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COVER

This year's Welcome Mass was celebrated by two Old Collegians, Rev Monsignor Stuart Hall (1980) and Sacristan Phillip Johnson (2005).

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the May issue of *Roll Call*. It is always a privilege to attend your Reunions throughout the year. Not only are they a great source for *Roll Call* stories, but they are a snapshot of College life and its legacies. I particularly enjoyed meeting many of you at the reunion for the Class of 1984, and some of you are featured in this issue. The diversity of life experiences of Old Collegians was evident at the reunion, as they are at all Old Collegian reunions. I look forward to meeting you at this year's reunions. Thanks for reading.

Kerry Martin, Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I really appreciated the story of John Suhr (*Roll Call* September 2022). I remembered meeting him briefly at the College but the fact that he finished at De la Salle in Grade 8 explains why we lost contact, as I continued to Year 12. What I appreciated particularly about his story was that it reinforced my conviction that a child did not have to graduate from university to have a good life story, as he and I believe did. I was also pleased that he has made it to 90 years, as have I this year, and we both enjoy good health. I have been a member of the Old Collegians since the Hilary Hayes days, but moved to Western Australia permanently in 1973.

The fact that my eight surviving children aged 62 to 44 years (4 boys, 4 girls) from USA (1), Scotland (1), Melbourne (2), Sydney (1) and Perth (3) all came to Perth for a celebration gathering on 21 August (3 days before my birthday) was very touching. (Sadly my daughter, aged 8, died as a result of a road accident in East Brighton in 1971, and my wife died of sudden onset cancer in 2015 after 57 happy years of marriage).

I like the flipbook idea. Good luck to the College for the future with its new status as part of the Archdiocesan system. I attach a picture of myself (in the dinner suit), children, partners and some grandchildren taken on the day of the 90th birthday celebration.

John Farnan (1950), Perth



Dear Editor,

I am a secular priest living in Brussels, Belgium. I thank you very much for sending me *Roll Call* twice a year which I read from cover to cover with much interest. Thank you, dear Kerry, I remain yours faithfully.

Fr Francois 'Csaba' Egregyi (1965)

From the Principal

Dear Old Collegians,

Welcome to the latest edition of *Roll Call*, where you will find within a raft of terrific articles about Old Collegians' life stories and achievements. As ever, the College is a very busy place in early 2023 and I will take this opportunity to outline the key imperatives.

The transition of ownership from the Trustees of the De La Salle Brothers to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) in October last year has certainly given us a new lease of life in relation to the capacity to plan with certainty the next steps of De La Salle's growth and development.

Supported by MACS we are now able to revisit and adapt the previous Master Plan, with the intention of developing a 2023 version in the coming months. In addition to the provision of well-overdue new building stock and contemporary specialist facilities, the Master Plan will also map out a strategy for the provision of academic, wellbeing and spiritual imperatives designed to position De La Salle as a leading light of Catholic education in this area of Melbourne into the 2030s and beyond. This is an exciting project and while it is in the early stages of consultation, research and planning, the Master Plan

promises to provide a tremendous boost to our capacity to grow and enhance our provision of a high quality Catholic, Lasallian education.

At Year 5 – 9 in particular we are rapidly expanding the provision of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiatives, leading to some amazing, innovative work in Year 10 – 12 Systems Engineering. In the ongoing pursuit of improvement and achievement for our Year 12 VCE students, Learning Area Leaders and teachers completed their annual analysis of the previous year's results. They have initiated a broad range of strategies to implement and measure for effectiveness, designed to build students' confidence and efficiency when tackling their assessments and external exams.

The pattern of tertiary destinations for our 2022 graduates is similar to previous years. Management and Commerce were the most popular, followed by Engineering, Psychology and then Natural and Physical Sciences; (Biomedicine, Pharmacy, Science and Biological Sciences.) We wish our 2022 alumni all the best as they navigate their pathway through university and new careers.



De La Salle's School Advisory Council is currently searching for interested and suitably experienced/qualified professionals to add value to our current team and assist in succession planning. Please see the advertisement below and contact us if you are interested or can recommend someone.

As always, I have particularly enjoyed attending various Old Collegian reunions and the football club's annual season launch. These provide a great avenue to reconnect with all in our community and I hope to see as many of you as possible at various events throughout 2023.

Peter Houlihan, Principal

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WELCOME

De La Salle's School Advisory Council is currently searching for interested and suitably experienced/qualified professionals to add value to our current team and assist in succession planning.

Skillsets we normally look for include marketing, finance, legal, education, building/construction, project management, risk, policy, planning, PR, communications etc.

Please contact us if you are interested or you believe you can recommend someone.

If you are interested in serving on the School Advisory Council, please contact me for an Information Pack which contains the De La Salle Terms of Reference for the Advisory Council outlining the duties, responsibilities and commitments required, along with MACS Handbooks for School Advisory Councils.

Applications may then be sent to me at principal@delasalle.vic.edu.au, including a brief cover letter, CV, two referees and any additional documentation you may wish to provide. All applicants will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a panel as we search for the best people available to share their experience and expertise as we forge ahead in this exciting time in the College's development.

Peter Houlihan

Opening and Welcome Mass

On Thursday 2 March, the annual College Welcome and Opening Mass was celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral in the presence of Old Collegian, Monsignor Stuart Hall (1980), who presided over the occasion.

The Mass is a significant and special occasion on the College calendar and its Lasallian identity as it formally welcomes and acknowledges the newest members of the De La Salle Community each year. All Year 5 and Year 7 students, as well as the new Year 6 students, were welcomed into the College community as they were officially called forward by name by the College Principal, Peter Houlihan. The evening was also an opportunity to introduce the Year 12 College Leaders, the Tiverton, Holy Eucharist and Primary Captains and Vice Captains officially to the community. Special guests at the Mass included De La Salle Brothers, Br Michael Carroll fsc, Br Tony Cummins fsc and Br Peter Smyth fsc.

By Rana Broga, Assistant Principal – Identity and Mission



2023 Student Leaders

Back row L – R: Principal Peter Houlihan, Joseph Fisicaro, James Valcanas, Hugo Cornell, Orlando Wong, Bailey Hunter, Jack Larkin, Luke Lloyd, Liam Stacey, Max Higginbotham, Harry McGindle, Benjamin Mazur, Will McCormack, Luke Bosnich.

Front row L – R: Liam Greening, Luke Lowe, Zane O’Keeffe, Joshua Miles, James Ganas, William McEniry, Noah Caruso, Angus Sutherland, William Flynn, Jack Ryan.

VCE Results

The Class of 2022 VCE results show that the College continues its impressive pattern of increased numbers of students attaining ATARs in the 90s.

Principal Peter Houlihan congratulated the Class of 2022 for their hard work and efforts. "With 16.40 per cent of the cohort attaining an ATAR of 90 or above, this is an excellent outcome," Mr Houlihan said.

"This is an exceptional outcome given our non-selective, open entry, mixed ability enrolment policy," he said.

"While there is an impressive range of superb individual results, with many students doing exceptionally well, the high standard they have been able to maintain as a cohort across various subjects is most noteworthy."

Mr Houlihan congratulated Jack Meehan, the 2022 College Dux, for his outstanding ATAR of 99.45. Jack's first preference for tertiary study is Engineering at Monash.

Other key points of the 2022 results include: the percentage of Study Scores 40 and above was 5.43 per cent and 27.30 per cent of ATARs were in the 80 to 99.95 range.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022.

Investiture and Academic Awards Ceremony

On Friday 17 February, De La Salle College held the 2023 Investiture and Academic Awards Ceremony at the Tiverton Campus. Principal, Peter Houlihan congratulated the Class of 2022 for their VCE results.

