014 in a presentation at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden during Adelaide Writers' Week, held as part of the Adelaide Festival.

The St Michael's community wishes Phillip well in the announcement of the award recipients.

For more information about The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature and those shortlisted, please go to;
<http://arts.sa.gov.au/news/2014-adelaide-festival-awards-for-literature-shortlist-announced/>

As a follow up to our article in The Star, Week 2, Phillip Kavanagh won the Jill Blewett's Playwright Award as part of the Awards for Literature. Phillip was one of three playwrights nominated for this award and was chosen for his play script Replay. The Award was presented at the Adelaide Festival Writer's Week at the beginning of March.

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The St Michael's College community congratulates Phillip on his fine achievement and look forward to seeing his new work staged with the State Theatre Company in 2015.

Robert Kennedy ~ Class of 1959

*AASAIT, Grad Dip (Systems Analysis), FCA, ACIS, Life Member AIM,
FAICD*



Robert is a Chartered Accountant and a consultant to Kennedy & Co, Chartered Accountants, a firm he founded in 1995. **Kennedy & Co** offers a wide range of services with particular expertise in Forensic Accounting, Insolvency and Management Consulting.

Robert stepped down from the firm in 2004 to become a Consultant which allowed him to pursue his career as a Company Director and Chairman of a number of listed public companies.

Robert has been a Director of Flinders Mines Limited since 14 December 2001. He is the Independent Non-Executive Chairman of Ramelius Resources Limited (Director since 1995, Chairman since 2004), Non-Executive Chairman of Maximus Resources Limited (since 2004), Monax Mining Limited (since 2004), Marmota Energy Limited (since 2007), Tychean Resources Limited (since 2006) and Tellus Resources Limited (since 2013). Robert vacated office as Chairman of Beach Energy Ltd where as Chairman for 17 years and a non-executive director for almost 21 years, he led the company from near insolvency to a market cap of around \$1.8bn in 2012.

Robert was awarded Entrepreneur of the Year in the Ernst & Young Central Region awards in the listed category in 2011.

In 2012, Robert formed the Kennedy Arts Foundation which was entered on the Register of Cultural Organisations in late 2013. The Kennedy Arts Foundation aspires to be the leading arts foundation in South Australia promoting the recognition of the arts and artists for the benefit of the arts, artists and the South Australian Community.

The vision of the Kennedy Arts Foundation is to be recognised in South Australia, in particular, and in Australia as a foundation that encourages and directs participating artists to help them meet their full potential, to integrate their art as part of the South Australian community and achieve international recognition and support for their work.

The Kennedy Prize is the initial offering from the Foundation and through it we hope to inspire visual artists to create works of excellence, cultural relevance, commercial value and beauty, as well as to support them in establishing their careers. Its mission is to facilitate this by fostering relationships with the public sector, sponsors and galleries to create, host and tour this event with the defining purpose of awarding the prize.

Beyond the prize, the Foundation aims to create further projects for the support and development of artists and the arts and whilst the initial focus will be on the Kennedy Prize, as the Foundation grows it will branch further into supporting visual art as well as other areas of the arts.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS



Daniel Lees ~ Class of 2001

St Michael's has and always will be a very special place for me. It's the community I have to thank for endless opportunity.

As a student I began to learn what it meant to be a Lasallian, a journey that continues to evolve today. Being a part of such an amazing community is something I will cherish forever. Friendships that began in Year 7 at Beverly have progressed from the oval battles playing "marks up" at lunch time to holding wedding rings on your best friend's special day!

The old saying that "one day you will really miss school" started for me the day after my last exam in 2001, and continues today. Lucky for me that wasn't the end of my time at St Mick's.

In 2002 I received a phone call from one of the most compassionate and respected men I have ever come across ... Br John Pill. When he explained to me that the College needed to deliver a co-curricular program in a different format, one that included voluntary staff involvement, I must admit there was a level of uncertainty. I knew how much work the St Michael's staff committed to making co-curricular activities such a success and knowing that we would lose the majority of that staff involvement when it went voluntary, was scary. But, as usual, many stepped up and went out of their way to help me, and ultimately the students, who loved to wear the maroon gold and blue after school hours.

Staff do that extra work to be the best they can, and when they do this in all aspects of College life, not just in Co-Curricular, they are the reason students achieve life time dreams. They certainly were for me!

Sixteen years as a student and then a member of staff went by very quickly. During that time I also completed my Certificate 4 in Building and Construction at the Master Builders Association and now work as a Project Manager for Sagle Constructions. This new position was certainly different to my role as Co-curricular Coordinator, but I am enjoying the new challenges.

When reflecting on my time at St Michael's and what it is to be "Lasallian", I think, in a simplistic way, that it has a lot to do with the way you treat people, it's going out of your way to ask someone how they are doing, or when asked yourself, responding with something positive and contagious. Bringing joy into someone else's life is something special. This is the statement I was able to share with all the brilliant staff at St Michael's at my last official SMC function and a statement I live by today.

So ... now, having reached the age of 30 years, I am working hard in a profession that I absolutely love and I am also very excited to be marrying my beautiful fiancé, Kate Sewell (Class of 2004) next year. Kate is the daughter of Jeanette Sewell; the legendary teacher at the Primary Campus at Beverley who will be retiring this year. Along with my mum, "Jano" (as I affectionately call my soon to be mother-in-law) is now the fulltime wedding consultant.

St Michael's is everything Kate and I would want our children to experience and I hope that one day, whatever they are interested in, we can proudly walk them through the same hallways we did.

A big hello to everyone. Go the Maroon, Gold and Blue!



Anthony Louzikiotis, Michael Caroscio & Anthony Roccisano ~ Class of 2010



Michael Caroscio, Anthony Louzikiotis and Anthony Roccisano (pictured L – R) began together at St Michael's in 2006 in Year 8. They completed their schooling together and went on to study Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide with their final year being completed this year in 2014.

Looking back at the years spent at St Michael's, all three agree that the College prepares students well for university studies. The boys have a vision to assist in bridging the gap between high school and university life in order to make the transition smoother and more enjoyable for students. They hope to do this by working closely with the school and students at college events, class talks and providing advice to students from past experience.

They are also keen to show students, particularly those with an interest in Engineering, what career paths they can follow in engineering disciplines.

Anthony, Michael and Anthony are working together on their University Honours project called "Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) Wake Interaction". Their project is aiming to improve wind turbine/wind farm efficiencies by building knowledge about wind turbine wake and the wake interaction between wind turbines.

In addition, the old scholars will be in attendance at the upcoming Careers Night (Monday 4 August) to talk to students and parents about subject selections and possible future career paths.

