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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the May edition of *Roll Call*. In this issue we feature back to back reunions for the Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1980, 1981. Last year all reunions were cancelled due to COVID-19 so it was great to have reunions back and see Old Collegians together again. In this issue we also feature something new to our readers, a focus on women on staff at the College. Many of you will no doubt have been taught by them at one stage. We feature the Mullalys, who have been associated with the College since 1940. There is also news of our Class of 2020 and their VCE success. As always, we meet more of our amazing Old Collegians and learn about their exploits since graduating.

Kerry Martin  
Editor

## COVER

(Left to right) Year 8 students, Ollie Pietsch, Luca Yannas and Oscar Napolitano.

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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thanks for another *Roll Call*. I always read them – I enjoy the photographs especially – but this time I got a real buzz seeing a couple of blasts from my past. First the note from Br Gerard Rummery. From (fading) memory Br Gerard taught me French in Proficiency (Form 3 or Year 9 in the new money) – or was it Intermediate? There may have been some Latin as well, but I'm finding it hard to recall clearly. And then the picture of Br Stanislaus with that sly smile of his in front of what was then the Form 3 and 4 building. Br "Stan" bailed me out after I'd crashed and burned in my Matriculation year of 1966. He'd moved on (down) to St Bede's and was prepared to give me another go so that I could qualify for university. Something that I have never forgotten. I often wonder what would have been if I'd not been given that second chance. Thanks for the great memories, and thanks Stan for your wisdom, kindness and compassion.

Dr Julian Lippi (1966)

Glen Iris

Dear Editor,

I'm sure I speak for many people who have read the most recent *Roll Call*. You have obviously done lots of searching to come up with such an interesting set of articles all related to De La Salle Malvern in very different ways. I particularly appreciate the "tone" of the articles because you express something that I've always found 'unique' about the spirit of the College. I've seen lots of good schools all around the world but the Malvern I taught in had a distinctive relationship between the students and their teachers.

Br Gerard Rummery

## REMEMBERING 2020

In the words of the 2020 College Captain, Andrew McGaw, "2020 was a strange year". Like other Victorian schools, De La Salle College was closed for the best part of the year due to the COVID-19 virus and to remember this historic event, staff and students have put together a Time Capsule to be opened in 100 years' time, 2120.



Fr Jake Mudge blesses the De La Salle College 2020 Time Capsule with Principal, Peter Houlihan.



# From the Principal

Dear Old Collegians,

As we approach the halfway point of a very welcome year of relative normality at De La Salle, it is terrific to be able to update you on a busy and productive period for the College since our last edition. I really enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with many past students at the recent combined reunions with the Classes of 1980/1981 and 1970/71. I encourage all of you to attend your various reunions as those Old Collegians who do come along invariably enjoy the opportunity to reconnect and share memories.

Old Collegians may be aware of the College's current stance and our position on dealing with matters of historical sexual abuse at the Malvern Campus in the 1960s and 1970s. In response to letters received in recent years, numerous sexual abuse survivors contacted me on a broad range of issues arising from their time at De La Salle. The common theme from survivors was simply wanting to be heard and their circumstances formally acknowledged and recognised by the College.

The College worked on an appropriate response with survivors and the *In Good Faith Foundation*, a charity providing advocacy and support for survivors of abuse arising from acknowledgement of past crimes. Following ongoing consultation with the De La Salle Brothers and the College Board, a Dedication and Memorial function ran on Sunday 21 March (see article on page 8). After consultation with the De La Salle community and with past and current alumni, two sculptures were commissioned, one for Tiverton and another at Kinnoull, accompanied by plaques with appropriate messages.

The past few months have seen significant capital works on the Tiverton Campus as we brighten up and improve the learning and recreational spaces for students. The Murdoch Building's classrooms and corridors have been completely



overhauled and look fantastic, giving tired old spaces a contemporary feel. A new weights/cardio room has been completed, and new signage in the gymnasium, coupled with various AstroTurf installations in the yard have really added to Tiverton's appearance and functionality.

The current focus on consent and respect has certainly brought these issues into sharp focus as we support our students to grow into respectful, quality young men and make good decisions. We have been using the most relevant and engaging aspects of the Respectful Relationships program at Malvern for several years, complementing our own internally designed courses. Consent, sexual relations, and masculinity certainly feature already, and we are fine-tuning it to address the current issues and expectations.

This year's return to normal onsite learning has progressed smoothly. While some students needed a little support in resuming the everyday challenges of the daily school routine, the transition has been overwhelmingly successful. The challenges of 2020's remote learning ultimately produced some outstanding VCE results at the top end and this year's cohort is hard at work trying to emulate their predecessors' success.

I commend yet another exceptionally fine edition of the *Roll Call* to you; it is a wonderful read, full of news and information about your fellow Old Collegians. I am confident you will enjoy it and I look forward to catching up with many of you at various reunions in 2021.

Peter Houlihan  
Principal

# A Warm College Welcome

**This year, the College hosted its annual Welcome and Opening Mass on Thursday 4 March at the Tiverton Campus. Due to the State's current social distancing requirements, St Patrick's Cathedral was not a feasible option this year.**

Deputy Principal of Faith and Mission, Rana Brogan, said the Welcome Mass was a significant event in the life of the College which celebrates the official induction of our new Year 5 and Year 7 students into the College community.

"Each of them is formally acknowledged individually and welcomed by name and presented with a small gift. The evening is also an occasion to celebrate our College Leaders and to recognise them at such a special event," Ms Brogan said.

"This year, former Old Collegian, Monsignor Stuart Hall (1980), celebrated the Mass, reminding us in the words of his homily of the importance of what it means to belong to a Christian community and



importantly, what it means to belong to a Lasallian community and follow in the tradition of our Founder, St John Baptist De La Salle," she said.

Several members of the De La Salle Brothers were guests at the Mass including former College Principals, Br Bill Firman (1960) and Br Peter Smyth as well as Br Michael Carroll and Br Denis Loft (1965).

"I am certain that as each of our newest members begins his time at De La Salle College, he will be inspired by our Lasallian charism and a willingness to embrace our Lasallian Principles to do what is right and just," she said.



# College Leaders 2021

**The 2021 College Leaders were presented with their Leadership Badges at the Academic Awards Ceremony on 19 February before the College community and families.**

Deputy Principal of Students, Jessica Alger, congratulated the new College Leaders. "Our young Lasallian leaders represent a vibrant and vital aspect of our College life. These young men have been recognised by their peers as active agents of change. Leadership in its simplest form is

taking the responsibility for making a positive difference in our own and other people's lives," Ms Alger said.

2021 College Captain, Thomas Seddon, stressed the importance of having a purpose in life as part of his formal address. "The chief message I would like to convey to you is to identify a purpose in life, whilst fully embracing the joys and opportunities of one's existence. Once you have identified your overarching goal in life, you can withstand and cope with all the tests

and difficulties that we all inescapably confront."

"In spite of 2020 depriving us of the many things we hold dear, it also propelled us to recognise the value of the seemingly unimportant and taken for granted," he said. "We all became acutely aware of our fundamentally social nature and our need to interact with others, reminding us of the joy and significance of friends, family and even school."



