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Assembly at Tiverton Campus 1948

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EDITORIAL

Dear *Roll Call* readers,

Welcome to the May issue of *Roll Call*. It seems like only yesterday that we published our Centenary edition and here we are celebrating 110 years of the College. To mark the anniversary, we include an overview of the College since its founding in 1912, along with some iconic images of the last 110 years. The uniforms and campuses have gone through significant changes, but the spirit of the blue and gold remains as strong as ever. I hope you enjoy a walk down memory lane. We also feature our usual profiles of Old Collegians doing amazing things and news from recent reunions.

Kerry Martin

Editor

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thank you for my last issue of *Roll Call*. I am writing to mark the passing of an incredibly special old boy, **Mark Gillespie (1966)**. **David Bray (1967)** informed me of Mark's passing. David was a good friend of Mark's and a fellow member of *The Aftermath*, a rock band formed at school around 1965 and included De La Salle students, **Roger O'Donnell (1967)**, **Chris Stafford (1967)**, **Terry Shannon (1967)** and **Peter Dimattina (1968)**. I acted as road manager.

Mark was an exceptional student and a member of the College swimming and football teams. His older brother, **Ian (1965)**, was College Captain.

Following school, Mark's academic and musical career blossomed. He went to university and continued to play guitar, sing, and compose songs. He would become one of Australia's most brilliant and respected rock musicians. In the 90's, Mark built an orphanage in Bangladesh, using his own money.

Michael Brudenell (1967), Detroit



David Bray top third from right, Mark Gillespie, second from right beside him.

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From the Principal

Dear Old Collegians,

Welcome to another edition of *Roll Call*, full of new stories and updates which I'm sure you will enjoy. Since the most recent copy in September, the College has largely been open again, certainly since late October, so we have more events, activities and news to report on than when we were in the midst of ongoing lockdowns.

Coming out of another year dominated by remote learning, the return to onsite learning with a normal school routine had its challenges for students, staff and families but I have been very proud of the way the College handled all aspects of the experience. The provision of high-quality learning and tailored wellbeing support in 2020-21 meant the vast majority of our students came out of the lockdowns in very good shape. I have never seen teenage boys so keen to get back to school!

Our strategic approach to supporting the students last year was vindicated through two interesting facts. Our excellent 2021 VCE results place us in the top four Catholic boys' schools in Victoria. This is a most impressive achievement given the 2021 Year 12s were also absent from onsite learning for most of their Year 11 in 2020. The Lasallian tradition of supportive relationships between students and staff underpinned this success. Secondly, after many years of one class at each Year Level, the Primary school has doubled in size from 2021. This significant increase in enrolments now requires two classes to operate at both Year 5 and 6. This is largely on the back of a positive remote learning experience for 2021 Primary families at De La Salle.

The refurbishment program continues apace, with the new-look Primary school moving into purpose-built, contemporary learning spaces in the old Duffy Building, previously occupied by Year 7s. Beautification and landscaping is gradually transforming some tired spaces at Tiverton into much brighter and user-



friendly active and passive recreation areas for the Year 5 – 8s. At Kinnoull, a long overdue new students' toilet block is due for completion by mid-April, with the out of date existing facilities to be demolished. Preliminary work has also just begun on an exciting new Master Plan for the College, framing up concepts for a building program at Tiverton.

In late March, we announced the launch of a structured football program for the College. The September *Roll Call* will cover this promising innovation in more detail once the ACC football season is complete, but in the short term we are thrilled to advise Michael Barlow (ex-Fremantle and Gold Coast star) will be the Head Coach, coaching the First XVIII and developing a genuine Australian Rules program and pathways for our Year 5 – 12s. Michael will also be looking after the Kennedy Club for Year 7 – 9 footballers, as part of the fledgling High Performing Sports Program. In another coup for the College, Richmond and GWS legend, Brett Deledio, will be assisting Michael. Senior players and parents met Michael at our First XVIII Jumper Presentation Dinner on 28 March, the return of a traditional event on the school sporting calendar.