Mr Houlihan thanked the Unit 3 and 4 teachers who invested so much time, effort, and expertise in teaching, mentoring, and advising each and every student in their care.

"With the state median for all subjects being 30, we have many studies with median Study Scores in the 31 to 36 range, figures which sit at the very top of the scale when compared with any of Victoria's highest performing schools."

The 2022 College Dux is Jack Meehan, who attained an ATAR of 99.45. Jack received three Academic Awards for the highest study score in Chemistry, Mathematical Methods and Physics and was awarded The Teague Family Award (Mathematical Methods) and The Brother Mark Murphy Award (Physics). Jack's first preference for tertiary study is Engineering at Monash.

During the College Dux address to the whole College assembly, Jack encouraged the current cohort of students to take advantage of the vast resources and support available on offer at De La Salle College.

Reflecting on his own experiences, he thanked all the support that the Lasallian community has provided him throughout his journey, particularly his teachers, house coordinators and homeroom mentors.

During the Assembly, the Principal invested the new 2023 College Leaders, encouraging them to be guided by the Lasallian values of the College.

"In a world which is evolving and changing so rapidly, our student leaders need to employ our Lasallian ethos to guide, lead, and support their peers in issues, behaviours and attitudes so critical to being a responsible and influential citizen in 2023 and beyond."

"De La Salle College students have for 110 years been known for unity, respect and being young men of character and empathy. I know our students today continue that tradition."



2022 VCE Achievers

Back row L – R: Varick Boyd, Michael Yuen, Sean MacNamara, Benjamin Selkirk, Hugo Ford, Nelson Ni, William Orton.

Front row L – R: Dylan Chau, Thomas Crossley, Benjamin King, Hamish Golding, Jack Meehan, Alexander Tocchetto, Oscar Boulter, Joshua O'Leary, Jacob Dee, Max Miller. (Absent: Isaac Cataldo)

Supporting Timor-Leste

De La Salle College hosted a visit by some special guests from Timor-Leste in November last year. Accompanied by Old Collegian Paul Stewart (1978), Sr Anastasia and Sr Isobele, from the ALMA order, were in Australia on a fundraising tour to support their Dili-based school for disabled and abandoned children.

During the visit, Principal Peter Houlihan presented the nuns with a cheque for \$1,000 raised by the staff of the College, and an additional \$2,500 will be donated to the ALMA nuns from funds raised by the College community through the recent Mission Action Day.

Mr Houlihan said he was privileged to witness the simplicity, humility and beauty of the nuns' dedication and faith. "In conditions so basic, beyond the imagination of contemporary Melburnians and through a spirit of devotion, selflessness and generosity, the ALMA nuns care for disabled children, many of them orphans," he said.

"This is a terrific story, and we were able to raise some much-needed donations to support their work in Dili. However, it was equally humbling to see the very real and incredibly positive reactions of our students."

"I was enormously proud of the way the students engaged with Old Collegian, Paul Stewart and the nuns and demonstrated such genuine interest and care for their work and their circumstances. It was lovely to see their curiosity and listen to them craft and express their questions; signs of a wonderful educational environment."

Sr Anastasia told *Roll Call* she was delighted to receive financial support from De La Salle College and thanked the staff and students for their generosity. "We are grateful to people in Australia who help us a lot," she said.



Paul Stewart, who has visited Timor-Leste more than 30 times, has a long connection with the region. His brother Tony, was one of the five journalists, known as the Balibo five, killed in Timor-Leste in 1978. During his time as the lead singer for the Painters and Dockers and now currently a member of the Dili All Stars, Stewart continues to collaborate with the people of Timor-Leste raising awareness for the plight of organisations like the ALMA nuns, who work tirelessly for the disabled poor of Timor-Leste.

His recent tell-all memoir, *All the Rage*, launched in November last year, is a much-anticipated story that transcends music and activism. The book is full of laugh-out-loud anecdotes of his encounters with international stars he encountered as a rock journalist and as a musician.

By Kerry Martin

Ironman Cam

Cameron Handley (2000) makes a living out of staying fit and healthy. As the man behind Mac Personal Training, he has competed in no less than eight Ironman competitions and 11 Melbourne Marathons.

As a student Handley loved swimming, football, archery and cross country and represented the College in ACC Football and Swimming.

Handley's long list of sporting achievements includes no less than; eight full Ironman's, 18 half Ironman's and 11 Melbourne Marathons. He is also a keen cyclist who can often be found riding along Beach Road on weekends.

When Handley was 26 years old, he completed his first full Ironman at Port Macquarie in 2008 and since then he has completed Ironman competitions in Port Macquarie, Geelong, Singapore, Melbourne and Cairns. His best Ironman time was 9 hours 16 minutes and best Melbourne Marathon was 3 hours 6 minutes.

Handley started out working as a landscape gardener, and later built pools and spas before joining his family's business. In 2006, he enrolled in the International Institute of Training of Fitness and completed a Certificate 3 and 4 in Fitness.

"I decided to leave the family business to do something that I loved and start my own business, like mum and dad, and I stay fit and healthy at the same time. It doesn't feel like work because I always get to train."

Fifteen years later Mac Personal Training is still going strong.

Handley is enthusiastic about his work and thrives on challenging clients to achieve their maximum potential.

"Personally, I love all types of endurance training and can often be found competing in triathlons over Summer and running marathons in the Winter."



Cameron and Kate Handley



Handley's parents were a great inspiration for him. He also loves being in nature, visiting new places and being around inspiring people.

"I have always aspired to work hard as my mum and dad did. I want to show my own kids that hard work pays off."

"It also gives me great satisfaction to see the smile and look of achievement on client's faces when they have achieved a goal or done something their mind told them was 'too hard.'"

"Outside of work, I love to run and spend time with my family. We enjoy going off road in our 4WD and camping. Spending time with my family is important as they grow up so quickly."

Handley and his wife Kate have three children; Milla (10), Hudson (7) and Coco (4).

"I have made some lifelong friends from my De La Salle College days. My best mate Ben Kienhuis (2000), who I speak to on a weekly basis and was in my wedding party, is always there for me. There is a group of us who still catch up every few months, although it's getting harder, as we all have families now, but when we do it is very special."

By Kerry Martin

Professional Dad

As a veteran journalist with 35 years' experience in broadcast media, including 33 years at the ABC as a London foreign correspondent, a reporter for *AM*, *PM*, *The World Today* and in the *Canberra Press Gallery*, Mark Tamhane (1984) is finally hanging up the headphones to take on a new profession, as a full-time dad.

"Based in London between 1996 and 2000, I covered some pretty big stories like the death of Princess Diana and the Northern Ireland peace deal. When I came back to Australia, I worked on *Lateline* and *AM* and at NewsRadio in Sydney. In 2017 I moved back to Melbourne and worked at ABC Radio before joining *ABC News Breakfast*."

Tamhane said while he had always put a high value on being a present parent, COVID-19 had shown him and a lot of other fathers, just how important it is to be there for your children. And so he is stepping back from work to stay at home with his young kids.

Tamhane's family spans almost three decades; with three children from his first marriage and three with his second wife, former ABC reporter, Emily Bourke.

"My eldest son Jamie (25) is a climate scientist. I'm just in awe at how he can wrap his head around a scientific problem in a way I never could.

My eldest daughter Juliette (22) is training to be a nurse. She was a keen gymnast and represented Australia in skipping. She's an incredible human being who has inherited my very dry sense of humour.

My second eldest daughter Mia (18) is a fabulous student - brilliant and ridiculously well organised (unlike me!). She could do anything and would excel at it."