2021 College Leaders.



William Dwyer, Vice Captain, Thomas Seddon, College Captain and Peter Bohan, Vice Captain.



# Academic Achievements 2020

On Friday 19 February, the College celebrated the outstanding academic achievements of our Year 12 students from 2020. Deputy Principal of Learning and Teaching, Mark Gustincic, said the Class of 2020 had performed admirably despite the challenges and uncertainties of last year. "Of note is the very high number of 40+ study scores as well as the number of students achieving an ATAR over 90," he said. "It was wonderful that the College was able to host the assembly, so soon after a period of state-wide lockdown, with our Year 11 and 12 students, parents of awardees and a number of distinguished guests in attendance."



2020 College Dux, Aaron May.



Peter Houlihan with Thomas Childs, Recipient of the 2020 Anthony Molan Award.

# Outstanding VCE results - Congratulations to the Class of 2020

The College's 2020 VCE results continue to yield some impressive outcomes.

- The percentage of Study Scores 40 and above was 8.55% – the best in the past ten years.
- The Median Study Score for 2020 was 30.
- 13.53% of Year 12 students achieved an ATAR of 90 or above despite the remote learning.
- 31.57% of ATARs in the 80 - 99.95 range, up almost 2% from 2019.

Principal, Peter Houlihan, said the results represented continued growth – a very pleasing reward for the targeted work of leadership and teachers in lifting results and pushing their students.

"The impressive range of superb individual results, with many students doing exceptionally well, is testament to their commitment and organisation, coping very well with the rigours of months of remote learning," Mr Houlihan said.

"The high standard our students maintained as a cohort in comparison to recent years is also noteworthy and a credit to the students' resilience, ambition and their teachers' professional and flexible approach this year."

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"I am so proud of all our young men; without the comfort and routine of everyday onsite contact with peers and teachers they strove for personal success and maximised their results through sheer devotion to the task."

Congratulations to 2020 College Dux, Aaron May, who achieved an outstanding ATAR of 99.25. This year he commenced a Bachelor of Technology (Aeronautical Engineering) at the Australian Defence Force Academy RAAF program. He achieved the following Study Scores; Chemistry 45, English 40, Specialist Maths 40, Mathematical Methods 43, Physics 48. Aaron also completed Unit 3 & 4 Systems Engineering in 2019, with a Study Score of 44.

May told *Roll Call* he is hoping to become a pilot in the RAAF after completing his studies at the ADFA. "I have just completed the initial familiarisation training stage and have begun my university studies. I am aiming to have a long career in the ADF where I can help to defend our country."



Back row: Will Gorman, Jacob Nikitas, Joel King, Keagan Hillemacher, Jonty Wiseman, Bradley Higgins, Adrian Ranzolin, Jamie Ranzolin, Luke Acciarresi.

Seated: Marcel Davey, Oscar Schwab, Louis McCaughey, Peter Houlihan, Connor Woods-Scamporlino, John Kartsaklis, Christopher Menara. (Oliver O'Brien and Aaron May, Absent).

# Recognising De La Salle Women

This year the women on staff at the College celebrated International Women's Day with a breakfast in the PAC at Tiverton. Among the guests were three women, who collectively have taught at the College for more than 100 years.

In 1981, Christine Thompson (nee Andrews) and Clare Kennedy-Curtis (nee Kennedy) arrived at the College, a year later Jacinta Ryan (nee de Vries) joined them. Working at the junior school, now Tiverton, the three women have made an enormous contribution to the education of literally thousands of young men who have passed through the College since then. *Roll Call* is proud to share some of their reflections with our readers.

**Christine Thompson** started her career at the College in 1981 as a Year 7 classroom teacher. Now the Humanities Learning Area Team Leader and VCE History Revolutions 'guru', Thompson has seen a lot of change during her tenure, especially in the opportunities for women.

"The difference now is that female staff feel more empowered and confident to apply for leadership roles whereas this was not the case years ago."

"There are more opportunities available for women to access leadership positions and we are encouraged to apply when positions become vacant."

As well as her reputation as a respected teacher and colleague, Thompson was been instrumental in supporting many of the College's social justice initiatives. Along with her husband, and fellow long-term staff member at De La Salle College, Charles Thompson, whom she met in 1981 at the College, the pair embody everything that is "Lasallian." Mrs Thompson was one of the people



who developed offshore social justice opportunities for students.

"A trip to the Philippines in 1986, opened my eyes to the possibilities for our young men to contribute to a world far outside their comfortable lives in Melbourne."

Subsequently, she alongside a dedicated group of teachers who, along with Br Denis Loft (1965), established the annual Year 12 volunteer program in India. She participated in four trips to India, known as 'Coolies.'

"Participating in the Coolies program was nothing short of amazing."

"Observing our young men come to terms with conditions so very different to their own and working to improve the living and learning conditions of the students at these De La Salle partner schools was so rewarding."

As she approaches her 40th year on staff, Thompson said it is the ethos and spirit of the De La Salle College community which has compelled her to stay.

"The atmosphere in the College, both amongst staff and the students, and the Lasallian ethos passed on by the Brothers, is something I value and

believe enables us all to lead the students during their journey here to develop into fine men."

**Clare Kennedy-Curtis** also joined the College in 1981 as a full-time Teacher/Librarian working at the Tiverton Campus. She still works in the library, teaches primary classes, VCAL Literacy and is a dedicated St Edwin's House Mentor.

As well as her role as

a teacher/librarian, over the last 39 years she has channelled her energies to improving the welfare of students through a range of co-curricular activities, committees, overseas excursions, camps, retreats and the sporting life of the College. She rates managing the 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII as a career highlight.

Over the years she has seen the change to the balance of women on staff.

"If anything has changed over the years it is the better balance between men and women on staff and I have felt very fortunate to be a woman on staff at De La Salle because I have simply felt very much a part of a community," she said.

"There are more opportunities for women to take up positions of leadership and this balance can only be of benefit to the students."

"I can confidently say a healthier balance will continue to empower these young men."

"When I started, De La Salle was full of nurturing, intellectual men, professional and empathetic women and the humour and dedication shared by all staff was magical."

"I recall the care, the humour, the academic rigour, the sport, the collegiality and quite honestly, just the sheer love of teaching we all shared, creating a powerful, stable and energetic learning environment for students."

"I'm not sure being a man or a woman in this community really defines you as a person because we all bring something different to the table and in this case, the table is the world where young people learn and hopefully learn to take up their own opportunities."

"Next year I will have been at the College for four decades. Why? Because I love it here."

**Jacinta Ryan** started at De La Salle in 1982 as a Year 7 and 8 classroom teacher.

"I still remember many of the students in the classes from that time. We were

based on the Kinnoull Campus then with the with the primary classes. I particularly remember the year we swapped campus to Tiverton. The whole school moved their desks and chairs across High Street. It was quite an operation," she said.

"Those early years were great. It was a small campus with a great group of staff, a number who are still at the College now. It was where I met my husband!" She is married to Michael Ryan (1976), who also still teaches at De La Salle.