The College performing arts program continues to go from strength to strength, with the Term 1 highlights being the Autumn Ensembles Concert and the production of *High School Musical* with *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart*, Bentleigh. The standard of music and drama performances at the College is increasingly impressive each year, a source of great pride for staff and tremendous satisfaction and enjoyment for students.

The College Development Office is undertaking significant works to track down the many Old Collegians for whom we do not hold current contact details. If you know of any old school friends who have lost contact with us, please urge them to pass on their details. We aim to revitalise a formal Old Collegians Association with a fresh, more contemporary approach to events, activities and reunions.

I hope you enjoy catching up with the tremendous variety of stories and news in this *Roll Call* and I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming events.

Peter Houlihan
Principal

Opening and Welcome Mass

On the evening of Thursday 3 March, the annual College Welcome and Opening Mass was celebrated in the College Gym by the Reverend Fr Kevin McGovern of St Cecila's Parish, Glen Iris.

Deputy Principal – Identity and Mission, Rana Brogan, said the Mass was an important event in the College year.

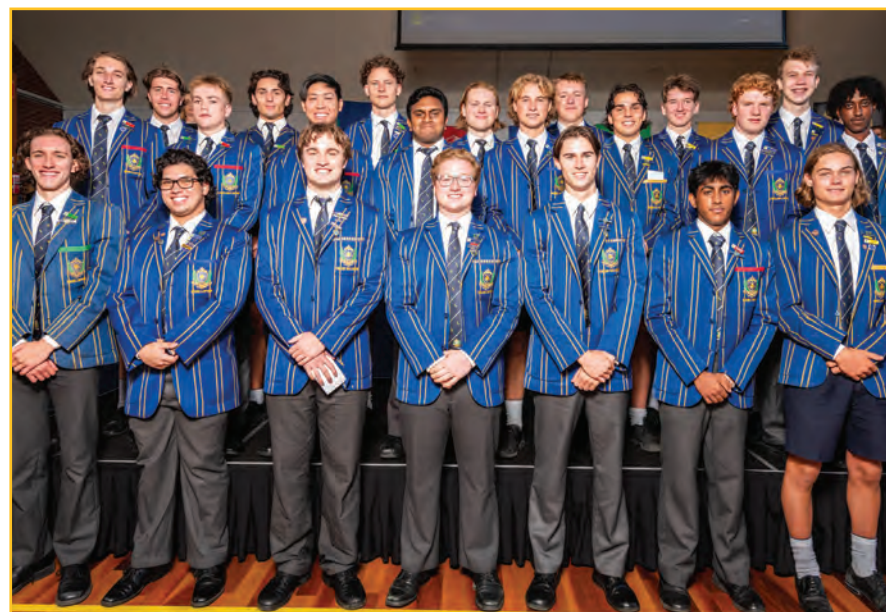
“The Mass is a significant and special occasion that allows us to welcome all Year 5 and Year 7 students, as well as any new Year 6 students who have commenced with us at De La Salle College. The Year 12 College Student Leaders, as well as the Tiverton, Holy Eucharist and Primary Captains and Vice Captains, were also officially welcomed to the community,” she said.

“We were also blessed with the presence of De La Salle Brothers, Br Denis Loft fsc, Br Bill Firman fsc, Br Michael Carroll fsc and Br Peter Smyth fsc.”

Students were presented with a special gift on the night and welcomed by College Principal, Peter Houlihan.



Student Leadership Team for 2022



Back row: Left to right: Hugh Ford, Thomas Childs, Peter Pearse, Andre Di Medio, Justin Nguyen, Benjamin Wayman, Reeve Yogendran, Jeremy Grigg, Benjamin McLisky, Lucas McNamara, Dylan Carver, Roch Dargan, William Orton, Benjamin Selkirk and Abraham Pearce.

Front row: Benjamin King, Daniel Van den Berg, Sean MacNamara, Peter Orlando, Ralph Howard, Agitha Abeyagoonasekera and Will Richards.