For further information about the project or University of Adelaide Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering degrees contact Anthony Louzikiotis – Project Manager HAWT Wake Interaction on anthony.louzikiotis@student.adelaide.edu.au.

Tkay (Takudzwa) Maidza ~ Class of 2012

Armed with just a pair of towering platform boots, an ability to write contagious club anthems to suit her lightning-face emcee flow, and an undeniably soulful voice, Tkay Maidza has become one of the most buzzed about young artists in Australia in 2014.



At only eighteen years old, Tkay was not too long ago playfully rapping along with Youtube videos after attending classes at University and couldn't imagine the effect of uploading her first startling single "Handle My Ego" off-handedly to Triple J unearthed. Within hours, the track – a mix of tongue-in-cheek verses, delivered with quick-fire-feeling across a backing of thundering dubstep – was shared thousands of times ... not bad for someone who had been rapping for eighteen months and singing for less than!

In the year that has followed, Tkay toured the country and played sell-out club shows. Seemingly unfazed by the fuss, Tkay is focused on crafting and refining her unique music and determined to carve her own path.

Like many young musicians, Tkay's first forays into music were playful – jamming with friends, stealing time in her dad's studio, recording sketches of songs in her iPhone and scouring the Internet for new tracks. Born in Zimbabwe and now living in Adelaide, she credits her musical family for influencing her to take her song-writing talent seriously, inheriting her drummer and guitarist father's rhythm. With her mother's encouragement Tkay has hit 'pause' on her studies to focus on her live shows, touring and honing her astoundingly self-taught skills.

Influenced as much by sing-along-radio-soul and underground electronic music, Tkay credits a wide array of artists that have helped shape her style, from glitch-hop to pop and back again. With an ear for both soaring melodies and dark bass thumps, her remarkable trap flow sits comfortably across breakneck tempos, shifting drum patterns, chrome-plated synths and bursts of low end - and with a vocal range as impressive as it is angelic – Tkay provides a perfect foil for the dark, futuristic R&B production.

After the success of her first single 'Handle My Ego' with the churning dubstep producer Badcop, Tkay was asked to jump on a collaborative single 'Arm Up' with Mad Decent's only Australian producers Swick and Lewis Cancut and her deft-tongue tirade shines against the heaving siren samples and drum loops. Back with Badcop for her next single, 'Brontosaurus' the Jurassic-sized dancehall jam saw Tkay craft more of her no-signature contagious choruses.

Her latest track 'U-Huh' with her tour DJ Elk shows an incredibly fierce and fearless young woman, her lightning-fast flow and clever wordplay sparks with an insatiable hook that urges you to dance.

One thing's for sure with TKay Maidza, whether it's hearing her spitting spirited and self-assured bars over a chaotic dance-floor enticing track, or singing to Dew Process and a breakout set at Splendour in the Grass, a showcase at Brisbane's Big Sound, Queenscliff Music Festival and a spot on the Listen Out line-up, as well as acclaimed club tour with Nuna Las Vegas – this is looking set to be just the beginning.

Anthony Marafioti – Class of 1993

I started at St Michael's College as a Year 6 student in 1987 and completed Year 12 in 1993. I have nothing but great memories during my 7 years at the College, developing great relationships with teachers and lifelong friends whilst successfully completing my studies.

Music and Australian Rules Football have always been my big two passions. However music wasn't a major part of the school curriculum back then, but I was proud to represent the College football team at 1st XVIII level in 1993.

Following Year 12, I went on to study Sales & Marketing, and at the same time pursued my love for music by forming a band (my role being lead vocalist and keyboardist). What started out as just a bit of fun, quickly escalated into more of a profession, as shows went from being once a month to 4-5 times per week, and by 1998, KEEP THE CHANGE, were well entrenched into the Adelaide cover band scene performing major events and every high profile club and pub in the State. From 2000-2007 we extensively toured to every corner of the country, throughout every state on mainland Australia. Our main stays where we had residency shows for months at a time were Darwin (N.T.), Broome (W.A.) and Cairns (Qld.), entertaining the many tourists from all over the world in peak seasons.

I married in 2005 to Raquel and in 2007 we had our first child Anthony Jnr. I wound down the band's touring from that point, and focused on the corporate and wedding entertainment market, where KEEP THE CHANGE have won 7 National Accredited Awards in the Australian Bridal Industry Academy.

I have also since branched off to more than just my band, creating KTC Entertainment for a wider variety of entertainment options including Tribute Acts, Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Photo Booths, and Audio Visual Production/Equipment Hire.

As well as being brought up by my wonderful parents, there is no doubt in my mind that St Michael's helped shaped me as a person and prepared me for the real world in both life and business. I'm proud to have my son Anthony Jnr (Year 2) at the College and look forward to my 2 year old daughter, Allyssa, hopefully joining the ranks when she's ready for high school. I'm confident they will both get as much out of the culture and experiences of the College as I did.



David Martin ~ College Captain, Class of 1975

"My time at St Michael's was very special to me, and absolutely formative for me. I could not have asked for a better learning and pastoral environment".



David Martin is Managing Partner of Finlaysons, one of Adelaide's largest and best known law firms, which traces its history back over 160 years. He is regarded as a leading lawyer in his field of property law both in South Australia and nationally, and is a prominent member of the SA property development community, being a long time Board member, a 'Fellow' and Life member and a former President of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (SA Division).

David began at St Michael's as a Year 4 student in 1967. After graduating from St Michael's at the end of 1975, David studied Law at the Adelaide University.

He began his career as an articled clerk (an apprentice lawyer if you like!) in 1980 (coincidentally, the year he married Loretta Mancini – also Class of 75). Here he learnt the workings of a law office and how to structure his time in 6 minute units!

He became a partner of the firm Lynch Meyer in 1983 and subsequently went on to become Managing Partner and Chairman of partners of that firm. David worked primarily as a commercial lawyer and predominantly working for clients in the property industry. He loved the challenging work of this industry and was involved in the legal work for some of the most significant developments in SA such as West Lakes, Golden Grove and Mawson Lakes to name a few, as well as many very prominent projects in NSW, Qld, NT and Victoria.

After 25 years with Lynch & Meyer, he moved to Finlaysons in 2006. He has been Chairman of Partners and Chairman of the Board of Finlaysons and is currently Managing Partner.

Throughout his professional career to the present, David has found time to be involved in a range of community organisations. He has served on many boards and committees including the Henley Parish (Pastoral Council as well as several other groups), the school boards of Star of the Sea, Dominican School and St Michael's College; the Boards of numerous sporting organisations, Vikings Water Polo Club (Life Member), SA Water Polo Inc (Life Member), Henley Water Polo club (Life Member) and Cycling Australia. He is still currently on the Board of Water Polo Australia Limited. He is currently the Deputy Chairman of the Board of prominent SA aged care provider Southern Cross Care (SA & NT) Inc.