"When I first started there were no women in leadership positions, in fact few women were on staff. That has changed enormously. It is great to work with so many women leaders who help to provide a balanced view of the world."

"As a woman on staff I feel it is a responsibility to guide the young men I meet in how to interact with

others respectfully regardless of their gender."

"The College has a reputation for having great staff who are friendly, encouraging of new ideas and supportive of staff and students alike."

"I have worked under six different Brothers as Principals over my time in the Lasallian family. They have all been encouraging and supportive of myself and my family. Many of my closest friends are people I have met on this journey at De La Salle."

In 2021 there are 166 staff at the College of these 80 of them are women – significantly more than in 1981. Over the years there have been many wonderful women who have worked at De La Salle, far too many to mention here.

*By Kerry Martin*

## A New Lasallian Affiliate

On Sunday 14 March, former College Chaplain and long-term member of staff, Joan Ferguson, was formally affiliated to the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools at a ceremony at the Brothers residence in Malvern.

Ferguson, who retired from De La Salle last year after 35 years of service, joined the College in 1985 as an assistant to Br James Taylor and worked in several roles including Human Resources Manager and Personal Assistant to three Principals before being appointed to the role of College Chaplain.

One of those Principals, Br Bill Firman (1961) said Joan Ferguson was the embodiment of the Lasallian ethos.

"Joan is a remarkable woman who not only professes her Catholic faith but has an extraordinary passion for sharing what she sees as 'this great gift'. She strongly espouses the Lasallian ethos and tradition of reaching out to assist the poor and

anyone needing special support," Br Bill said.

"She has certainly been a key worker in the Lasallian mission. Many Brothers have felt very supported and encouraged by Joan in her work as secretary, catechist and chaplain. Her Affiliation is highly deserved."

Affiliation is the Brothers' way of recognising and acknowledging people who have supported them in their work through outstanding gifts and service. Joan's name is now inscribed in the official

archives of the international centre in Rome and as an affiliate she is recognised as Joan Ferguson AFSC. Congratulations Joan from your De La Salle family.

Ferguson was grateful yet humbled by her Affiliation. "I accept this honour on behalf of all the wonderful Lasallian spirits that taught me and educated me in what being a member of the Lasallian family actually means," she said.

*By Kerry Martin*



*Joan Ferguson and family.*



# Captain's Table

**To be awarded the Captaincy of any ACC team is an honour and quite an achievement, given the long history of the Associated Catholic Colleges and De La Salle's tradition of participation and success.**

To acknowledge and celebrate the Captains' appointments, the College recently hosted the inaugural De La Salle ACC Captains Dinner on Wednesday 3 March at the Tiverton Campus.

Principal, Peter Houlihan, said he was delighted to host the event which



recognised the Captains of each of the thirteen ACC sports, plus the recent inductees Chess, Debating and Music.

"These three more recent additions to the traditional ACC landscape have proven overwhelmingly popular and provided opportunities for many students to demonstrate their talent and represent the College beyond the sporting fields," Mr Houlihan said.

Each of the ACC Captains was presented with his badge, a certificate and a gift from the College. "The evening was a terrific event, enjoyed and appreciated by the many proud parents in attendance."

Michael Stinear (2002) the current Melbourne AFLW Coach and newly appointed Head of Football at the DLSOCAFC was the guest speaker, giving a terrific analysis of his time as



an ACC sportsman. Stinear spoke glowingly of the importance of tradition and the people he was exposed to and how these helped develop his values in his time at De La Salle College.

He emphasised the importance of role-models, rewarding positive behaviours and providing challenges when leading teams. These and other positive experiences as a student at our College helped shape Michael's leadership over his subsequent career.

*By Kerry Martin*

# Memorial to Survivors

**A Dedication and Memorial Commemoration to acknowledge Old Collegians' who were victims and survivors of abuse was held at the College on Sunday 21 March, at the Kinnoull Campus.**

Principal, Peter Houlihan, said the Dedication and Memorial was designed to demonstrate to victims and survivors that the College and the Brothers - formally and publicly - acknowledge the failure to protect students from predators.

An important part of the Dedication Ceremony was a formal apology offered to victims and survivors with a commitment to ensuring this never happens again.

Special guests included Ms Nina Taylor MLC, representing the Honourable Jaclyn Symes, Attorney-General of Victoria, Ms Georgie Crozier MLC, Dr Katie Allen MP, Federal Member for Higgins, Cr Kate

Hely, Mayor of the City of Stonnington Ms Clare Leaney, CEO *In Good Faith Foundation* and Br David Hawke FSC.

Two plaques, one a Mahogany Memorial at Tiverton and The Peppercorn Memorial at Kinnoull, were dedicated during the ceremony, complementing a tree which was planted in the garden at The Brothers' residence in 2001.

"Working with several survivors from the 1970s and the *In Good Faith Foundation*, (an advocacy group for victims of abuse) I decided to organise a Dedication and Memorial event to acknowledge the devastating experience of our victims/survivors at Malvern, apologise and demonstrate our commitment to this never happening again," Mr Houlihan said.

"This had to be balanced with the fact that in our 108 years, many thousands of students had a wonderful education here with no abuse issues and the

vast majority of Brothers and teachers from the era in question were fine men and great teachers with no connection to any form of abuse."



*Principal, Peter Houlihan, and Vice Captains, Will Dwyer and Peter Bohan, with Memorial Ribbons.*



# Mother's Day Breakfast

This year's much anticipated Mother's Day Breakfast was held on 5 May at the Tiverton Campus. The event was once again a sell-out, this time in a record time of four and half hours. Five hundred mothers and sons were treated to a delicious fare of pastries, bagels, lavosh rolls and fresh fruit. A highlight of this year's breakfast were the reflections delivered by a selection of students about their mothers. The "My Mum" dedications saw teary eyes around the room, as mothers were touched by the boys' words. As always, this annual event relies on the hard work of many volunteers. Thanks to lead organisers, Elle Panagiotidis and Aurelia Crabtree, the Parent Network volunteers and the De La Salle College staff, who helped make the event possible.





# An Eighty-year Roll Call

For more than 80 years there has not been a decade when there was not a Mullaly on the College roll. Since 1940, when the first Mullaly started at De La Salle, 25 descendants of the family have enrolled. The first of the Mullaly family, John Mullaly (dec.) started at the College in 1942, and two years later, his younger brother, Paul Mullaly (1946), joined him. Now retired, the former County Court Judge shared some of his recollections of the College with our readers.

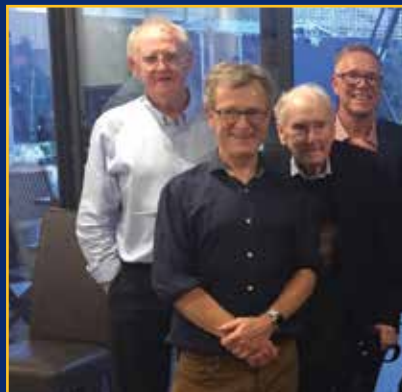
Paul Mullaly's five brothers, John (1944) (dec.), Adrian (1952) (dec.), Peter (1953), Kevin (1956) and Mark (1960) are all Old Collegians. His older brother John was College Captain and Dux in 1944.