As part of the Ceremony on 18 February, the new Student Leadership Team was invested and presented with their leadership blazers and badges. Principal, Peter Houlihan, congratulated the 2022 student leadership group. “You have set an excellent example, and by your actions and approach, you are outstanding role models to all your peers in our wonderful school,” he said.



Left to right: Ralph Howard (Vice Captain), Sean MacNamara (Vice Captain) and Peter Orlando (Captain)

Outstanding VCE Results

On Friday 18 February, the College celebrated the outstanding academic achievements of our Year 12 students from 2021. The College's 2021 VCE results continue to show improvements across the board.

- The percentage of Study Scores 40 and above was 10.3% (up from 2020).
- The Median Study Score for 2021 was 31 (up from 2020).
- 19.10% of Year 12 students achieved an ATAR of 90 (up from 2020).
- 39.7% of ATARs in the 80 - 99.95 range (up from 2020).

Principal, Peter Houlihan, said the results were a testament to the commitment and hard work of the Year 12 Class, who showed exceptional resilience to the rigours of remote learning.

"I am so proud of all our young men, who without the comfort and routine of everyday onsite contact with peers and teachers, strove for personal



2021 College Duxes, Richard Bland and Thomas Seddon

success and maximised their results through sheer devotion to the task," he said.

"While we celebrate the excellent results, I also acknowledge the staff who worked hard to support, challenge and extend students of all abilities and motivation levels."

"Congratulations to our 2021 College Duxes, Thomas Seddon

(College Captain) and Richard Bland, who both attained an ATAR of 98.60."

Thomas, who received Study Scores ranging from 40-48 in five VCE Studies, will study for a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Arts at Monash University. Richard, who completed six VCE Studies, predominantly in Maths and Sciences, will study for a Bachelor of Engineering and Science also at Monash University.

VCE Top Achievers 2021

At the Academic Awards and Investiture Ceremony on Friday 18 February, 22 students were recognised as the 2021 Top VCE Achievers. These students received an ATAR above 90 and the College community congratulates them on their efforts.



Front: Anthony Lew, Thomas Seddon, Richard Bland, William Dwyer, Josh Salmon, Finn Sullivan, Cooper Johnstone, Lachlan Wong, Khai Pham.
 Second Row: Principal, Peter Houlihan, Adam Carr, Jack Forer, Jonathon Keramidis, Het Pancholi, Cormac Fleming, George Moutsidis, Dean Neaves, Thomas Andrewartha.
 Back: Miles Munro, Cooper Johnstone, Daniel Pertile, Ethan Dattilo, James Semaan, Thomas Welling, Thomas Martin, Peter Bohan.

The Olympics – Heat, a Pandemic and a State of Emergency

The 2021 Tokyo Olympics saw the Australian Rowing Team win two gold and two bronze medals, the best performance ever in an Olympics. As the Team Doctor for the Olympic Rowing Team, Dr Mark Wilson (2004) was responsible for the health of the 40-strong squad in unprecedented conditions.

It was hot, there was a pandemic and a state of emergency, but Dr Wilson said he felt blessed to be part of the Olympic effort.

“I was fortunate to accompany the Australian Rowing team to Tokyo for their much-anticipated Olympic campaign in July 2021. The role was highly sought after and I was elated to be chosen. I would rate my role at the Tokyo Olympics as my biggest professional highlight so far.”

“It was a successful tour, with two gold and two bronze medals, the best performance in history by an Australian rowing team, but conditions were challenging,” Dr Wilson said.

“The key medical issue was heat management. Tokyo was hot and humid and a relative lack of shading, meant that this challenge was constant.”

The second significant management issue was staying COVID-19 free!

“I helped coordinate the daily testing of the entire team and support staff. The days were long, with 4:30am starts and being on call 24/7. There were several high-pressure situations and times when quick decisions had to be made, both around training and racing. The fact that we achieved two gold and two bronze medals will never cease to amaze me.”