David has always been very proud of his upbringing and his long term connections to St Michael's. He's kept close ties with the College, especially during the 90's & 00's when all 4 of his children attended: Chris (2000), Tim (2002), Anthony (2004), Jessica (2007). Even though it is 40 years since he graduated from St Michael's, some of his long term SMC classmates remain his closest friends to this day.

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WE REMEMBER ... THE MARTIN FAMILY

In the week that we celebrate De La Salle Day, we digress from our historical stories of St Michael's just a little, to reflect on the importance of De La Salle Day and the sense of community that this day engenders. Our Lasallian heritage follows the spirit of Faith, Service and Community. The community spirit of De La Salle has been alive at St Michael's College from its inception and is the reason the College has developed into the successful College that it is. The community spirit of those original families and those that followed are the reason those associated with the College benefit from what it is today. There were many families involved from those early days. Many interesting stories can be told of those early days and but one example is that of the Martin family.



In 1954, the Hindmarsh Parish Priest, Fr Cuthbert Hoy, who (so legend has it) was a master at roping people into jobs for the parish, prevailed on a local young parishioner (Brian Martin) to attend at the opening day of the new St Michael's College at Beverley to collect donations toward the school building fund from attendees at the opening. Little did Brian know that this was the start of an association with the College that would last to this day.

Brian and his wife Margaret (pictured below) both served on various Boards and Committees during the 1970's to 1990's. Brian chaired the Campus Consolidation Committee which investigated the move of the Year 8 students to the Henley Campus and the subsequent building process as well as chairing the College Appeal to raise much needed funds for this urgent capital works. Also during this time, 4 of their 5 children were enrolled at St Michael's.

Lynn, the eldest son, commenced in Year 4 at Beverley and graduated in 1973. He served as College Vice Captain in his final year. Lynn returned in 1977 to teach at the College until 1984. Lynn's 4 sons, Daniel, Matthew, Nicholas and Patrick also attended St Michael's College.

David Martin, son No. 2, was also enrolled at Beverley in Year 4 and graduated in 1975 being awarded the prestigious Athlete of the Year Award and having completed a successful year as College Captain. David married fellow old scholar Loretta Mancini (a Prefect in 1975) and in years to come, a teacher at the Primary Campus (1999 to 2011). Loretta and David's 4 children, Christopher, Timothy, Anthony and Jessica all graduated from the College. David served on the College Board from 1994 to 2007 and you can read further about his career this week in "Where are they now".

Although Nareeda, the third child and first daughter did not attend St Michael's, her daughter Meg Martin-Dashwood did and graduated in 2013.

Marianne began at St Michael's in Year 12 in 1981 and was elected College Vice Captain. She married Paul Zanelli (Class of 1981) and 2 of their 3 children, Samuel and Louis, attended St Michael's. Sam graduated in 2010 and Louis is currently in Year 10. Marianne served the College for many years as a Parent Representative and offered her expertise on the feasibility study and Jubilee Committee.

Carolyn, the youngest of the Martin children began at St Michael's in Year 11 and graduated in 1988. She married Phil Dawkins (Class of 1988) and their three children, Joshua, Harrison and Tayla, have either commenced their schooling at St Michael's or are due to start in the coming years.

Little did Brian know back in 1954 that assisting at the opening day of the Beverley Campus would prove to be the start of a deep and wide connection with the College that his direct family (all pictured above) would have that persists to this day, and which "so far" has produced:

- 17 children and grandchildren as St Michael's scholars;
- A further 2 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren who are enrolled at SMC in the future (the youngest great grandchild enrolled for 2026!);
- 4 marriages to fellow St Michael's College scholars;
- 1 College Captain;
- 5 College Vice Captains;
- 5 Prefects/College Leaders;
- 5 Athletes of the Year;
- 1 Principal's Award;
- 1 Service to the College Award.

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In addition to Brian and Margaret Martin's direct family connection, there are even deeper and wider related family connections to the College involving the following Gutte, Martin (John & Betty), O'Donnell, Auld, Mancini, Ullianich, Zanelli and Carlin families.

The College is eternally grateful to the Martin family, and the many others who have forged and contributed to the history of St Michaels College.



Robert (Bob) McLean ~ Class of 1963



A message from Big Robert (Bob) McLean

The time seems right to release a statement to confirm that these rumours of my death are true. That dyin' business was killin me anyway.

Wilma, Adam and Sarah were with me through the last slide, which in the end was a bigger deal for them than it was for me, the wonders of modern medicine being what they are.

Thanks to all the crew at the Angaston Hospital. You were great. The vet told me this was happening months ago when my liver wore out, so we've all had plenty of time to get used to it.

It was a good 67 years. A long ride from Clare, through Peterborough and Hamley Bridge. School at Marist Brothers (and St Michael's College 1962 & 1963). Became an electrician. A bouncer at the Old Lion. The Redlegs Club.

It was pure luck that I met Syd Gramp and Tom Morrison who liked the cut of my cloth, and gave me a job at Orlando. Started at the bottom of the pile. I was the assistant to the assistant to the assistant. And on it went.

All those years at Orlando. Petaluma. St Hallett. Banksia. Building brand Barossa. And now the top of the story at the top of the hill.

People always said I was a PR person. I'm more of a communicator than anything. When I was running hot in the '70s people wanted to know why I didn't open my own PR thing or go into marketing. They said I'd kill it. But I'm not a marketer. I make things work but that's not marketing, it's problem solving, it's communicating. I get everybody talking. I can get enemies to talk. I can set things up: I'm not a bad adjudicator. I'm a good chair because I listen. My version of chair is that you shut up and listen and make sure everyone gets a say, everyone gets a fair go.

I've been lucky. I've always set the rules even within corporations. I've always been able to back my decisions. One of my sayings is don't rip anyone off. I've never done a deal yet that does anyone over, ever. It's equal equal, win win.

I was never really a star at anything, but I participated in everything. That's the secret. You don't have to be a star. Just participate. My advice to everyone that will listen is to participate, learn teamwork and your natural leadership qualities will come out of that. You know the ones that you're good at, and the ones you're not good at.

With Wilma and the kids I've spent the last years of my life building our Barr Eden vineyard into an absolutely unique winemakers' vineyard. Wilma selected the territory, Wilma bought this, I simply paid for it. Wilma is the total influence.