His four sons, Richard (1974), Gerard (1978), Andrew (1979) and Timothy (1981) and his grandsons Gerard Twomey (2007), Eugene Twomey (2010), Mathew Mullaly (2012), James Mullaly (2016) and Aloysius Moore (2020) are also Old Collegians. His nephew Jacques Ludekens is currently in Year 12 and a further nine nephews have also been on the College roll at various times.

Like all the Mullaly's, Paul Mullaly was a talented athlete. "My father was a VFL (AFL) player for South Melbourne in the early part of the 1900s and all of us were good athletes and footballers," he said.

"In 1942, I won a diocesan scholarship to study at De La Salle, Malvern and went on to study law at The University of Melbourne, graduating in the early 1950s."

At only 24 years of age he was admitted to the Victorian Bar and was eventually appointed as a Crown Prosecutor and later Chief Prosecutor (now the DPP). In 1977, he was appointed as Victorian Crown Counsel and in 1979 was appointed as a Judge of the County Court, where he remained until 2001.



Paul with brother Mark and sons Gerard and Andrew.

Mullaly has long been a lover of history, and in 2008 his book, *Crime in the Port Phillip District 1835-51*, was published by Hybrid. The book won the Judges Special Prize for Excellence in the Victorian Community History Awards 2009.

Earlier in his career, he wrote Victoria's Sentencing Manual and the Victoria Trial Manual – both are still in used today, albeit in digital formats.

Mullaly was also instrumental in the Royal Historical Society of Victoria's The Judge Willis Case Books website. Launched in 2014, the website supports the collection and maintenance of historical documents.

Mullaly acknowledges De La Salle for informing his love of learning and his strong sense of social justice. "The College instilled a strong sense of religion and a keen interest in current affairs as well as a strong sense of social justice, fairness in the community."



Richard and Paul Mullaly.

Like so many of the Mullalys, he understands the importance of serving one's community.

"I was on the College Council in 1970s, and with my wife, Genevieve, and Greta Houston, we established the College Uniform shop."

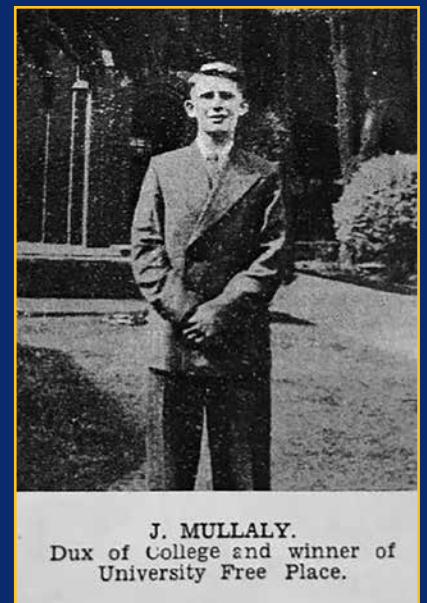
Today this tradition is carried on through his son, Richard Mullaly (1974), who is the current Chair of the College Board. Before retiring in 2019, Richard was a clinician at the Royal Children's Hospital, prior to moving into hospital administration and the role of CEO of Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria.

Paul Mullaly is in good health and resides at Cabrini Aged Care in Ashwood.

By Kerry Martin



Paul Mullaly and the Catholic Action Group.



J. MULLALY.  
Dux of College and winner of  
University Free Place.



# A Cut Above the Rest

**Rhys Nicolaou (2016) is reputedly one of Melbourne's, if not Australia's most noted barbers. Often featured in the media and with thousands of followers on Instagram, Nicolaou's client list includes some of the world's biggest sports and music stars, including American rappers, Lloyd Banks and Juice WRLD.**

Nicolaou started his career at Culture Kings in Melbourne where he soon won the trust of visiting celebrities.

Now based at Mayhem in Camberwell, Nicolaou's clients follow him wherever he goes.

"I've worked with artists such as Designer, Lloyd Banks, Juice WRLD's Crew, Skepta's Crew, BDotADot and the UFC when they came to Melbourne."

"I have also worked closely with Eminem's personal tour barbers on the Rapture Tour."

Nicolaou specialises in cutting Afro American hair and is often sought out by the media for comment about hair and personal grooming. He was recently featured in *The Herald Sun* and *Geelong Advertiser* in an article about beards and self-grooming during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Nicolaou started barbering back in 2015 when he was in Year 11.

"I enjoyed the art of cutting hair, which then lead me into becoming a qualified barber. I started small and slowly built up a clientele. I enjoyed the idea of cutting hair and making other people look fresh."

He says that becoming a celebrity barber was a lot about networking. "The real secret behind it is networking and talking to everyone. Getting my name out there was the hardest, but with a mindset to achieve something big, you can. Celebrities talk, if you please one, they will talk to another then recommend you. Eventually, everyone knows you! Or in my case, everyone knows Big Rhys."

Nicolaou was also passionate about music and while he was a student at



*Rhys with Rapper, Designer*

De La Salle, he was heavily involved in the College music program and was a member of the College band.

"My passion at De La Salle was music. I loved the diverse music range at the school which included my favourite extra-curricular activity, band camp. Having the opportunity to travel and play music was a major highlight."

Alongside his work as a barber and his music, Nicolaou is a committed 'sneakerhead'. "One of my biggest and favourite hobbies outside of work is collecting and wearing sneakers. Now I have over 100 pairs and counting in my collection. Some people say I'm crazy, but I say it's a passion."

"De La Salle has left me with many amazing legacies but the one that stands out the most is brotherhood. Having that tight community of friends and family was the best. Being a Lasallian taught me to have the most respect for people and gave me real lessons about life in the real world."

*By Kerry Martin*



*Rhys with sports star, Josh Addo-Carr.*



# A Clinical Fellow



Sam Merriel and family.

In 2009, Sam Merriel (2003) was featured in *Roll Call* when he received the Medical Alumni Award upon completing his medical degree at Monash University. Now a Senior Clinical Research Fellow at the University of Exeter in the UK, Merriel is part of a team investigating ways to improve cancer diagnosis for GPs.

As a member of the Diagnosis of the Symptomatic Cancer Optimally (DISCO) team within the Medical School at Exeter, Merriel is studying the potential impact of Magnetic

Resonance Imaging (MRI) as a diagnostic test for prostate cancer within primary care, as part of his PhD, funded by Cancer Research UK.

Merriel works part-time as a GP in a village just outside of Bristol in the South West of England. Alongside his research role, Merriel is also involved in a range of other research studies aimed at preventing cancer and improving the early diagnosis of cancer. He lives in Bristol with his wife Abi and two young sons William and Edward.

After completing his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at Monash University in 2009, including an additional Honours year of research training, and starting his postgraduate medical training in Victoria, Merriel moved to the UK to undertake a Masters of Science (Public Health) degree at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2012.

"I worked as a junior doctor for Monash Health for two and a half years and taught Anatomy back at Monash University, before moving to London," he said.



"The move to the UK was in part personal, as well as professional, as I had met a lovely British doctor whilst working in Melbourne, whom I subsequently married," he said.