Mark Tamhane

His youngest three include Jack, Charlotte and Grace. "Jack (8), has overcome some setbacks early on and is just a really lovely, well-rounded kid. He adores his older siblings. Charlotte (6) is thriving at school and is very, very determined, and the youngest, Grace (4), is possibly the most annoying child in the history of the universe...no, seriously; she's very intelligent, feisty and is fast developing a zany sense of humour."

"All of my kids are very impressive individuals who I admire in different ways."

As an only child, Tamhane said he never imagined having so many children, but his experience has given rise to a series of articles about parenting for *ABC Everyday*, being invited onto podcasts such as *The Briefing* and *The Dad Mindset* and addressing a men's health conference.

His work is also featured on his *MarkTamhane.com* blog. "I've been really chuffed at the positive reception I've received after writing and speaking honestly about parenting from the perspective of a dad of six."

While Tamhane has taken over a lot of the parenting duties, Emily works full time. "Emily is an unbelievably hard working journalist who somehow manages to balance work with being a busy mum. She was the one who encouraged me to write about my experience of fatherhood."

Being at home also gives Tamhane the opportunity to support his parents. "I'm very lucky that both of my parents are still alive. They are both admirable people, very modest but



Mark Tamhane with 1984 School Leaders



Mark Tamhane and family. L-R: Tamhane, Jack (8), Jamie (25), Grace (4), Mia (18), Juliette (21), Charlotte (6), and his wife, Emily Bourke.

with a strong social conscience and a great perspective on life. As an only child, I promised my parents I would look after them and do everything I could to make sure they could live independently as long as possible.”

“All of my kids are very impressive individuals who I admire in different ways.”

Media was always in Tamhane’s DNA. His maternal grandfather was a newspaper journalist, writer and editor and his paternal grandfather was a photographer. It was as a student at De La Salle College, he started dabbling.

“My friend Anthony Horan and I spent a lot of time fiddling around with sound and audio visual systems during Media

Studies. At one stage we even set up a ‘radio station’ called 3DLS which was basically two speakers blasting during recess and lunchtime into an indoor corridor that linked two buildings.”

“De La Salle provided me with an exceptionally well rounded education. We seemed to do a bit of everything during my time there.

For example, my young son Jack asked me about perspective in a drawing he’d done the other night and I realised I could explain it to him, because we’d been required to do graphics (with Br Brian Cunningham) in Year 8. And then there was the French I learned with Br Julian Watson and Italian in Year 7. That certainly helped when I did a lot of travelling in Europe.”

“I also got a fabulous grounding in English, Literature, History and Australian Politics from exceptional teachers like Barry Dyball and Kathy Schneider. My teachers, the Brothers and the then chaplain, Fr. Les Troy weren’t afraid to talk about mistakes they’d made and lessons they’d learnt in the ‘school of life’, and many of those wise words have stayed with me all these years later.”

By Kerry Martin

A Performance Mindset

Anthony Klarica (1984) is an acclaimed psychologist with more than 30 years' experience working in sport, education, and corporate arenas. In sport he has worked with Olympians, AFL teams, Tennis Australia, as well as V8 Supercar and motorbike teams.

His recent book, *The Performance Mindset- Seven Steps to Success in Sport and Life*, published by Wiley Australia (2022), draws on in-depth interviews with elite sportspeople such as Brigitte Muir, the first Australian woman to summit Mount Everest; AFLW player, Tayla Harris and former Hawthorn player now coach, Sam Mitchell. It also has chapters on resilience, leadership, culture, and wellbeing.

Klarica's career includes more than 20 years working with AFL clubs in a variety of leadership and performance roles. At the Melbourne FC he worked alongside legend, Neale Daniher and at the Hawthorn FC he saw four Grand Finals from the coach's box.

Among his career highlights are working with Olympians from the early stages of their journey to their ultimate success, being part of AFL grand finals, courtside at tennis grand slams and being in pit lane at Bathurst with winning drivers. He describes his most significant highlights as building relationships with people and being on their journey striving to do well in any sphere.

Klarica has also applied his skills to the education space developing a wellbeing tool, the Six Star Wellbeing student and staff engagement survey, which to date has been used by more than 50,000 students and teachers. The Survey provides data back to schools and organisations so they can be proactive in building and looking after wellbeing of people.

He also works in many board rooms and corporate environments discussing leadership, culture, wellbeing and performance in workshops.

"The combined sporting experiences, building the surveys and writing the book have all been career highs,"

he said. It would be hard to choose one over another.

He admits his career so far has been incredibly varied. "I'm still not sure what is next, and I guess that sums up the adventurous, demanding, enjoyable and challenging part of my work."

His abilities were evident when he was at the College and as the 1984 College Captain, he displayed great leadership and strength.

Former College Principal, Br Peter Smyth fsc, who was Head of the Senior Campus at the time, said Klarica was an outstanding College Captain. "Anthony led by example and was a young man who had a strong sense of purpose and commended the respect of his peers. He was an outstanding College Captain."

Klarica also represented the College in football, tennis, cricket, and cross country. But it was his experience with the College's extracurricular program that opened his eyes.

"The extra-curricular opportunities, large and small, helped open my eyes to the world outside the classroom;



Anthony Klarica



Anthony Klarica 1984 First XVIII

fund-raising, debating, performing arts, weightlifting and maths competitions. There were a wide variety of things to participate in, even if they weren't necessarily my passions or strengths."

"Since leaving De La Salle every year has been full on, which is why I guess the time has flown by so quickly and it seems as if year 12 was not that long ago. At times, my reflections of De La still provide inspiration, even though I also draw on many wide and varied experiences to sustain my energy and motivation. "I was as an average student at De La Salle College, although I did try. I think those efforts helped me grow as a learner."

After school he went on to complete four University degrees, including two Master's programs. Part of the message in Klarica's book is resilience and learning from challenges.

"I look at people I knew then and people I know now, as well as people I have worked with along the way, and draw inspiration from them. I look at my own goals and try to set high standards to push myself. I guess it



Anthony Klarica at Mount Bogong

comes from trying to do a good job and do the right thing. Part of my work and values are supporting others and those values were certainly set early."

Klarica's own success regime includes trying to stay fit. He runs, swims, cycles and bush walks when he can. "I find fitness is both necessary and refreshing. Reading and learning have weirdly become hobbies as well, even though they are part of work."

He also finds time to be with his wife Johanna and their children, Alister, Annabelle and Penelope.

"My College days still ring strong in my mind. I recall teachers and their efforts and comments, fun games at recess and lunch, camps, sporting activities, as well as the more challenging times. Mostly I recall the students from my year level and the many paths they have followed. I reflect clearly on being College Captain, which was a huge honour, and still contributes to my work in leadership today. De La Salle certainly was an incredible experience for me and gave me a solid foundation."


By Kerry Martin

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Finding Strength

Since graduating from De La Salle, John Baribar (2001) has chalked up almost 20 years in the construction industry as a residential and commercial carpenter. He held positions such as leading hand and site manager, overseeing everything from suburban homes to city skyscrapers, while working towards becoming a registered builder. However, a workplace injury in 2019 forced him to down tools, take stock and reset his priorities.

Since his accident in 2019, where he fell on a building site and shredded the ligaments in his right ankle, Baribar has, and still continues to undergo surgery and rehabilitation. All in an effort to rebuild his ankles and regain strength and mobility. More recently he had his right ankle fused and is in recovery.

As well as ongoing physio rehabilitation, Baribar sees a psychologist once a month who has really helped him manage his current situation.