“I enjoyed the high intensity nature of managing this elite group of athletes whom I had worked with during my time at the AIS in Canberra in 2020.”

After graduating from De La Salle College, Mark completed a Bachelor of Science and a

Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery at Monash University and has subsequently undertaken further studies at the University of Melbourne in Surgical Anatomy and at the University of Edinburgh, culminating in a Master’s degree in Orthopaedics.

Mark has worked as a doctor since 2013, specialising in sports medicine. After completing several years of surgical training, he also works as an assistant orthopaedic surgeon. Next year, he will complete the final part of his specialist training. He then plans to undertake a couple of years of training in pain medicine (a relatively new medical field), with a focus on advanced interventional pain management techniques.



“Sports Medicine is one of the exciting areas to practice in. Dealing with athletes is both fun and challenging. Expectations can be high and pushing athletes to the edge of their performance, whilst simultaneously ensuring their health and safety is a tough balancing act,” he said.

“My work is highly varied. My hours are typically long, but I try to have a balanced life and not work too hard, especially on weekends. I work in private practice in Brisbane in a conventional sports medicine clinic, where I do consultations, perform injections into joints and tendons, such as cortisone and platelet rich plasma (a regenerative medicine technology).”

“When not in clinic, I assist in theatre in private hospitals around Brisbane, doing mainly joint replacements, knee reconstructions and shoulder surgery. I also assist in some spinal and other nerve-related pain work and hope to increasingly transition to this type of practice in the next few years.”

Mark has several roles serving as a club doctor. “In 2015, when I was still working in Melbourne, I was the club doctor for the University Blues in the VAFA. We lost the senior side grand final that year, but only just!”

“More recently I have worked in rugby union, rugby league (including covering the mighty Melbourne Storm when they relocated to QLD), A-League soccer and the AFL Academy with the Brisbane Lions.”

“In 2022, I will be the NRLW Gold Coast Titans Club Medical Officer for their inaugural season and in 2023 will likely provide coverage and medical expertise to the Dolphins, the NRL expansion club.”

Based on the Sunshine Coast, Dr Wilson is kept busy with work and an active family. “I have three children: Miranda (10), Celeste (6) and Lincoln (3) and together with my wife, Moy, we try to have as much fun and as many adventures as possible. Sporting activities usually revolve around the kids. I enjoy the water and want to do more fishing, but I am often time poor. We also like the outdoors and camping.”

“I have many fond memories of my time at De La Salle. I am still in contact with friends from those days. As a student, I was equally interested in the sciences and the humanities, and I have tried to maintain an interest in politics, history, and culture, despite being more technically minded and focused on medicine these days. I try to be a good Christian and think that De La Salle provided an excellent model of what an ethical and moral life can look like today.”

By Kerry Martin

High School Musical

After being postponed due to the pandemic, the cast and crew of the De La Salle College / OLSH College production of *High School Musical*, finally hit the stage for four sell-out shows at OLSH in late March.

Director, Julie Freeman-Smith, said the production had overcome numerous obstacles. “We faced numerous challenges along the way including a worldwide pandemic, resulting in lockdowns and remote learning,” she said.

Rehearsals began back in February 2021 with a cast, crew and orchestra of over 90 students.

“Each and every student has immersed themselves in their role and worked extremely hard to bring their characters to life on the stage,” she said.

“During these unusual times that we find ourselves in, we have discovered that we’re all in this together and that we are never truly alone. We are always surrounded by those who love and care for us and encourage us not to stick to the status quo, but to break free and follow our dreams.”

“They should be tremendously proud of the professional manner in which they have carried themselves throughout the production.”



Paying Attention to Attention Deficit

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is the most prevalent neurodevelopmental disorder in children in Australia, affecting one in every 20 children. As someone who has grown up with ADHD, Dr James Kean (2000) has first-hand knowledge of its effects and has dedicated his professional life trying to improve youth mental health. Overcoming learning issues while a student at De La Salle College, Kean went on to complete his PhD in neuroscience and today works to improve the mental health of young people.