"Living in the UK made me realise just how young Australia is as a country, and how many aspects of life for Australians (and many other parts of the globe) have been influenced by Britain."

"I will never forget my first trip to London. I stopped at a pub for lunch near St Mary's Hospital, and discovered a plaque on the wall of the hospital which read, 'In the office above this plaque Alexander Fleming discovered Penicillin'. This discovery changed modern medicine, and the health of countless people the world over. Fair to say I was in awe walking down that street."

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the UK hard, and is still having a significant impact on the country and its health service. "Following the announcement of the first national lockdown in England in March 2020, GPs had to change the way we practiced almost overnight. Fortunately, we were able to adapt quickly to managing most of our patients via telephone or video consultations, whilst still seeing the most ill and vulnerable in-person when they needed us," Sam said. "Being involved in the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in recent months has been so rewarding and has given the weary NHS staff and our patients some light at the end of this long, dark tunnel of a global pandemic."

Merriel says a highlight of his medical school days at Monash was convening the Annual National Medical Students' Conference (The AMSA National Convention).

"I led a team of 50 medical student volunteers to arrange a week-long conference for 1,000 medical students from Australia and New Zealand. The conference had a wide-ranging

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academic programme, including a sports medicine panel featuring James Hird (before the peptides controversy), Michael Klim, Dr Peter Larkins and Dr Peter Brukner. It also featured an Emergency Medicine challenge, pitting teams of medical students from 22 medical schools against one another in a series of emergency medicine scenarios around Albert Park Lake."

Merriel attributes his involvement in the Reach Foundation while a student at De La Salle as a foundation to his success.

"Working within Reach, supporting children and adolescents, helped me succeed inside the classroom, to be open to new possibilities and opportunities in life, and to pursue my career and life goals. As a Melbourne Demons fan, it was a bonus that Jim Stynes co-founded Reach and was a good friend before his unfortunate early passing in 2012."

And his success was not just in the classroom. Merriel represented De La Salle in cricket, basketball and cross country.

"My highlights were captaining the 2nd XI Cricket team in Year 12, even

though we only won one game, and being part of the ACC winning Cross Country team in 2003."

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The life of a GP research fellow is a full one and Merriel is kept busy with study, work and family life.

"Between full-time work as an academic GP and helping care for two young boys, I don't get a lot of free time. I do still manage to play the odd game of cricket for a local club in Bristol. I enjoy taking our dog for walks in the many wonderful forests and parks surrounding Bristol. I manage to keep an eye on how the Dees are going back home as well."

*By Kerry Martin*



*Sam Merriel.*

# A Sporting Chance

**Fresh out of university, Martin Hirons (1981) went for a job that would literally change the course of his professional and personal life.**

The interview panel for a Promotions Officer at Basketball Victoria included legendary basketball player and coach Lindsay Gaze, who would become a mentor to Hirons, and Canadian basketballer and two-time Assistant Coach of the Australian Women's Basketball Team, Lori Chizik, who married Hirons in 1990. Incidentally, Malcolm Speed (former CEO of Cricket Australia and the ICC) was the third panel

member who would also become a client, mentor and golf friend over many years.

Needless to say, he got the job and working alongside Gaze, Hirons' journey to become one of Australia's leading sports strategists had begun.

"Lindsay Gaze gave me the first chance and his influence on me, and the industry as a whole can never be underestimated," Hirons said.

"It was the lead up to the 1988 Olympics and a great time to be starting out in basketball.

It established my career in the sports industry."

Like his legendary mentors, Hirons is a mover and a shaker. The one-time Captain of the Kingston Heath Golf Club, Hirons was instrumental, in the background, setting up the Australian Masters that brought Adam Scott to town in 2012 - and the '2009 Tiger Woods Australian Masters', also at the Heath. More recently, he was part of the successful bid team for the Western United's A-League licence, based out of Wyndham in Melbourne's West.



*Martin Hirons and family.*



If Gaze gets credit for kick starting Hirons' career it was Chizik who provided the road map.

With an international sport's pedigree, the now head of basketball at Wesley College, it was Chizik who took Hirons to Canada, where he continued to consolidate his reputation as an innovator in the sports industry.

"Working with a merchandiser with the Molson Indy car race in Vancouver and a property developer who owned a golf course – we started, from scratch, the Morningstar Classic, a golf tournament that was part of the Canadian Tour."

For several years, the couple moved between Canada and Australia during which time Hirons also lectured at the Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, the University of Victoria in British Columbia and Monash University in Melbourne.

In 1995, the family which now included two children, returned to Australia and Hirons took up a role at the Sweeney Research Group and over the next three years, he established a new division of the business called Sweeney Sports, which focused on sports brands, leagues, sponsors, teams and consumer data connected with the sector.

Eventually becoming a partner, Hirons stayed at Sweeney's until late 2007, when he moved to a boutique advisory firm, Sport Business Partners, where he has been the Managing Director since 2012.

The firm works in the private, government and the not-for-profit sectors specialising in strategy, market research, consulting and business improvement work. "We have a young team and are committed to employing young Australians interested in making a difference and working hard," he said.

Even as a student, Hirons was aware of the need to give back, to contribute to his community and early in his career he started volunteering as the

Sponsorship Manager for a WNBL Team, the Nunawading Spectres.

He further explored volunteering roles while at Sweeney's and became heavily involved in working with an Indigenous based organisation called ARMTour (Athlete's as Role Models) now known as Red Dust Role Models. Instrumental in the not-for-profit's formation, Hirons who has been the Chair of the organisation since 2006, is passionate about improving the health and lifestyle outcomes of young Indigenous Australians – particularly those in remote Northern Australia.

"Red Dust Role Models is a 'community-as-family' model of health programming which supports community leaders and elders to create a stronger future for Indigenous youth and their families. Drawing on the strengths of all worlds that surround young people we deliver high impact cultural, sport, music and art-based programs that inspire youth to identify and pursue their dreams."

As well as his current role at Red Dust, Hirons is also the Chair of the State Baseball and Softball Centre in Altona and previously held positions as a Councillor of the Women's National Basketball League and a Board Member of the Stanley Park Zoological Society in Vancouver.

"De La Salle gave me a sense of community, and to recognise with what we are given, a sense to give back – and to make this country better than it has been," Hirons said.

"As life has gone on, the impact that Lindsay Gaze has had on my life grows in significance."

*By Kerry Martin*

*Left to right: Rob Gyngall, President of Kingston Heath, Adam Scott after this 2012 Masters win and Martin Hirons.*



# Master Class

**Anthony Fenelon OAM (1958) is unquestionably Australia's most successful Theatre Organist with 24 albums to his credit and the only four gold records presented in Australia for an organ record.**

Known as a champion of the mighty Wurlitzer Theatre organ both here and overseas, Fenelon was appointed as the resident theatre organist at the Regent Theatre in 1965 and remained there until it closed in the seventies. But music isn't his only passion. Fenelon made a significant contribution to science as the former head of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, and a joint designer of Australia's first implantable cardiac pacemaker.