“My injury has severely impacted my personal and professional life as I have basically had to put my career on hold,” he said.

The experience has taught him how oneself is sometimes the greatest healer. “I have learned to draw inspiration from inside myself, setting myself goals to help me deal with my ongoing physical challenges.”

“I have a lot of time to reflect on the things over the last three years and I realised that a lot of my inner strength came from playing football as a student at De La Salle.”

As a student, Baribar was a talented sportsman who excelled in football and basketball. “I was passionate about my sport and proud to represent the College in both ACC Football and Basketball teams,” he said. “In Years 11 and 12, I played in the 1st XVIII Herald Shield Teams.”



John Baribar with Savannah and Sienna

Baribar also draws inspiration from his two young daughters, Savannah (4) and Sienna (8).

“My biggest inspiration are my children, everything I do and everything I work towards is for them.”

“Sienna loves the arts and is a very loving, caring, and considerate child, who is always happy and smiling. While Savannah is the complete opposite, she’s cheeky and always pushing the boundaries, the rebel of the two, and such a free spirit.

“They are my world, and they motivate me every day.”

“On a day-to-day basis, I sometimes struggle if I do too much physical activity so I have set up a gym in my garage in East Bentleigh, so I can focus on some form of training.”

Before his accident, Baribar worked in both the domestic and commercial building sectors in Victoria and Queensland. He also started his own company, VillalINC Construction, in 2013.

He has completed several construction qualifications including Diplomas in Construction Management and Project Management.

“My career highlights include building the Emporium Building on Brisbane’s Southbank, The Moorings Apartments at Martha Cove Marina and the Jewish Care Hospital in St Kilda.”

His goals are to get back to a level of physical fitness to return to work and be more active with his daughters.

He is positive and hopes to resume running his own business again. Although, this time he will focus on project management and not on the tools.

“One of the things that I have carried with me from my time at De La Salle is that no matter where I go or what I do, I am forever engrained into the fabric of the De La community and the brotherhood that goes with it,” he said. “That is a great source of strength and pride to me.”

By Kerry Martin

Flower Power

For more than 40 years Adrian Parsons (1982) has worked in the flower industry. After building a global flower wholesaling company, he branched out (pardon the pun) into the genetic development of Australian Waxflowers. Now, still working in the industry he loves, he can sit back and enjoy the sweet smell of success.

"I have always been passionate about plants and horticulture, and I am lucky to have worked for more than 40 years in an industry that I love."

After completing a Bachelor of Applied Science (Horticulture), Parsons started out in sales in the wholesale cut flower industry in Melbourne. He then worked in the USA, Canada, the UK, the Netherlands and Israel before returning to Australia to start up his own business.

In 1990, Parsons and colleague, Craig Musson, started Wafex Australia. "We initially started importing flowers from Zimbabwe and then moved into exporting Australian native flowers to key markets in Japan, USA and Europe. The company grew rapidly, and we expanded our export market and opened warehouses in Perth, Melbourne, and California. The company grew into Australia's biggest importer and exporter of flowers.

In 2015, Parsons sold his interest in WAFEX to Musson to focus on the plant breeding side of the business. "I recognised that we needed to invest in the breeding side of the business to ensure the continuity and future of Australia's most popular and commercial native flower, the Waxflower." Since then, Parsons has been the Managing Director of Helix Australia, a plant breeding/licensing business, based in Victoria and Western Australia.

"It is enormously satisfying to develop new hybrids and see them rollout on a large scale across the global cut flower and plant industry."



Adrian Parsons

Over the years Parsons has made a considerable contribution to the industry having served as President of the Australian Flower Export Council, as well as holding committee positions with the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation and Wildflower committee and Flowers Victoria.

He has also actively supported a range of charitable organisations. "While at WAFEX, I initiated and forged a strong relationship with Cystic Fibrosis, and we donated roses for their annual '65 Roses Day' campaign, since then we have raised over \$500,000 for Cystic Fibrosis bodies across Australia.

As a committee member for the Malvern Junior Cricket Club, he also initiated an annual fund-raising campaign for the McGrath Foundation.

He attributes his strong sense of giving back to his time as a student at the College. "I found De La Salle to be an egalitarian school and in a subtle way the Brothers and lay teachers instilled a sense of social

justice, stressing the importance of putting back into the community and assisting those less fortunate."

Parsons comes from a long line of Old Collegians. "My dad Bill Parsons (1936), his brother Jack Parsons (1934), my brothers Peter (1967), Gerard (1972), Mick (1975) and Bill (1977) also attended the College, along with my cousin Tony Parsons (1972). Mick's son Tom (2009) is an established artist."

As a student Parsons loved sport and played cricket and football throughout his time at the College. "Playing at VFL Park in the Herald Shield was a big thrill as was beating Assumption 1sts in 1982."

Outside of work, Parsons keeps busy with his three teenage children, Dominic (18), Grace (16), and Ruby (14), who keep him engrossed in a range of sports and activities.

He is also a keen Melbourne supporter and loves watching the Dees at the MCG.

By Kerry Martin

From the Silicon Valley to Bondi

Software engineer Chris Adams (2002) spent several years in Silicon Valley, California working with start-ups such as Airbnb and Uber before returning home to continue his career in Australia. Based in Sydney's Bondi Beach, Adams works for a US based tech company and maintains an enviable work life balance that includes lifesaving and training for triathlons. He recently spoke to *Roll Call*.

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

"Let's just say I was not the sporty kid! I liked computers and gaming, chess, and table tennis. In Year 12 a few friends and I started running PC gaming events at Monash University and grew them to the largest in Australia. Today, e-sports and gaming are massive industries. Melbourne is a global hub, hosting tournaments and conferences like PAX Australia. Many people we knew helped put Melbourne on the map."

What studies have you completed?

"I completed a Bachelor in Computer Science at Monash University and recently completed a Global Executive MBA, also at Monash Uni."

Can you give us a brief overview of your career so far?

"I've always been a software engineer. After eight years in Melbourne, I followed my dream and moved to Silicon Valley. I was living in San Francisco. I had to pinch myself! My time was amazing and included stints at Uber and Airbnb. I was there as both companies went public. Currently, I'm with an American tech company but physically in Bondi Beach, Sydney. My company helps people and companies who have mobile apps to make more money."

Where do you draw your



Chris Adams at Bondi

inspiration from?

"Those who've made it in 'tech.' Those who speak fearlessly about where things are going. Famous philosophers who write on how to live well. Thinkers as diverse as Steve Jobs, Karl Marx, Nietzsche, and Marcus Aurelius."

What have been your career highlights so far?

"Moving to Silicon Valley and joining Uber and Airbnb. The people I met on those adventures. During 2020 lockdowns, I did a start-up hosting online events, culminating in us hosting online Burning Man. (Burning Man is an annual event focused on community, art, self-expression, and self-reliance, held in the United States). The technology I built touched thousands of lives, cheering up people stuck at home all over the world."

What are some of the challenges of your work?

"Keeping up! By way of example, AI (artificial intelligence) can now create drawings. You can tell an AI to draw "cats having tea on the moon

in the style of Salvador Dali" and it'll do it! How sub-zero cool is that! A career in technology will never lack for excitement at what humans can achieve."

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

"You'll find me patrolling Bondi Beach on weekends. During the week I'm swimming in the ocean or training for a triathlon. My next challenge is an Ironman endurance race, more than 12 hours of swimming and cycling, finishing with a marathon. I believe in tackling tough challenges. Doing a hard thing can be its own reward."