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I want this vineyard on the mountain viewed forever as a winemaker's vineyard. I planted it as bush vines so you can't get a mechanical harvester into it. You can't mechanically prune it. There's no water. It's all dry grown, got its own roots, all in the old original style. It's all rocks. We get the best grapes up here in the cross flow winds. Barr Eden's designed for the winemakers to come here – to look for quality – to perve on the quality and then fight for it.

Now I've cast off in Bessy the boat with a Barr Eden Shiraz Mataro Grenache to marvel about how quick it all was.

Tongue in cheek I even stopped being a winemaker, because I never was. I mean, I'm a dreamer, a story teller. I think about things, create and get it done.

There I go again, lapsing into the present tense. I sorta like that. I'll leave the future with you.

Cheers, Bob.

Bob McLean passed away 9 April, 2015

This text is excerpted (by Philip White) from Bob's last interview, which Milton Wordley recorded the week before he died. Photo by Milton Wordley.



Catherine Miller (nee Cornish)

~ Class of 1977

Since Matriculating in 1977, Cathy Miller's most public achievement must be the 2003 Telstra South Australian Business Women of the Year and 2003 Telstra Commonwealth Government Corporate and Private Sector Awards.

Cathy's resume is impressive. She has achieved so much; completing a Bachelor of Business (Personal & Industrial Relations) at the University of South Australia in 1980, followed by a Masters of Business Administration from Elton Mayo School of Management, a Bachelor of Health Service Administration in 1992 and graduating from an Australian Institute of Company Directors course in 2011.



Cathy's professional appointments have been primarily in the health care industry:

- Human Resource Manager, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital;
- Executive Director, Adelaide Children's Hospital, Division of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services;
- Senior Lecturer Coordinator Health Service Management Program, University of South Australia;
- Part Time Lecturer/Tutor, University of SA Graduation School of Management, Elton Mayo School of Management;
- Chief Executive Officer of the Central Districts Private Hospital, Harwin Private Hospital, Wakefield Hospital, College Grove Private Hospital, North Eastern Community Hospital, Ramsey Health Care and the Benchmark Mutual Hospital Group;
- General Manager, Lyell McEwin Hospital (Central Northern Adelaide Health Service);
- Chief Executive Officer, Southern Adelaide Health Service, and,
- Chief Executive Officer, Minda Incorporated, 2010 to the present time.

Giving back to the community through membership of various Boards, has also been a highlight for Cathy:

- Port Adelaide Football Club / Port Adelaide Power Football Club (Gala Ball Committee);
- Hospital Medical Management Service (Director / Owner);
- Med Set Go (Director / Owner);
- Pulteney Grammar Board of Directors (Director and Chair of various committees);
- Southern Adelaide Health Service (Director and Chair of Audit & Risk Committee);
- Northern Metropolitan Community Health Service (Director)
- Eastern Community Health Service (Director/Chairman);
- Australian Institute of Company Directors (Graduate AICD);
- Stirling Hospital (Director, Member of Finance Committee);
- Business SA (Director).

Cathy has a genuine passion to provide excellence in the delivery of quality human services and has excellent interpersonal, negotiation, networking and advocacy skills. Cathy's proven ability to apply a strong business acumen to translate strategic objectives into pragmatic and operable strategies and her level of political savvy and understanding of contemporary organization issues is acknowledged.

On top of all these achievements, Cathy has managed to raise two sons and enjoy, when she gets some leisure time, being involved in netball, yoga and the chosen sports of her two boys.

Anthony Murdaca ~ Class of 2013



Should St Michael's College become an elite Golf School? Why not, when old scholars like Anthony Murdaca (Class of 2013) win their way into the 2015 US Masters at Augusta National by winning the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship.

South Australian amateur golfer Anthony, member of the Grange Golf Club, carded a final round 71 to finish with a 13 under tournament total of 275 to win the Asia Pacific Amateur Championship at Royal Melbourne last weekend by seven shots. His first three rounds were 69, 68 and 67 and he had an 8 shot buffer going into Sunday's final round.

It was the biggest winning margin in the six-year history of the tournament which brings together the leading amateurs in the region.

As the championship winner, Anthony gains automatic entry into the 2015 Masters Tournament and final qualifying for the Open Championship at St Andrews.

Murdaca said he did not start to think about Augusta until he hit his second shot on the 18th. "I started to get goosebumps then," he said. "But until then I just stayed in the moment and concentrated on hitting good shots."

His coach of five years, Gareth Jones, caddied for him this week and played a key part in the win. "He keeps me relaxed. If I hit a bad shot we do not talk about it," Murdaca said. He is almost certain to take Jones with him as his caddie at Augusta.

Shortly after Murdaca lifted the trophy, Augusta Chairman, Billy Payne, congratulated him and invited him to practise at the famous Augusta course in January.

"This is a childhood dream come true for me," Murdaca said. Anthony's dad, Dominic, first put a golf club, albeit plastic, in his hand when he was no more than two years of age.

Anthony said, "I have always wanted to play at Augusta as an amateur. I have been working really hard for a win this year and I have certainly won the right one," the dual Australian junior champion added.

We congratulate Anthony on this magnificent achievement and look forward to witnessing his future successes.

Ross Napoli ~ Class of 1995



I attended St Michael's College from 1990-1995 and was extremely fortunate during my time at the College to have many caring, dedicated and supportive teachers who were instrumental in shaping both my career and values in life. I had keen sporting interests and played soccer all my life at various levels including representing the College in the 1st XI.

After my senior year and whilst at University, I continued to work for several years at the College as a first aid officer for the 1st XVIII and went on to complete my Bachelor of Dental Surgery at Adelaide University in 2000. I worked both in metropolitan South Australia and the Riverland before joining Parkside Dental Clinic as a partner in 2003 with a special interest in CAD CAM ceramics.

I have also been committed to various community health projects, most notably with orphanages caring for HIV infected children in Thailand with the Born to Live Charity. Since 2006 I have provided emergency dental care, education, and coordination of ongoing treatment for the children. I currently have plans to join a similar project in Central America in the coming years to continue my medical aid efforts.

Although I run a busy modern dental surgery in a developed nation we often forget how fortunate we really are even in the worst of times. It has been a grounding experience and immensely rewarding to be able to use my vocational talents to aid the underprivileged in difficult circumstances. My continued sporting interests have also taught me the importance of great teamwork and leadership in aiding to achieve your goals and forge successful friendships in the process.

Dr Ross Napoli



John Oswald ~ Class of 1961

Some memories of my first year of St Michael's College Beverley.