**What were your passions and or extra-curricular interests at De La Salle?**

During my earlier years at the College I was already deeply involved in music. The difficulty in balancing my piano studies with many other passionate boyhood hobbies soon became quite a challenge. My music teacher seemed to have a sixth sense in knowing just how much time I devoted to building radio sets, restoring old film projectors, photography, which involved building my own darkroom under the house and, in what spare time was left, constructing and flying model aeroplanes. The passion for these hobbies was certainly stimulated to a significantly high level by having schoolmates who shared these creative attributes.

**What was your professional pathway since graduating from the College?**

I embarked upon a Bachelor of Science Degree so "boyish hobbies" were put on hold, however I did devote a major component of my extra-curricular time to piano, under the tuition of Mr Roy Shepherd at the Conservatorium of Music. During this time, I was fortunate to win the Victorian Finals of the ABC Concerto



*Tony Fenelon.*

and Vocal Competitions as well as winning the Bach and Open Sections of the National Eisteddfod in Canberra in 1961.

Surprisingly enough, it was music that played an uncanny role in steering me towards my career in Biomedical Engineering. I spent a lot of time at the Conservatorium during my Science Degree as many of my friends were studying music. A close friend and French Horn player, Peter Davies, who persuaded me to be his accompanist and during a practice session at his home, I met his father who was a Director of Thorn Atlas, the television manufacturers. This fortuitous meeting resulted in a vacation job at Thorn where I was introduced to a gentleman who had recently left Thorn to form a "medical electronics" department at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. A year later he offered me a part-time position which turned into a career of 35

years of countless memories and joint achievements with a unique team of engineers and technicians.

While working at the hospital, my interests and passion for the majestic sound of a theatre organ were stimulated by an invitation to visit the Regent Theatre very early one Saturday morning, with the opportunity of actually playing one or two tunes on the magnificent Wurlitzer theatre organ for a small group of enthusiasts, who were the driving force behind the eventual growth of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia. As a direct result of this early morning event, I was offered the position of resident organist and remained with the Regent from 1965 until the theatre closed in 1970.

**What have been your career highlights so far?**

Probably my most exciting and memorable career highlight was my first concert tour of the USA in 1969.



The enthusiasm and passion of the American Theatre Organ enthusiasts was almost unbelievable. One of my most vivid memories was playing to an audience of over 3,000 in the Ohio Theatre in Columbus.

On the biomedical side, we were involved in designing and building equipment for many leading-edge procedures initiated by some of the leading surgeons and doctors in the fields of cardiology, neurology and open-heart surgery. Most memorable was the design, construction and implantation of one of the first Australian-built pacemakers.

After retiring from the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1998, I was invited to become a Roland touring artist, performing on Roland pianos and organs on tours to the UK, Japan, USA, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Taiwan. I finally retired from this hectic schedule in 2014 and now enjoy music at an easier pace and at engagements I really enjoy.

**You are highly regarded in both the fields of science and music as a pianist and organist, how have you balanced both?**

That was never really a problem. Surprisingly, during my career, I continued to be amazed by the number of doctors and surgeons who cherished music as a sideline or, just simply, for relaxation. Music became a great balance in my life and, because it wasn't a "formalised" profession at that stage, I was always able to schedule musical activities, such as concerts and tours, when it was convenient for me to do so without causing any disruption to my work at the Hospital.

**What sparked your passion for the theatre organ?**

Without a doubt, I owe all that to my dad who loved theatre organ with a passion. As a child, he would take me to one of his closest friend's house, in which he had installed a



small theatre organ, originally from the Majestic Theatre in Flinders Street. By Regent Theatre standards, it was tiny, but I can still remember being mesmerised by the sight of three keyboards on top of one another and, even more daunting, a large keyboard below played by the feet! Dad and his friend would spend the afternoon playing this unbelievable creation and also listened to many theatre organ records which I still remember made the walls and floor shake.

**What are your interests?**

Music is still obviously a passion, along with sound recording, playing theatre organ and piano concerts (still!). However, my wife Noella and I have for many years shared the passion of sailing in the Whitsundays on chartered yachts and catamarans that we always sailed ourselves. Last year, we took delivery of our new 45' catamaran and in May this year we will be heading north to explore the east coast of Australia at our own pace and adhering to no schedules.

**What legacies have your days as a De La Salle student left you with?**

To me, De La Salle was always an extended family which made my school days some of the happiest in



my life. One of the most memorable was the opportunity of becoming involved in the musical activities of the College.

The Brothers taught with enthusiasm, driven by their passion for every subject we studied. There was discipline, of course, but there was respect in both directions, as evidenced so dramatically by the love and friendship we observe time and time again among the Old Collegians at reunions.

De La Salle gave us the tools and skills for further learning but, more importantly, our respect for one another which, no matter what profession we pursued, has been the greatest legacy of all.

# Steering a Course for Success



Michael 'Mick' Stinear.

**As the inaugural coach of the Melbourne Football Club's AFL Women's team, Michael Stinear (2002) has earned himself a place in history. A former Australian rules football player and two-time TAC Cup Premiership Coach, Stinear steered the Melbourne Women's team to the precipice of finals success two years in a row.**

Last year's finals were cancelled due to COVID-19, but without missing a beat Stinear steered his team to another Preliminary Final this year.

After a promising start as an AFL rookie and a solid track record in coaching and game development, Stinear joined the Melbourne Football

Club in 2016 as its first AFLW coach. Five years on, he has learned a lot about the game and his role as a coach.

"I've learnt a great deal in my five seasons at Melbourne. My biggest lesson is that simplicity is best. Each year I try to simplify messaging to players, streamlining game style and giving clarity to staff and players about their roles."

"We have had many players with limited football experience and often from other sporting codes, so I'm constantly learning about the best ways to teach the fundamentals of the game and assist in fast tracking their development."

"The opportunity to coach and work with high performing women from a diverse range of backgrounds has been great for my development but also on a personal level it is very rewarding for our family with so many relationships and moments shared with great people."

"Being the coach of Melbourne's AFLW team has been a very rewarding experience. We are yet to achieve the ultimate success of a premiership, but to see the growth of the game and development of individuals as players and people has been thoroughly rewarding."

"This was an amazing opportunity to be part of assembling a brand-new



team and an opportunity to learn from coaches like Brendan McCartney and Simon Goodwin and further develop my technical skills as a coach.”

While at De La Salle, Stinear was recognised as a natural athlete and represented the College in ACC Football, Cricket, Athletics and Cross-Country. In 2002 he was a member of the College’s 1st XVIII Football ACC Premiership team.

In 2003, while at Melbourne University, he was selected as a Rookie for the Carlton Football Club. “I’d hoped for a lengthy career as a player growing up but one year as a rookie was my reality,” Stinear said.

Not one to rest on his laurels, in 2004 he relocated to Brisbane and took up an opportunity to play for Mt Gravatt in Queensland’s State League Competition while working part-time as a Development Officer for AFL Queensland and completing his studies at the University of Queensland.

“During my four years in Brisbane I played in an AFLQ premiership with Mt Gravatt and went from a casual staff member at AFLQ to a full-time role.”