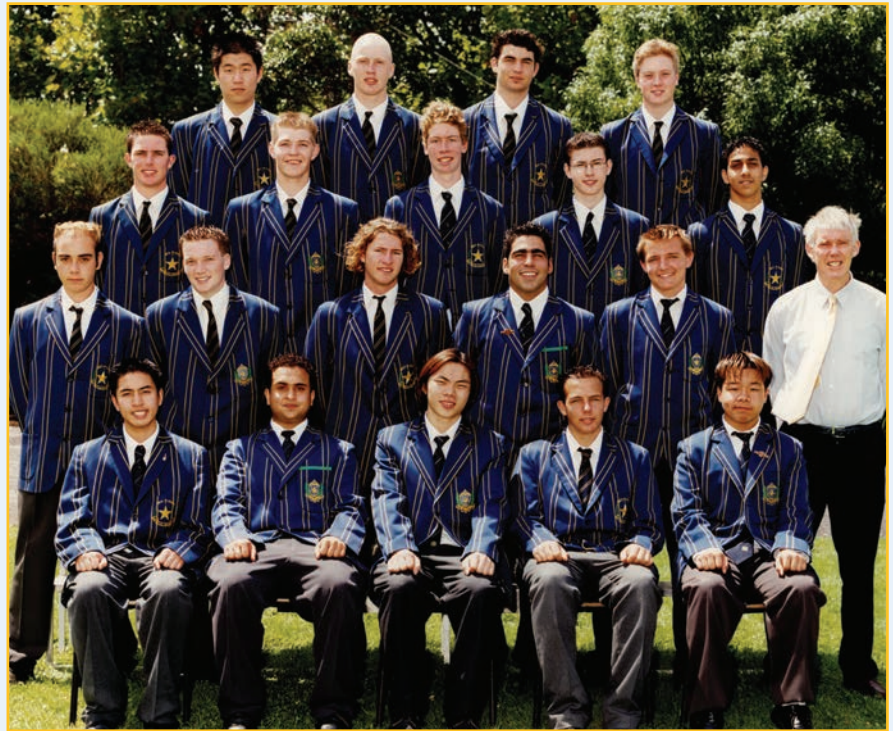
What legacies have your days as a De La Salle student left you with?

"De La Salle equipped me with a moral compass. Lately the media has exposed a lot of unsavoury privileged behaviour. It shocks me as I never thought to engage with the world that way. That's thanks to how we were expected to act at De La Salle: with maturity, responsibility, and magnanimity. I'm proud to be an

Old Collegian. I take those lessons with me wherever I am in my career and the world. Those days also taught me the value of holding on to friendships for life.”

“Being led by a religious perspective but invited to thoughtfully take on what speaks to you. I particularly remember The Brothers’ speeches to us. I remember one called “the dash”. Your tombstone will have your birthdate and your last day, joined by a dash. That dash is your entire life. It’s brief, but you have all the opportunities granted to you, so make it special.”

“Being called “young men” by the Brothers in Year 7 was the moment I decided to show up in the world as a man and not a boy. It was trust and responsibility, given generously and freely, and we didn’t pass it up.”



Chris Adams, top row far right, with his Year 12 Solomon class



Chris’s family L to R: Jacqui Escobar, Trish Adams, Paul Adams, Chris and Cat Abersteiner

Travelling North

After working as a teacher for four years, Jon Mammone (1984) decided to take a break from the classroom and try his hand at working for a charity. The job didn't pan out the way he had hoped, so he took a job in the transport industry. Twenty-eight years later he is still in transport, and as the State Manager of Civic Transport Services, Queensland, he knows a bit about moving.

Even though he has a strong circle of friends in Queensland, Mammone remains close with his friends from his days at the College.

"I was fortunate to go through De La Salle with an incredible cohort, including Peter McConvill, an aeronautical engineer, John Donegan, an acclaimed photojournalist, Anthony Klarica, the renowned sports psychologist, Mark Tamhane and Warwick Tiernan, who have both achieved amazing things working at the ABC and Bill Jennings, who runs the successful Time and Space program in schools throughout Australia and the UK.' (Editor's note: Klarica and Tamhane appear in this issue of Roll Call and Jennings has appeared in a previous issue).

"These men are just a few of the truly amazing young men I spent my school days with. Of course, none of us knew what we were going to be doing 38 years down the track, but what I did know was that most of the boys from the 1984 class would be successes in whatever field of endeavour they pursued."

"I just loved being a part of the team and getting to participate in whole school events with my mates. The comradery was just fantastic. I also loved creative arts, especially photography and one of my best mates throughout my time at the College was John Donegan,



Jon and Nadine Mammone

who was then and is now an extremely talented and creative photographer."

"I loved sport and was deeply passionate about representing the College in both the ACC Swimming and Athletics. I played one season of AFL. I held the ACC U/14 Hurdles record from 1981 – 2021."

"De La Salle was such an important foundation for teaching me integrity, comradery, connectedness, inclusion, and acceptance. When I started at De La Salle in 1979, Australia was a new home to many immigrant families, who were still finding their way."

"My grandparents were immigrants from Italy, as was my father, and they and my mum taught me the importance of work ethic, loyalty, and integrity and for that I am truly grateful."

I can honestly say that in all my time at De La Salle, I was never made to feel anything other than a part of the community. So, I believe the most prominent legacy for me has always been tolerance and acceptance for those who are not from where you are but who can open your eyes to a much broader perspective of life from their experience/ perspective."

Mammone started his career as a teacher, first at St Leonard's Catholic Primary School in Glen Waverley and after two years he returned to De La Salle as a Year 4 teacher.

"I had the extreme pleasure of working with the dynamic Terry Atkins and the incredibly knowledgeable Michael Harrington. It was so much fun working with Terry and Michael, and such a privilege to be involved with those primary students."

"After two years at De La Salle I decided to take a break from teaching to pursue a position in the charity field, which didn't eventuate as we'd anticipated, so I got a job in a transport company with the intention of returning to the teaching profession in the June or July that year."

"But transport was such an exciting dynamic industry, and I was hooked. I consider myself fortunate to enjoy what I do and to be constantly learning more about what I do each day."

Mammone says he was deeply honoured at being asked to lead the company expansion into the Brisbane marketplace. "This involved relocating my family from Melbourne to Brisbane but thankfully the Queensland operation has been very successful and, with the exception of the impacts of COVID-19, we have continued to grow and expand our market share in what is a niche market of transport sector in Brisbane."

Jon and his wife Nadine have two children Isabella (28) and Jack (24). Bella and Jack bring endless joy to our lives and we could not be more pleased with the wonderful humans they have turned out to be. 'If anything, they are truly our greatest achievement! For a very long time the children referred to themselves as 'Viclanders,' (Victorians firstly, and Queenslanders by choice) but Brisbane is home now."

By Kerry Martin

Reforming Mental Health

The Victorian 2021 Royal Commission into Mental Health Services identified the need for an ambitious reform agenda for the sector. Since then, Wellways Australia, one of Australia's largest and most respected mental health, wellbeing and care service providers has been an important driver of that reform.

As Wellways' General Manager (Victoria and Tasmania), Sean Hegarty (2001) leads a 900-strong team of mental health workers, striving to improve service outcomes.

"Since the Royal Commission we are seeing a complete transformation of the mental health sector. This is incredibly exciting to be a part of and contribute to the redesign of the sector, which will support all our families and communities," Hegarty said.

"It is an ambitious reform agenda and will continue over at least the next decade and promises more integrated services; a focus on co-producing services in partnership with Lived Experience, and locating more services in the communities in which people live."

Hegarty, who is also a registered Occupational Therapist, says his role is to provide senior leadership to large teams, strategy development and translating strategy to business planning, developing and implementing new services, oversight of service quality and risk, and nurturing and maintaining stakeholder relationships.