My family moved to Adelaide in the early 50's; Dad was a school teacher at small schools in the mid-north. The first five years of my life was at Booboorowie, in the lower Flinders Ranges where my father taught all students; there were I think less than 12, in all grades, and that included my two elder sisters (and me, who up to that stage would have been lucky to get into a kindergarten, if such existed in those days).



I went to St Joseph's Primary school in Hindmarsh, and Mum and Dad brought a house in Frederick Street, Welland. I worked after school and during school holidays with my Uncle Leo, who was a baker. In those days he baked his own bread, and delivered it by horse-drawn cart; then, as his delivery round expanded, he needed to motorise his deliveries, and brought a three wheeled motor bike with a bin in the front. He was based at Flinders Park, where many Italian migrants settling around there becoming customers. He soon specialised in what was known then as Dago bread. I used to get two shillings from Uncle Leo for every new customer I brought in. I learnt enough Italian to get a foot-hold into the doors of all prospective customers in the Underdale area. However, with existing deliveries into North Adelaide, eventually a Commer was purchased. I can remember huddling against the warm motor, (which was in the cabin in lieu of a passenger seat) in the winter.

With the deliveries to North Adelaide, we watched as Blackfriars was opened in 1953. I think my parents briefly entertained the idea that I would go there next year when I went into grade 5. But at that stage the Hindmarsh Catholic Parish decided that it needed a boy's school in its area; The De La Salle Brothers were invited to set up a school in Beverley, only a few streets away from our new home.

Thus in early February 1954, 29 of us turned up on that first day at this new school, St Michael's College, East Avenue, Beverley. It certainly sounded a lot grander than St Joseph's Convent, Hindmarsh. All was new. It was a boy's school. There were three teachers – Brother Victor, the Headmaster, Brother George and Brother Ephraim.

At St Joseph's we had about 80 students to a teacher. This new teacher student ratio meant an entirely new way of learning. Everything was fairly intense, but we were all in the same boat. We were all very close.

We were all from working class origins. I think the fees were 6 pounds a term, perhaps not in the first year, but sometime in those first years. This was up on the two shillings a week that we paid at the convent. Several of us had come from St Joseph's Hindmarsh, but there were others from other parish schools in other directions. Quite a few were children of post war immigrants. Amongst my best friends were Peter Mayberry who was still being treated for Potts disease of the spine (Tuberculosis) and David Lovell who was recovering from poliomyelitis. Chris Wojciak (I think that is how it was spelt) was one of several who came from the Baltic countries, and who had survived an awful post war refugee process.

I was always enthusiastic to go to school, even when we got thrashed at football (Australian Rules of course in those days) by Allenby Gardens Primary School. I think it took three years before we won our first game of football against our local nemesis. I think I played in the first eighteen for most of my school career as we only ever had 17 other players.

I was even worse at cricket than I was at footie, and can remember playing Blackfriars in the North Adelaide Parkland. I remember Brendan Roberts scored 20, but most of the rest of us were lucky not to score a duck. I wasn't invited to play cricket for St Michael's again, as it was relatively easier to get at team of 11 together than a team of 18.

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Later in the year, as numbers in the school rose, some classes were held in the back part of the chapel, with the concertina doors drawn across to separate the church area from our study area. Immediately behind was a science laboratory, which was only one bench wide, but was our first inkling of the role of practical application of our studies.

Out on the oval, which in that first year was only on the southern part of today's fields, were thousands, if not millions of 'marshmallows', a significant weed, growing. Always as part of a detention process, or not, we had to go and pull out thirty marshmallows. You will not see too many growing on those fields now.

We grew very close to our teachers who lived a very spartan life. We were amazed to see Brother Victor, who in our eyes was absolutely ancient, getting about on a bicycle, but generally they seemed to walk everywhere. Brother George principally taught grades 6 and 7, and was to go on to be Headmaster when Brother Victor left after three years. Brother Ephraim was our teacher and I think he also left after the third year. He was probably only in his early twenties, but he was a great teacher; he taught us French later, as I recall. I wished I had tried harder, but all this was very new to us, and I never knew anyone in those early years who spoke French outside school. In retrospect, I would have been much better off with Italian. "Quanto pane oggi".

That first year, there were two students in Grade 4. Grade 5 and Grade 6 probably had about 15 each by the end of the year; there were only a handful of students in Grade 7, and two in 1st year (High). A total of about 40 by the end of the year. One could only dream of what it might grow to back in those days.

Doctor John Oswald, was College Captain and Dux of St Michael's College in 1961. In January 2011 he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day Awards for services not only to medicine as an anaesthetist, but also for his community service work with the Twinning Program in Tonga, the Interplast programs in South East Asia and the Rotary Club of Ballarat West.

Dr Oswald helped set up the Twinning Program, which involved an exchange program of both staff and equipment between St John of God Hospital and Vaiola Hospital in Tonga. He also volunteered in the Interplast program for many years, which provided plastic surgery to underprivileged people in South East Asia.

Over his distinguished medical career, Dr Oswald has spent 35 years working for Ballarat Health Services, with seven years as Director of the anaesthesia department, as well as several years as Director of Intensive Care at St John of God Hospital.

Peter Oswald (Class of 1961)



Peter attended St Michael's from 1961 to 1968 following in the footsteps of his older brother John, who attended from 1954 to 1961. After Matriculating, Peter spent three years with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart interstate before returning to Adelaide to finish his education at the University of Adelaide and embarking on a teaching career, firstly with the SA Education Department and then subsequently with Catholic Education. Peter graduated with a BA in 1974 majoring in History and Economics and a Dip Ed in 1975. In 1976 he was appointed to Underdale High School where he taught History and Economics until 1982.

In September 1982, Peter successfully applied for the position of Student Counsellor at Sacred Heart College where he stayed until 1995. During this period he spent a year (1991) at Mt Carmel College on exchange and then, in 1994 he came to St Michael's also for a year. Peter's year at St Michael's was so enjoyable and energizing that, when he had the opportunity to return on a permanent basis, he jumped at it. In the ensuing nine years he worked as Student Counsellor, Careers

Advisor and VET Coordinator as well as teaching Religious Education. From a professional point of view, Peter regards this period as the most fulfilling and rewarding of his career. However, when, in 2005, the opportunity came to go to Rostrevor College, he made the difficult decision to leave St Michael's and to take up a position to which he had long aspired, Director of Boarding. The last nine years have also been very rewarding while, at the same time being very challenging. One of the highlights of this position has been the setting up of the Rostrevor Indigenous Sporting Academy that has seen the number of Aboriginal students attending the College and completing their Matriculation year increase enormously. Peter has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with Aboriginal lads and regards it as a privilege to be involved in supporting them as they pursue their educational, social and sporting ambitions. He has also enjoyed caring for boys from a range of different places around Australia and overseas. Working in boarding adds a deeper dimension to that relationship which already exists between educator and student because one is involved closely in the ups and downs of the lives of the boys in one's care.