Returning to Melbourne in 2008, and at the age of 23, Stinear was offered a role as State Auskick Manager for AFL Victoria.

After three years in the role he was appointed Regional Development Manager for AFL Victoria based at TAC Cup Club, the Oakleigh Chargers.

Coaching was quickly becoming a passion for Stinear. “I was enjoying a playing coach role at St Kilda City Football Club when the opportunity to coach the Oakleigh Chargers came up.”

As the coach of the Chargers, Stinear steered 20 players to the AFL Draft list and two TAC Cup Premierships.”

Not surprisingly, the DLSOCAFC was keen for him to join the Club as its Head of Football, where he will broadly oversee coach mentoring, player development and club leadership

across our men’s, women’s and junior teams.

“I am looking forward to working with the Old Collegians Club and supporting coaches and leaders in their quest to be the best.”

“It’s also great to team up again with Dave Madigan, who was my ACC Football Premiership Coach in 2002.”

Stinear, who is the youngest of seven children and a large extended family, nowadays enjoys watching his own family grow up near the beach at Anglesea. He and his wife, Rachel, have a two-and-a-half-year-old son, Fitzroy, and are expecting another boy as we go to print.

Stinear keeps fit running and has participated in four marathons in recent years with his brothers. “It fair to say there’s plenty of room for improvement,” Stinear said.

He credits De La Salle for the quality of his friendships. “The College gave me my best mates and supportive and caring teachers who modelled good behaviours and the fundamentals of being a good person. It taught me to be grateful for what you have in life and the people you get to share it with.”



*Mick Stinear.*

“The bond you share with fellow Lasallians, no matter your age, means you will always be greeted with a smile and a handshake.”

The College also taught him the importance of hard work. “If you are prepared to put the work in and commit to something you will be rewarded. Not to wait and expect things to be given to you, roll the sleeves up and make it happen.”

*By Kerry Martin*



*Mick Stinear.*

# All in a Day's Work

**Hanging out with Michael Jordan, Lleyton Hewitt and Cathy Freeman is all part of the job for David Tucker (1992).**

With more than 20 years' experience in sports marketing, Tucker has held senior positions for NIKE, the Greater Western Sydney Giants and Football Federation of Australia.

Currently the Managing Director of TCA, his role is to provide a broad range of consulting services to companies, teams and federations operating in sport. "The basis of the work that I provide is always grounded in the commercialisation of sport and how to generate revenue from a given sport, federation, team or affiliation," Tucker said.

Tucker cut his teeth in sports marketing at NIKE where he worked for more than 15 years in Australia and overseas.

"Upon finishing a Sports Management degree, I applied for the role of Customer Service Co-ordinator at NIKE. I was fortunate enough to be offered the role and my career progression with NIKE followed. I initially started in the Customer Service team before moving into a variety of roles in Sporting Marketing including their Olympic Sports Marketing Manager for the Sydney Olympics.

"As the apparel partner of the Australian Olympic Team, I had a direct relationship with all of Australia's Olympians and their respective sports bodies," he said.

"I worked closely with Cathy Freeman in the lead up to her winning the 400m and I still have many of these relationships today."

"While at NIKE, at one stage I was also responsible for tennis sports marketing. This required me to travel with Lleyton Hewitt, our No.1 player at the time, to the Grand Slams. I was fortunate enough to be in his player's box when he won Wimbledon. Attending the player's

ball at the Savoy in London that evening is something that I will never forget."

Later he held roles as Director, Sports Marketing for NIKE UK and Ireland where he was responsible for all NIKE's sponsorship and athlete relationships across NIKE's second largest country market.



*Tucker with his children.*

"Leading Michael Jordan's tour of London was an incredible privilege. I was fortunate enough to spend a lot of time with Michael over those three days, including nightclubs and events and ultimately highlighted by lunch with him and his close team on the final day. He was interested in all things Australia. Having played with Luc Longley at the Bulls, he was well versed in Aussie slang and our laid-back nature."

Later with NIKE Inc. as the Managing Director for Manchester United Merchandising, Tucker worked closely with the team. "Having the privilege of running Manchester United's merchandising division was a huge highlight. I had a close

interaction with all facets of the club including Sir Alex Ferguson and the playing group. Flying back to Manchester on the team plane after they won the Champions League final in Moscow was an incredible experience."

After 15 years with NIKE, David left to lead Football Federation Australia's (FFA) commercial efforts as Head of Commercial. In this role he oversaw the delivery and execution of FFA's Broadcasting, Sponsorship, Licensing, Digital and Events related revenue. In 2013 he was instrumental in planning and organising all elements of the record breaking Australian tour by Manchester United.

Tucker subsequently became CEO of Infinite Retail, Australia's largest sports merchandising business before managing the sale of Infinite Retail to Rebel Sport and forming the sports consultancy business, TCA.

As a consultant, Tucker is his own boss and one of those lucky individuals who seems to have struck a healthy work life balance.

"Living in Sydney's Eastern Beaches, my day often starts with a swim, followed by a café meeting with a client. Most recently, this has been with a Sports Tech start-up who are looking to build and commercialise a sport specific social media channel."

Tucker is also a Director of Triathlon Australia which involves a variety of calls and evening Board Meetings. As one of Australia's Olympic Sports, his remit as a Director includes approval of athlete selection nominations for the Olympic Games.

"I feel that De La Salle taught the importance of humility and deep respect for others, regardless of their background, race etc. These principles have helped me in my career by shaping my ability to relate to different people."

*By Kerry Martin*



# A Stellar Start to the 2021 DLSOCAFC Season

2021 could not have started better with the DLSOCAFC Season Launch at Zinc on Friday 26 March. After having to cancel the event in 2020, more than 260 people from the De La Salle community gathered to celebrate being together again and the sport we all love.

President, Matthew O'Callaghan, welcomed the host, Nigel Carmody, along with other special guests, professional golfer, Mark Allen, former AFL coach, Ross Lyon, current AFLW coach, Michael Stinear (2002) and AFLW Demon's player, Lily Mithen.

Honoured at the launch were four Life Members: Bill Tyson, Wayne McDonnell and two former College students, David Lowe (2004) and Jacob Gotch (2006) – congratulations to all and thank you for your service to the De La Salle Old Collegians Amateur Football Club, both on and off the field.

This year, the club is fielding seven teams, including three senior men's teams, a senior women's team (The Guns), two U19s and a men's over 45 veterans' team, (The Dinos).

The season kicked off with a massive day at Dairy Bell Oval. The Guns commenced proceedings with an exhibition game against Melbourne University, which delivered them a 96-point victory. The Reserves followed with another win, defeating Haileybury by 108 points. Meanwhile, supporters attending our first match-day lunch, which was a sell-out, paid tribute to the Club's many Life Members. While later in the afternoon, the senior men's side defeated Haylebury by just four points in a hard-fought battle.

Disappointingly both U18s teams went down to stronger opponents, but this was eclipsed by The Dinos incredible win against Upper Ferntree Gully, with a goal kicked after the siren!!

We look forward to an exciting 2021 season for the Club. Go Dees!