Hegarty was part of a team that developed the Doorway program, a housing and homelessness service here in Victoria. "We drew upon an internationally recognised best-practice model, Housing First, which supports people with mental health issues who experience homelessness, in gaining stable housing. The program has been funded since 2011 and has supported hundreds of people into housing and establishing a home."

After 17 years with Wellways, Hegarty is extremely proud of his role in guiding the organisation to be the leading provider of Prevention and Recovery Care (PARC) services in Victoria. "The intent of PARC is to avoid a hospital admission by providing intense clinical and wellbeing support for up to a 28-day period. Currently, Wellways provides 16 of the 26 PARCs in Victoria. This includes a Youth PARC and two Women's PARCs. One has the capacity to support up to three children so that women can maintain their parenting role, while focussing on their own mental health."

Outside of his professional role, Hegarty volunteers for a patient support and advocacy organisation. The organisation is for people with a rare group of genetic conditions called Porphyria, which has impacted Hegarty's family.

"I have played an instrumental role in establishing an international peak body representing similar Porphyria patient support groups around the world. Since 2019, I have served as the inaugural Vice President of Global Porphyria Advocacy Coalition (GPAC), a registered charity in the UK, made up of groups from more than 20 countries. This has been one of my most challenging and rewarding efforts in life, learning how to work across borders, time zones, language, culture, and politics, all during the COVID pandemic."



Sean Hegarty

Family is a huge part of his life. He spends lots of time with extended family and friends and his seven-year-old daughter, Abby. "Abby is my absolute world. She is 7 (going on 17), and an absolute joy to be around."

Hegarty also stays active. He surfs, skis and snowboards. He continued to play football until his mid-30s and since then has taken up running. He completed his first marathon alongside his sister, Jessica, in 2021. They both completed The Melbourne Marathon.

"My time at De La Salle helped me realise that we are part of something greater than ourselves, and that we should consider how we can make the greatest impact on the world around us."

By Kerry Martin



Sean Hegarty and daughter Abby

A Master of Invention

Peter Bloomfield's (1983) Archibald Prize (2011) entry *Not Waving Drowning, of* Olympic swimmer Daniel Kowalski, earned him a spot in the final cut, securing him a place in history as an artist. But it wasn't enough for this self-described inventor and innovator, whose greatest achievement, it turns out, is reinventing himself, from artist to entrepreneur, from farmer, to scientist, and most recently as an innovator, leading a team at the CSIRO to design a new generation of electric vehicle technologies.

As a student, Bloomfield was encouraged to pursue Maths and Science subjects and went on to study engineering. He was discouraged from studying art, but the passion lay dormant and in his final year at university, he discovered the contemporary art scene and enrolled in the Melbourne School of Art.

"I guess a final turning point was being thrown out of engineering drawing classes for doing freelance cartoons for *The Herald* newspaper."

Since then, it has been a journey fueled by following his passion. "For me it has always been a journey of discovery and I have been fortunate enough to always end up doing what I am passionate about with the simple mantra 'do what you love and love what you do, and everything else will take care of itself.'"

"This journey has led me through a world of art, design, business, farming, science, and as an entrepreneur now working on global solutions for sustainability in packaging, electric vehicles and green energy power innovations through my companies, the Rebus Corporation Pty Ltd, which conducts research and Mypangu Pty Ltd, which handles the licencing of new technologies."



Peter Bloomfield (left) and Daniel Kowalski

"My latest venture could potentially have an enormous impact on the lives of people around the world."

By repurposing and expanding Newton's Laws of Conservation of Energy, Bloomfield has invented an energy transfer system, which can theoretically power an electric vehicle beyond 2000 km on a single charge, whilst significantly minimising the number of batteries and hence reducing the world's reliance on rare earth materials and in particular the limited resource of lithium.

"It's quite possibly the single most exciting time to be a creative innovator as never before in the history of the world has the need for sustainable innovation been more urgently

required and it is very exciting to be working with my team at the cutting edge of this transition."

Bloomfield's project, the Lemma Energy Transfer (LETS), is currently being developed under the umbrella of the CSIRO to commercialise the innovation and bring it to market.

Bloomfield's current work is the culmination of well-honed skills which have evolved throughout his many reincarnations.

"In the world of commercial art, I founded an advertising agency into a national company with international clients. As a farmer, I developed one of the first carbon capture and credit farming systems in Western Victoria

and together with Landcare, planted over 60,000 trees and developed nontraditional farming techniques to minimise salt degradation and environmental impacts from European farming techniques.”

“Nature has always provided me with direct scientific inspiration for my innovation work in sustainability. The answer to most of our green energy solutions can be found directly by dissecting the wonders of nature.”

“It’s quite possibly the single most exciting time to be a creative innovator as never before in the history of the world has the need for sustainable innovation been more urgently required and it is very exciting to be working with my team at the cutting edge of this transition.”

For Bloomfield work is his hobby. “It’s the stuff I would be doing in my spare time anyway and I guess I have always been fortunate in that regard where I can combine all my interests into some form of ‘employment.’”

Whilst painting was his first passion, he admits it wasn’t enough to sustain him. “Painting wasn’t always fulfilling in every aspect of my creative journey and often felt I had more to achieve,” Bloomfield said.

His work is held in many private collections and his Archibald entry is part of the Australian Museum of Sport’s collection.

“As an artist I was always influenced by the unique Australian obsession with sport and sporting heroes and painted many sporting hero’s including Dennis Lillee, Greg Chappell and the late Rod Marsh. Coincidentally for many years his studio was located directly opposite the MCG – “the sporting cathedral for all Australians.”



Peter Bloomfield in the lab at the CSIRO

When he is not working, Bloomfield says his family is his priority and he is fortunate to combine his love of raising his boys with his love of sport. “Naturally watching my kids play every kind of sport in existence on the weekends occupies a fair chunk of any spare time.”

“Mateship is the number one legacy from being a De La Salle College student. I always seem to bump into old school mates wherever I travel around the world, and even though you may not have seen them for years you are instantly drawn back into the friendship and association of being a De La mate. It’s a very unique quality for a school environment and one which hopefully will continue as my

own boys now graduate as third family generation of De La Salle students.”

Bloomfield’s son Kobi is in Year 12 this year and his older son Kai graduated in 2019. His father Fred (dec.) graduated in 1953 and his two brothers; Matthew (1990) and Robert (1982) are also Old Collegians.

Editor’s note: Peter’s father, Fred Bloomfield (1953) can be seen in a photograph included in this issues’ *From The Archives* on page 27.

By Kerry Martin

De La Salle Football Club

2023 will be an exciting year down at the Club, beginning with a new Committee headed by Old Collegian, Phil Proy (1998). We are also delighted to have Life Member Jennie Loughnan return to the Club in the role of Vice President. The Committee also has a fresh look with six current players joining, three from the Senior Men’s Program, and three from the Women’s Program.

The Club kicked off the season in style at the annual Season Launch, held at Sofitel on Collins. Special Guests at the 260-strong event were Western Bulldogs defender Alex Keath, Olympic Gold Medallist, and current head of AFLW, Nicole Livingstone, Collingwood legend Peter Daicos, and comedian The Suburban Footballer.

The College was well represented, and Deputy Principal, Mr Rob Bonnici (1996) gave an update on the College Football Program and progress of the connection with the Old Collegians’ Football Club.

The launch was also a great platform to announce the Club’s Building for Greatness program to its football community. Under four pillars of the program, the Club has a clear path and direction of what we want to be and where we want to go.