Peter has continued the lifelong education process begun at St Michael's College over forty years ago and has completed Graduate Diplomas in Counselling and Vocational Education as well as a Masters Degree in Social Science (Counselling). He has never lost contact with the College having been involved as an Old Scholar with SMOSH in its early years, a parent of three boys who attended the College as well as working there himself over a ten year period. Peter's wife, Xenia, was also a teacher at St Michael's Primary Campus from 1975 to 1977. He has many fond memories of life in the early days of the College and is only too willing to share these memories with his old friends and former school mates and anyone who wants to listen.

This week, Peter is heading off to Beijing to visit one of his sons, Jimmy (Class of '99) who is doing a PhD in International Studies at Adelaide University and is spending 12 months in Beijing researching his thesis. Peter says Jimmy's story is more interesting than his! After Year 12, Jimmy decided to get a trade rather than go to University so he did an apprenticeship as an Electrician at Arnotts. However, after completing his trade and working for a couple of years he decided to go back to University to study Chinese and Politics. He completed First Class Honours in a BA in International Studies and is now doing his PhD. He recently gained a Prime Minister's Scholarship worth \$63,500 for 12 months to assist in his studies. He was one of only 20 recipients around Australia. Jimmy married Chinese girl, Xiaojiao Li, before Christmas and is now getting married again in a Chinese ceremony in Jinan, Xiaojiao's home town in Shandong province in front of her Chinese family and friends. This all started, Peter believes, because, when Jimmy was at St Michael's, he had the opportunity to study Chinese!

Mary-Kyri Pallaras ~ Class of 1996

On leaving St Michael's College, and after completing a Diploma in Counselling at the age of twenty, Mary-Kyri made an impulse decision and enrolled to study Fashion Design. She completed a 3 year Diploma in Fashion Design, Clothing and Textiles at the Marleston Design Institute in South Australia in 2003. Shortly after, she was employed in a number of design apparel roles, however shoes were her absolute passion. It was during this period she gained valuable industry experience to assist her in her journey.

In late 2005, Mary-Kyri boldly set her sights on creating her first shoe collection. She sold her car and purchased a return ticket to Italy to fulfil this dream. Once there, she secured a meeting with one of Italy's most prestigious manufacturers who created footwear for the world's most renowned designer labels. Mary-Kyri then worked in the factory, learning every aspect of high fashion shoe manufacture and began to design her first collection. In March 2006 Mary-Kyri's dream was realised and her first collection 'Virago' was released in Australia and New Zealand.



The MARY-KYRI collections have featured in global magazines Vogue, Instyle, Cosmo, Grazia, Ultimate Accessories NY and Collezioni Italia. Mary-Kyri's first celebrity recognition came with Australia's Kylie Minogue stepping out in the Elisav in Manchester in 2007. The image of Kylie brought international acclaim to the Australian brand. Celebrities and stylists requested shoes including Kim Kardashian, Jennifer Lopez, Pink, Kristen Stewart and Sarah Jessica Parker.

Mary-Kyri is a passionate, energetic and dynamic business woman who has been profiled in many long-lead magazines and newspapers, also speaking at a number of business seminars and appearing on TV shows. Now setting her sights on expanding throughout the world market, she constantly receives amazing opportunities to participate in renowned international fashion weeks and exhibit at the world's most prestigious showrooms. Constantly exercising her innovative passions, Mary-Kyri is currently developing a fashion online site www.doodlein.com, one that is unique within the fashion industry. The design and concept will redefine the boundaries of fashion, launching August 2014.

Mary-Kyri offers some good advice to our current students ... *"Invest in your future, become educated, learn and study hard. In the real world you may use skills from high school, you may not, but one thing is guaranteed ... only the disciplined and determined succeed and become successful"*.

Congratulations Mary-Kyri.

Anthony Louzikiotis, Michael Caroscio & Anthony Roccisano ~ Class of 2010



Michael Caroscio, Anthony Louzikiotis and Anthony Roccisano (pictured L – R) began together at St Michael's in 2006 in Year 8. They completed their schooling together and went on to study Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide with their final year being completed this year in 2014.

Looking back at the years spent at St Michael's, all three agree that the College prepares students well for university studies. The boys have a vision to assist in bridging the gap between high school and university life in order to make the transition smoother and more enjoyable for students. They hope to do this by working closely with the school and students at college events, class talks and providing advice to students from past experience.

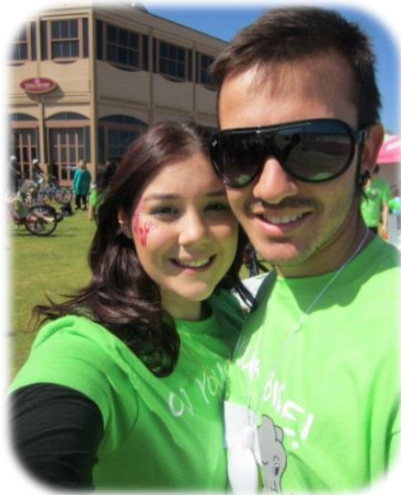
They are also keen to show students, particularly those with an interest in Engineering, what career paths they can follow in engineering disciplines.

Anthony, Michael and Anthony are working together on their University Honours project called "Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) Wake Interaction". Their project is aiming to improve wind turbine/wind farm efficiencies by building knowledge about wind turbine wake and the wake interaction between wind turbines.

In addition, the old scholars will be in attendance at the upcoming Careers Night (Monday 4 August) to talk to students and parents about subject selections and possible future career paths.

For further information about the project or University of Adelaide Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering degrees contact Anthony Louzikiotis – Project Manager HAWT Wake Interaction on anthony.louzikiotis@student.adelaide.edu.au.

Felicia Vozzo (Class of 2010) and Paul Spagnoletti (Class of 2009)



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Davis Teakle ~ Class of 2012



We were delighted to receive contact from Davis when he updated his details recently via the website. Davis wrote ...

"After leaving St Michael's in 2012 I enlisted into the Australian Army on the 7th of January 2013. On completion of my Recruit training at Kapooka in Wagga Wagga I was later posted to my initial employment training at the School of Infantry in Singleton NSW.

After I successfully marched out of Singleton, I was then posted to the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville as a part of 3rd Brigade Lavarack Barracks. Since my time in the Battalion started, I have been part of many major exercises such as Talismansaber 2013 and exercise Hamel 2014. These exercises are the only ones in Australia where various other countries take part, ie New Zealand, United Kingdom and the United States.