By Sue Ellen Mackintosh  
Vice-President DLSOCAFC





# Class of 1981

**Hardly believable, but totally true – it is 40 years since we graced the classrooms of De La Salle College in Malvern for our final year of secondary school.**

The reunion was held in conjunction with the Class of 1980, whose 40 year reunion had been curtailed by the COVID-19 issues last year.

It was a great night to catch up with many old friends from that time – men who'd certainly got older, but perhaps not necessarily wiser!! We had all changed a bit in appearance, but the 17/18 year old De La boy was still there.

It was great to reminisce about the old school days and to hear what rich and varied paths our lives had followed.

Thanks to Principal, Peter Houlihan, for telling us about how the school had changed and what had become of some of the long-term staff. Also thanks to Kerry Martin and Pam Leeding for their help in organising the event.

Onward now to the 50th reunion!!!

*Danny Cazalas (1981)*





# Class of 1980

The Class of 1980 had its 40th reunion postponed due to COVID-19, but that didn't dull the enthusiasm when we finally gathered on 19 March 2021.

Reunions are precious because we get to celebrate the comradeship and adventure of our final school years and catch up with the characters of our youth. It felt like a homecoming, and it was. We shared our news and our memories of those formative years, and our pride in each other's achievements during a night of cheer, warmth and a realisation De La Salle binds us all, notwithstanding the different paths we've taken since 1980.

*Mick Carrick (1980)*





# Class of 1971

There was a good roll up of Old Collegians at our recent 50-year reunion. As one surveyed the room, the physiques were different, the eyes reminded us of someone who we used to know, albeit now tinged with lines, and the hair now ranged in various shades of grey or no hair at all!

It was good to see many from that time and hear what the intervening years had delivered up in the way of careers, love and family, sport, travel and volunteering. There were reminders of teachers and Brothers, anecdotes, and in an instant 50 years just slipped away and we were taken back to the classroom, the yard and the trams we shared.

We received an update from current Principal, Peter Houlihan, on present day life at De La Salle and we thanked and are grateful to the people who organised the day. See you at the next reunion.

*Ken Wilson OAM (1971)*





# Class of 1970

**"We are still De La boys, all these years later."**

**Meeting up with former classmates 50 years after leaving De La Salle proved to be an enjoyable, sometimes hilarious, and ultimately reaffirming experience.**

Enjoyable in renewing bonds of friendship that were created over our critically important formative years, when who we were to become as adults was being shaped. Hilarious mostly in recalling multiple examples of our sometimes-appalling behaviour, schoolboy pranks, particularly towards those striving to teach us, despite our best efforts to make it harder for them.

Jokes aside, what became clear was that the Brothers and lay teachers who taught us, loom large in our memories, not only because of their personal quirks, but because of their considerable contribution to who we were to become as adults. It is true that social justice has always been a central value of the College, and there is no doubt that it shaped those of us who were there 50 years ago, as it continues to do today.

Amid all the yarns and the jokes, the shared belief of all of us is that De La Salle contributed significantly to who we became, and the good lives that we have been fortunate to lead, for which we are all grateful, and clearly, all these years later, we are still De La boys, and happily and proudly so.

*Michael Kennedy OAM (1970)*



# Where Are They Now?



**Michael Hoareau (2014)**  
Completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)/ Bachelor of Laws Graduate at Deakin University.

He recently completed his Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice at Leo Cussen Centre for Law and was admitted as an Australian lawyer and Officer of the Supreme Court of Victoria in August 2020.

**John Ryan (1981)** is the Vice Principal of Mary MacKillop Regional College in Leongatha. John's older brother, Tom Ryan (1976), is a Deputy Principal at De La Salle College.

**Hugh Brophy (2009)** is a Senior Policy Officer at Department of Health working in Alcohol and other Drugs Strategy.

**Sam Gardiner (2018)** commenced a Bachelor's Degree at the Australian Defence Force Academy RAAF program this year. In 2020 he completed an Associate Degree in Aviation at RMIT.

**Alex Martello (2020)** was awarded a Top-Class specification, selected as a high achieving performer from the Music Performance Cohort of 2020 in Victoria to audition (effectively shortlisted) to perform at the VCE Top Acts concert later this year.

**Damian Dwyer (1983)** is the Property Manager at Korowa. He is the youngest of the six boys who attended De La Salle. Damian's late parents Kath and Kevin Dwyer were very active in the College's former Mother's Auxilliary and Father's Association.

**Jim Dalton (1980)** is a fireman, based at Uluru.



**Brayden Maynard (2014)** was named a member of The All Australian Team for 2020. Maynard had his best season beating some of the game's best small forwards. Maynard averaged 19.7 disposals, with his penetrating kicking skills.

**Mitchell Robertson (2008)**, in his capacity a Fellow of the Rothermere American Institute at Oxford University, was a regular media commentator during the recent US election.



**Paul Mullaly (1946)** is a retired Judge of the Victorian County Court. He is in good health and resides at Cabrini Aged Care in Ashwood. His four sons and five grandchildren attended De La Salle College. (see below)

**Richard Mullaly (1974)** is a retired Healthcare CEO and is a current Chair of the College Board.

**Gerard Mullaly (1978)** is a judge of the Victorian County Court.

**Andrew Mullaly (1979)** is the Principal at St James Primary, Vermont.

**Timothy Mullaly (1981)** is an Executive at ASIC.

**Gerard Twomey (2007)** is a Senior Associate at Maddocks Solicitors.

**Eugene Twomey (2010)** is an Associate at Allen's Solicitors.

**Matthew Mullaly (2012)** works for the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

**Tom McCausland (2014)** is completing an internship at elite motorsport team, Walkinshaw Andretti United. He is working on pitstop design and analysis, optimising the wheel gun design, the pit boom and how much data they can get from the car. When the car comes in for more fuel, a tire change or a driver switch, the aim is to find more speed, control and data. This work has him collaborating with engineers, mechanics and even staff on the commercial side of the business.



**Martin Kelliher (1981)** has taken up a new position as Hospitality Manager at Woodlands Golf Club. He was also appointed the first General Manager of the DLSOCAFC in 2021.

**Christopher Grafen (1981)** is a Tour Operator specialising in "Off the beaten track" tours throughout all Australian states and territories.



# College Comes Back to Life

After the disruption to the usual calendar of College events during 2020, the College community is delighted to return to business as normal in 2021. It has been wonderful to see students enjoying life back at school at a jam-packed schedule start to the year. Term 1 saw students competing in the annual swimming and athletics carnivals, ACC competitive sports, House competitions, retreats and camps and of course the annual Mission Action Day. It's good to be back.



## Rest In Peace

Jack Jones	1942
Bill Soding	1944
Des O'Brien	1944
Gerald Cogley	1947
Ralph Francione	1948
Laurence Doherty	1948
Bernard Hoy	1954
John Teague	1956
Garry Eastman	1957
Brian Raynor	1957
Jack Kelleher	1958
Mick Hollier	1969
Tibor Kassay	1970
Gerard Sargeant	1970
Terry Burdeu	1981
Greg Lyons	1981
Darren Keane	1983
Damian Sowerbutts	1990



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