Safety, Inclusion & Wellbeing:

Active participation and engagement with professionals to build the *Out of The Blue* wellbeing program for



Nicole Livingstone ‘on the couch’ with MC Nigel Carmody

positive results, open communication, and to change the stigma around mental health and wellbeing. Engagement with professionals and wellbeing partners.

Visual & Behavioural Branding:

Create Visual Branding guidelines for digital communications and marketing. To ensure consistent and strong visual representation for signage, apparel, and all imagery. To live and breathe attitudes and behaviours across all interactions via digital and in person. For all members to be active in promotion and ambassadors of the brand and policies.

Community: To engage with residents, associations, institutions, and businesses to form strong links in the commercial, environmental, and charitable elements throughout the extended networks. To partner with like-minded organisations for mutual benefit. To be seen as an active and positive member of the Malvern Community.

Sustainable Growth: For retention, renewal, and recruitment of players, members, and sponsors, it is vital we increase engagement across multiple sections – Community groups, College students, College alumni, Football, Cricket, Netball participation.

On the field, our Football Department is prepared for an assault on 2023, headed by Football Director Bill Tyson and Coaches Nick Hyland (Seniors),



Seniors practice match v Uni Blues in Poowong

Steve Hogan (Reserves), Josh Galbraith (Women’s), Jack McDonald (Thirds), Simon Miller (U19s Blues), Declan McLaughlin (U19s Golds), and Peter Harrison (Masters).

We are also proud to have strong links with De La Salle College and Korowa Anglican Girls School assisting their High-Performance Football Programs. Current and past De La Salle students are welcome to either play or become involved – scoreboard, canteen, boundary umpires, goal umpires or just come down and enjoy your complimentary pie and drink when you apply for your complimentary Cheer Squad Membership via our website www.delasalleocfc.com.au

Dale Christie, General Manager



The Guns with Nicole Livingstone

Class of 1972

At lunchtime on Thursday 27 October, Old Collegians of the Class of 1972 arrived at the Glasshouse, Caulfield Racecourse with some excitement and apprehension to meet fellow Year 12 classmates from our Year 12 class from 50 years ago!

Once the name tag was read, the pieces fell into place, the person was recognised, and the conversation flowed. The Principal,

Mr Peter Houlihan gave an informative presentation about the present state of De La Salle College and was happy to respond to questions. The meal was tasty and the men who attended thought it a positive and happy gathering.

It was great to reconnect with old mates and the years melted away as the conversation continued. We appreciate the work done by the Alumni office in organising this event.

Peter Ball (1972)



Class of 1973

Our 50 year reunion was a short but wonderful event for the group of classmates who attended. As expected, bodies had changed, making recognition a bit difficult but for me, it was almost overwhelming to be standing once again in a Lasallian function and feeling the spirit of my fellow classmates.

For those in attendance there was 1000 years of living to talk about. We might have looked different, but I was struck by the unchanged personalities and the wonderful accepting nature of the men present, making it feel like we last met only a week ago.

It was on the drive home to Cohuna that I reflected that we all had a similar outlook on life and shared a respect

and openness. I realised that we were taught that attitude to life as students and it has stayed with us all. For that and the life that has followed I thank De La Salle College.

Dr Peter Barker (1973)



Class of 2013

Walking through the famous gates of Kinnoull campus was almost like being in a dream. 10 years has certainly flown by, however it was great to see so many familiar faces, granted, now with a lot more facial hair, after many years.

The best thing about running into an Old Collegian, is it always feels like we continue the conversation where

we had last left off, even if it has been many years. This occasion was no different. The boys were over the moon to see each other again, and quickly stories and reflections of our time at the school started to flow, accompanied with plenty of good laughs.

The combination of being back on campus together again with a few adult lemonades, brought out everyone's adolescent and joyful side once more, with the overall mood being one of celebration.

Overall, it was exciting to hear how all the boys, now fully fledged men, have found their way and really doing well for themselves. The celebrations and laughter continued well into the night at a local pub, and I think it's fair to say that we all look forward to catching up at our next reunion, to continue where we left off again.

Patrick Arceri (2013)



Class of 2021

The mighty Class of 2021 had its first Reunion on Friday 18 November. Pleasantly surprised by the generous hospitality, including free drinks and pizza, the cohort enthusiastically gathered around the Peppercorn tree just like good old days!

Although it had been a whole year since being at school and despite the many novel adventures we had

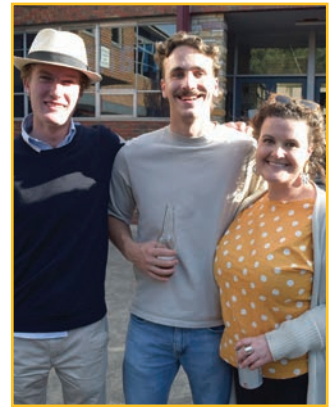
experienced in our first year outside of Del La Salle College life, it didn't seem that long ago since we were wearing the Blue and Gold. We all interacted just like we once did and laughed just like we once did.

Not only was it great to catch up with our fellow Lasallians, but we were blessed with the presence of some wonderfully amiable teachers who played such an integral role in our development. To those who very kindly gave up an hour or two of their

Friday night to see us again, we are so profoundly grateful and appreciative. It made the event even more special!

Overall we all enjoyed the night, enhanced by to the fine weather and good vibes. It was an undeniably perfect occasion to mark our first year out of school.

Tom Seddon (2021)



Where Are They Now?

Connor Rate (2015) won the 2022 William Gibbs Prize for Dux of the Graduate Meteorologists Program at the Bureau of Meteorology. Connor, who has a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from Monash University, has commenced a new role at the BoM as an Aviation Forecaster. His new role involves forecasting the weather for the aviation industry. Connor is also a volunteer for Empower Australia, a food relief centre in Southbank.



Anthony Breslin's (1984) exhibition *Melange* opened at the Burrinja Cultural Centre in October. A momentous 'tour de force,' this is Anthony's first major solo exhibition in over a decade. Since his last major exhibition *Trybe*, which we featured in the May 2013 issue of *Roll Call*, Anthony has transcended years of serious health challenges to emerge with a major show that presents a melange of vibrant colour, expressing his inimitably playful, quirky style.



Br Paul Toohy (1969), Angelo Lucia (1969) and Dr Paul Nash (1969) recently caught up in Malvern. Br Paul is back in Melbourne visiting his family, before returning to Papua New Guinea where he is based. Angelo graduated from Monash in Science and Engineering and spent almost 40 years working for the

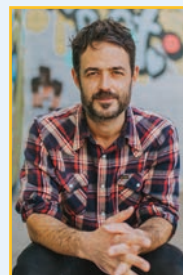
Dow Chemical Company in various engineering and leadership roles in Australia and overseas. Paul is a full-time as a contractor to the Australian Navy in Data Analytics.



Matt Tyquin (2017) was named '2022 World Champion Butcher Apprentice' in the World Champion Butcher Apprentice and Young Butcher competition in Sacramento, California last September. As the first Australian to ever win the Award, Matt had two and a half hours to cut, value add and create an innovative display using the cuts provided whilst being judged on creativity, hygiene, safety, innovation, and speed. Prior to taking up butchering as a trade, Matt studied Biomedicine at Monash but decided that the laboratory was not for him. Having worked part-time for about seven years at Ashburton Meats, Matt then took on an apprenticeship to become a butcher, obviously a good decision.



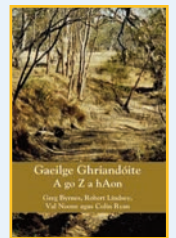
Miles Allinson (1999) was awarded *The Age* 2022 fiction book of the year award for his second novel, *In Moonland*.