I was lucky enough to get my first support course in 3RAR so early on in my career which qualified me as an Assault Pioneer, giving me a wide range of skills and knowledge of demolitions, water insertions, booby trapping and field engineering. I also successfully completed a 3 week drivers course which awarded me my Defence Force Drivers license.



My Battalion is currently the Ready Battle Group (RBG) of the Army and Alpha Company, the Company I am currently with, is the Ready Combat Team (RCT). The RBG is on a 7 day notice to move to react to anything that happens across the world and the RCT is on 48 hours notice to move. This ensures that every soldier is always ready and can always be counted on to move anywhere in less than 3 days.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Army and 3RAR thus far. I have made life-long friends all over Australia and also members that have joined the ADF from overseas.

I thank the Staff of St Michael's College for helping me achieve my goal of becoming an Australian Soldier and will be forever in the school's debt."

We wish Davis well as he continues his Army career and will keep him and other members of the armed forces in our prayers.



Scott Thompson ~ Class of 2000

Scott was drafted by AFL Club Melbourne with the 16th selection in the 2000 AFL Draft from Port Adelaide in the SANFL. Debuting with the Melbourne Demons in 2001 as a 18-year-old, he struggled to break through into the side. He only played 27 games in his first three seasons, until 2004 when he only missed one game in the first half of the season before breaking his foot in round 13 and missing the remainder of the year.

At the end of the 2004 season Thompson asked to return to South Australia and Adelaide was able to complete a trade, exchanging their first round draft selection, (number 12 overall). He missed the first game of the 2005 season but played every game from then on for Adelaide, kicking 27 goals for the year. Thompson continued to improve and by 2007 was arguably one of the elite players in the AFL, averaging almost 25 disposals and 6 marks per game and polling 18 votes in the 2007 Brownlow Medal to finish equal 7th.

Thompson played every game in 2008 and really stepped up to becoming an elite midfielder, finishing third in the Malcolm Blight Medal (Adelaide best and fairest) and for the second year in a row polling the most votes for his club in the Brownlow Medal. Thompson was chosen to play for Australia in the 2008 International Rules Series against Ireland in October 2008 along with teammate Nathan Bock, but was only able to play in the first match due to a leg injury.

In 2011's round 22 match against the Gold Coast Suns, Thompson recorded a career high 51 disposals, with 18 in the first quarter. It was the second highest amount of disposals by a VFL/AFL player since the recording of statistics, falling two short of Greg Williams' 53 disposals in 1989 against St Kilda.

The two-time best-and-fairest winner continued to play a leading role in the Crows midfield in 2014. The durable Crow's streak of 99 consecutive games came to an end in Round 20 as a result of a nagging back-related hamstring injury. Despite missing or being substituted out of a handful of matches, Thompson ranked third at the Club in total possessions (519) and also contested possessions (224). He was second at Adelaide and top-20 in the AFL in clearances (118), and third in tackles (86). Scott led the Crows Club Champion count prior to his hamstring injury and finished sixth overall.

Scott celebrated his 250th AFL game against Greater Western Sydney in Round Five of 2014 and is a member of the six-man leadership group for Season 2015.

John Tobin ~ Class of 1984



I graduated from SMC in 1984 and then went onto complete a Bachelor of Economics degree at the University of Adelaide. I then worked in the banking industry before embarking on a boyhood dream of a solo backpacking trip and I spent 18 months travelling through Europe, in particular, and North America.

On coming back to Adelaide I worked for the State Government for 8 years in the areas of economic policy and attraction of foreign investment into South Australia. As part of the latter role, I was transferred to London for three years where my "territory" was all of Europe so that was an amazing experience.

After returning to Adelaide in 2000, in addition to working, I started volunteering with a number of not for profit organisations and this ultimately resulted in me making a quite significant shift in my professional career in 2003 to the not for profit sector, when I joined the Royal Flying Doctor Service to head up their fundraising and marketing activities in SA/NT.

I had close to 5 fabulous years at the RFDS, but at the end of 2007 my then partner (now wife, Michelle) and I decided to embark on an Australian Volunteers International program in central Vietnam where we spent around 15 months working with children from very disadvantaged backgrounds. It was an amazing experience with both highs and lows, and I was particularly heartened when a group of students from SMC came over to visit us in Hoi An in 2008 with a generous cheque to help fund vital education programs to assist the very poor kids in the surrounding countryside.

Upon returning to Australia in 2009, I took up a post with St Hilarion Aged Care, running their fundraising and marketing campaign to support the new House of St Hilarion aged care facility at Seaton.

In 2013 it was time for another change and I took up the position of General Manager, Business Development & Marketing at scosa, which has been supporting South Australians living with disabilities since 1950. I love this role as I see the profound and positive impact that scosa has every day on people with a wide range of physical and intellectual disabilities. One of our clients, who has been with scosa for 15 years, recently left us after being awarded an arts scholarship at the University of South Australia – so inspiring to see him go on to realise his dream!

Away from work, I have a comfortable home at Henley Beach, although Michelle's allegiances to Carlton and mine to the Crows causes some occasional friction! As for school links, it was great to see my nephew, Zack Fantus commence at SMC Henley this year and I'm sure he will enjoy this important period of his life.

Rev Dr Michael Trainor ~ Class of 1967

MA (Biblical literature and languages, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois, US), MEd (Boston College, Boston, MA, USA), D.Theol (MCD, Melbourne, Australia)

Graduating from St Michael's College in 1967, Michael Trainor has been involved in tertiary level education for over 25 years. Michael has been a Catholic Priest since 1974 with the Archdiocese of Adelaide, been involved in parish life (in Clearview, Brighton, St Marys, Elizabeth and Lockleys), has taught theology and biblical studies since the early '80s and was part of a team working on an archeological study in Turkey.



Michael has an MA in Biblical Literature and Languages (1982, Chicago, Catholic Theological Union) an MEd (1988, Boston College, MA, USA) and a D.Theol (1990, Melbourne College of Divinity).

Michael is senior lecturer in biblical studies with the Australian Catholic University, adjunct lecturer in biblical studies within the department of theology, Flinders University, South Australia. He is also involved in interfaith and interreligious matters, is an executive member of the Australian Council of Christians and Jews, co-chairs the SA Council of Christians and Jews, co-chairs the SA Uniting Church-Roman Catholic Dialogue, and currently sits on the executive board of the International Council of Christians and Jews and chairs its theological committee.

Michael's research interests continue to be the interface of archaeology and bible, and the popular understanding of theology, especially the Bible with particular focus on the gospels. This interest is expressed in his several books and journal entries.

In all aspects of his work, Reverend Michael Trainor brings people together. On Australia Day in 2007, Michael was named a Member of Australia (AM) for services to education, particularly in theology, archeology, inter-national and inter-faith relations and ecumenism.

Warren Tredrea ~ Class of 1995

Today, Thursday 5 June, 2014, we are celebrating the achievement of Warren Tredrea (Class of 1995) following his induction into the Australian Football League's Hall of Fame. A talented sportsman from an early age, Warren won the St Michael's College Student Athlete of the Year Award in 1995 and left school to pursue his football career. The following are extracts from an article written by Warren from today's Advertiser.



"... In 14 years of AFL football I never let myself sit back and smell the roses. There was always another challenge, something else to achieve and another box to tick off. As a little fella I was no different to most. I would play in the backyard with my brother Brad. At 17, I made my league debut with Port Adelaide in the SANFL. My dream was to play 100 games and get my name engraved on a locker at Alberton. As I grew older that dream grew too. I wanted to taste premiership success with Port. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame.

As my career began to take off I realised I had to become professional and get the best out of myself. I started to live my life through football. My philosophy was that if I let my standards slip I wouldn't become the best player I could be. I never relaxed, never stopped moving forward, learning about new opponents and game trends, watching video and keeping notes on my opponents. I lived for 14 years scared of failure. That is professional sport. It comes at a cost. You sacrifice a lot. There's missing your friends' 21st birthdays and staying at home to train when they left for holidays at Easter or made the annual pilgrimage to the Oakbank races.

My intensity only increased when the Power fell short of the ultimate prize in 2002 and 2003 after being minor premiers. I didn't want any small lapse in my professionalism to cost me my dream of winning an AFL premiership.

Being inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame is something I will forever cherish. Quite unbelievably my name now sits in the same company as the superstar forwards I grew up watching. It doesn't quite seem right to me."

Warren is a humble man, on and off the field. He mentored NAB Rising Star nominee Justin Westhoff who has gone on to become an inspiring AFL player. In 2004, Warren realised his dream by leading Port Adelaide to its first AFL premiership in the absence of the injured captain Matthew Primus.

Warren has continued his career in media since retiring from football, having worked for ESPN, Fox Footy Channel, 5AA 1395 Radio, Channel Nine, Nova FM's and Triple M. In January this year Warren was appointed by the Nine Network as Weekday Sport Presenter.

Leading a very busy life, Warren juggles his media commitments, his support of many charities and his family life. Hopefully the College will continue its contact with the Tredrea family through the enrolment of his three children.

The St Michael's College community congratulate Warren on this magnificent achievement.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Mrs Mary Wahrbichler (RIP)

6 February 1922 ~ 1 January, 2015

Much loved Mother of Raymond (Class of 1981) and St Michael's College staff member 1960 – 1984

(Extract from The Chronicle, October 2012.)



MRS. WAHRBICHLER

Mary Wahrbichler was a beloved teacher at St Michael's Beverley for 24 years.

Now 90 years old, Mary's fond memories of her years teaching at St Michael's have not faded. She remembers clearly fellow teachers and students, and has many stories that help create a picture of what the school was like over 50 years ago.

Mary first started teaching at St Michael's in 1960, on the same day as Peter Wallace. When Mary began teaching at St Michael's her class consisted of 63 Grade 5 boys and she remembers that, at that time, most of the boys were from Croydon, Hindmarsh and surrounding areas.

Mary describes St Michael's as financially strained when she first started teaching. She remembers that local families would supply food for the Brothers and Sisters living at Beverley.

"There were three or four Catholic families that used to bring them food," she explained. Mary had very few supplies in 1960; "I didn't have a textbook, not a single textbook in the whole classroom," she explains.

"They weren't easy days but they were very good and the most important thing was you had the backing of all the parents," she said.

As a strong-willed and tenacious woman, it did not take Mary long to adjust to life at the school. Mary recalls a situation on her first day teaching at the school;

"Can you tell me where I could wash my hands," she asked a male teacher.

"He looked at me and said 'you will have to ask one of the lady teachers about that,' and I said 'for the love of God, I only want a tap.'"

She also remembers when the school was opening their library and the same teacher was charging students to enter. "You should be paying them, not charging them," she admonished him; "you should be paying them for coming in."

Mary came out to Australia from Ireland when she was 17, at the end of September 1939. She was on the last ship that came through the Mediterranean, the O'Ryan, after the outbreak of World War II. Even after over 70 years living in Australia her accent is extremely pronounced.

Mary recalls that when she trained to become a teacher, in Western Australia, she was told to hold on to her accent. 'You have to modify your accent, but don't ever lose it,' she was told.

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Mary had always loved choirs, and with 63 young boys at Beverley, she naturally started a choir. Her students performed at Woodville Hall, and that first year, she had the only class doing a concert.

After one of her class's performances, an audience member said 'I'll bet their teacher is an Irish teacher.' Her accent and Irish mannerisms were present in their singing.

Mary remembers fondly when St Michael's at Beverley expanded with lower grades.

"I went to the opening of the primary hall, I couldn't believe it, to see all these little ones in their school uniforms, they were running up to their teachers and putting their arms around them," described Mary.

Over her years teaching at St Michael's, there were many students who have provided Mary with funny stories that she relishes repeating, including a young boy who was less than fond of PE.

"I had a little boy and he didn't like going to Phys Ed," Mary explained. "He'd always find an excuse; he'd be terribly sick when Phys Ed was coming, and he'd say 'Aww Mrs Wahrbichler, I'm sick, I can't go,' and I'd say 'Oh, just sit down, don't worry about it.' All the others would go, and they wouldn't be gone three minutes before he'd recovered," she laughed.

Mary recalls an endearing incident with a student on the college's sports day;

"I was sitting with my class," explains Mary, "and this little boy came up to me and said 'Mrs Wahrbichler, I need to go to the toilet,' and I said 'Right, off you go, run off to toilet.' While he was gone the class had to start on their race around the oval... he came back and he said to me 'Aww Mrs Wahrbichler, I was supposed to be in that race and they've gone off without me.' I said 'Don't worry, hop in there.' By this time the class had been around the oval at least three times.

"He won it, naturally," she laughed.

A couple of days later, they were discussing the sports day and several teachers exclaimed their surprise over this particular boy's win. Mrs Wahrbichler immediately told them what had led to the student's success.

"You should have seen the reaction," she said. "The men in the staff room nearly went insane! The women were roaring laughing."

One of the men, chastised her; "Your own son was in that race!"

"So, what?" she replied. "It's winning a race around the oval, for God's sake. What did it matter? Anyone would think it was the Olympics or something," she says dumfounded.