Enzo Campana (2020) has been signed to play for the FK Zlatibor Soccer Club in Serbia. Before leaving Australia, Enzo played with the Eastern Lions SC. He hopes to remain in Europe and eventually play for bigger teams and one day for Australia, which has been his dream ever since he was young boy.



Val Noone (1956) has co-authored the first-ever book completely in the Irish language written and published by Australians in Australia. *Gaeilge Ghriandóite (Sunburnt Irish)*, brings together current knowledge about how the Irish language found expression in Australia, and how the language was promoted and used, and by whom.



Sam De Stefanis (2016) graduated last year from RMIT with an Honours degree in Industrial Design. He is currently working as the Hardgoods Product Designer for Globe, Impala and Milkbar, designing skateboards, roller skates and bikes every day (and he gets paid to do it!). Sam recently collaborated on a new design for the classic dragster bike.



James Corkill (2008) married Emma Burns in January 2022. James is a Year 6 classroom teacher at St Mary's Primary in Hastings, living on the Mornington Peninsula. James graduated from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Education (P-12). He says De La Salle College showed him the importance of community, understanding, connectedness and interpersonal skills. I still support Collingwood and have enjoy watching my team win. James' also practices Muay Thai Kickboxing to keep fit.



Kevin Williams (1982) is an agronomist for Elders. Kevin lives on the mid North Coast, NSW and he and his wife Denise have three daughters. In his spare time, he umpires local AFL (Australian Football League) football and keeps honeybees.

Maurice Patane (1982) heads up his own financial services company whose mission is to help people live even happier lives. Maurice, who is married with three children, enjoys learning and travelling.

Joe Brogno (1980) owns three businesses servicing BMW and German cars. He has been in the business for over 30 years.

Tony Bates (1982) is the Deputy Secretary for Financial Policy and Information Services in the Victorian Department of Education and Training.

Andre Mallet (1982) is married with two children and lives in Kooyong.

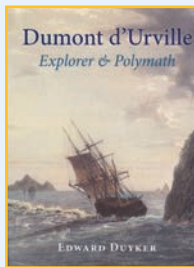
Tony Magris (1982) is working for Madison Technologies. He completed a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and Bachelor of Business Management at Monash University. Working for Radio Frequency Systems (RFS), he became the Development Manager Frontier Projects and later the Vice President and General Manager of RFS Americas. Tony also

worked with the Voice of America and other broadcasters in the US setting up systems. He worked for MATV, Foxtel, Austar and IPTV systems and later worked for RFI, designing various radio communications systems for the emergency services and solar systems.



Edward Duyker (1972) French

edition of his biography of the French explorer Jules Dumont d'Urville (1790–1842), was recently awarded a medal by the Académie de Marine (France's naval academy).



Liam Dimattina (2012) has recently taken up a new position as the NSW Operations for Australian Sports Camps. Previously, Liam was with the Melbourne Cricket Club for 9 years. Liam is also the Head Coach for the U19 Benteigh Football Team.

Giuseppe Gigliotti (1972) completed a Bachelor of Social Work and Commerce at the University of Melbourne and since then has worked around Australia in a range of social work and adult education and training roles including the Australian Public Service, the University of Canberra, and the CSIRO. His last role was for Airservices Australia developing and delivering an Integrated Leadership Development Framework. He also volunteers as a driver and guard at the Don River Railway. Giuseppe also has a Master's in Arts (Theology), with a focus on Spirituality and Spiritual Direction. Subsequently, he has been engaged in various roles. Highlights include being a group leader at WYD 2008 and implementing Child Safety/Safe Communities training. He was deeply engaged in the Australian

Folk scene for 25 years as a member of three different bands, a Folk Trust Board member and as a Morris Dancer! He enjoys reading, cooking, and gardening. Giuseppe is married to Sandra and they have a daughter, a stepson, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. "My life philosophy comes from my upbringing - Act Justly, Love Tenderly, and Walk Humbly with God. (see Micah 6:8) I hope that I would be remembered as living that!"

Brian Smith (1972) is married with three adult children and lives in Seabrook. He has been with the Department of Defence for 44 years and is currently a Finance Manager with the Royal Australian Air Force.

John McIlroy (1972) lives in Sydney and has four children and five grandchildren who all live close to him. For the last 10 years John has been the CEO and founder of an Investment Management and Financial Advisory business (Crystal Wealth Partners).

Bernie Flynn (1972) has been married to Genevieve for 37 years and has two children, Laura, and Michael. Bernie worked in primary education for 50 years and over the years has maintained his college-connection through the Old Collegians Football Club.

Dennis Meehan (1972) works for Mercedes Benz Australia. He says he has been fortunate to lead a full life through family, sport and business and travelling. He is also a keen cyclist and rides in the Tour De Cure.

Frank Dunn (1972) spent 10 years as a commercial broadcaster in country Victoria and New South Wales, and 30 years in the home renovation industry. Frank and Anne have two sons, Nick (2004) and Chris (2008) and live in Elwood.

Mick Stinear (2002) coached the AFLW 2022 Premiership team. Mick has coached the Melbourne AFLW team since 2017.



From the Archives

Over the last 12 months I have had numerous visitors to the College Archives at the Tiverton campus including Old Collegians, Brothers who were once on staff, family members of Old Collegians and other College community members. All these people bring with them memories and stories of our college and the significant role it has played in so many lives.

Paul Rankin (1955) is one who has met with not only myself, but my predecessors, to discuss his time



Paul Rankin self portrait



1953 Kinnoull Homestead



1954 Staff member, Ron Conway

at the college and his contribution to our history. Paul attended the school when the Kinnoull campus was purchased in 1952 and tells the story of how his blossoming interest in photography saw him approached by Br Frederick to take some photos of the Kinnoull building and grounds before it underwent any change from a homestead to a school building.

In the September 1999 issue of *Roll Call*, then archivist Steve Stephanopoulos, acknowledged Paul as joining the student editors of *The Lyre* (the original college newsletter) in the early 1950s as a photographer. Whilst photos were

not published in *The Lyre* (due to expense), the College would like to acknowledge the photographic contribution Paul made to recording early pictures of college life and the original Kinnoull property at that time.

Paul has donated some of the photos he took, along with other items collected during his lifetime of involvement with the College, which are a wonderful addition to our collection. These images are some Paul's photography from the time and used with his permission.

Marian Jenkinson
College Archivist



1954 College sports at Malvern oval – Paul Rankin (1955), Norm O'Doherty (1954), Fred Bloomfield (1953), William (Billy) Charlesworth (1955) and John Tindley (1955)



1955 Cadet Under Officers: John Dillon (1955), Peter Stokes (1955), John Hanlon (1955), Douglas Johnston (1954) and Gerald Mercer (1954)

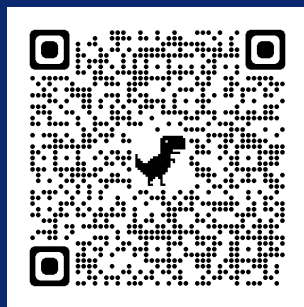
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Robert Semmel	1942
John Crosbie	1942
Doug O'Shannessy	1944
Ken Hill	1945
Reg McVilly	1947
Max Barham	1948
Michael Cash	1949
Ray Morgan	1943
Dick Selleck	1951
Philip Coman	1952
Fr Anthony Young	1952
Brian Matthews	1953
Norm O'Doherty	1954
John Madden	1954
Michael Madden	1958
Jo Vondra	1959
Christopher D'Astoli	1961
Paul Mitchell	1965
Dominic Re	1969
John Dale	1981
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