As a research fellow and project manager with Orygen at the University of Melbourne, Kean is overseeing two important research projects investigating mood and developmental disorders in young people.

Alongside his role as a project manager, Kean is working on his own research into mood and developmental disorders, and new ways we might treat them. His PhD thesis investigated complementary and alternative medicines in the treatment of children and adolescents experiencing symptoms of ADHD from 6 to 14 years of age.

Kean admits he struggled academically, but he excelled at football and music. He believes that the supportive approach of De La Salle College enabled him to flourish.

“The College was such an accepting place - you could be who you wanted,” he said.

“I’d like to take the opportunity now to apologise to my teachers - it wasn’t my fault; it was my brain.”



James Kean

“I never saw myself as doing anything academic, but after Year 12 I did a diploma in professional writing and editing, and realised there had to be something more,” he said.

“I completed a short course in psychology, which led to a Bachelor

of Applied Science (Psychology) and was offered a place at Swinburne University to do my Honours in Psychophysiology, which led to a scholarship to complete my PhD.

Subsequently, Kean was appointed as a research fellow at The Turner

Institute for Brain and Mental Health at Monash University and later moved to Swinburne University as a lecturer and convenor in Neuropsychopharmacology and Neurophysiology.

Kean is still aware of how his ADHD impacts his professional life. "Being ADHD, means I need to be highly organised to get anything done. Multi-tasking is a minefield for my brain. I need to be very regimented and structured in my approach to everything I do, otherwise, I would get nothing done."

"Getting my PhD was my biggest career highlight to date. It took so long due to the nature of the work I was doing, so in the end it was huge reward."

He says that the nature of his work also has its challenges. "Research translation is a problem. This occurs when you conduct research for years, publish endless pieces of data after scrutinous peer review processes,

only for it to be unnoticed by the clinical community. There is a large gap between what research demonstrates, and what is implemented in clinical practice."

When Kean is not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends. "Playing with my daughter and teaching her the Melbourne Demons theme song (she has probably heard it a bit too much lately), brings me such joy."

"I still play guitar and write songs and stories. These days I spend my time writing comedy-style songs, rather than my previous punk style. I also like to write short horror stories, some of which have been published online."

"I was always a footballer at heart. While I was at school, I played ACC Football for De La Salle, the Oakleigh Chargers and Surrey Park."

"Music and writing were my second passions. I was College Music Captain in 1999 and played in a

short-lived punk rock band. I also had a few short stories published in local magazines."

Kean has a strong group of friends he made at the College. "My friends are such a random mix, none of us have much at all in common, except for our time at De La Salle, and the fact we're all outgoing and enjoy meeting new people."

"Not all of us in our group were A-grade students, a few were, I definitely wasn't, but you wouldn't know that if you met us today."

"There's just an understanding that we each came from different backgrounds, we all went through De La Salle, and then we all went on different paths after school."

"It's just that dash between the start to the finish of our time at the College (1995 - 2000), it doesn't seem like a long time, but it encompasses such a massive part of our lives that has stayed with us."

By Kerry Martin



James Kean and Harlie-Ava



James Kean with partner, Melissa Ann

Building Relationships

Gavin Mahony (2001) has worked around the world developing team dynamics and maximising individual potential, but it was a personal experience in Tennant Creek early in his career that taught him a valuable lesson which would guide his professional practice.

After completing a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing and Sports Management, Mahony's first job was the Sport and Recreation Manager for the Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation in Tennant Creek.

Arriving in the remote community, Mahony soon realised he was a bit out of his depth. "I came straight from university with great ideas and plans I wanted to put into place," he said.

"Unfortunately, I hadn't built relationships with my team or earned their trust. As a result, nothing much happened and the team ended up frustrated," he said. "I quickly learnt the value of relationships and how you have to establish trust and respect as your very first starting point."

"Fortunately, I was lucky to have an amazing leader, who, when I went to her with the problem, looked over her glasses at me and asked, 'Gav, have you earned their trust yet?' Such an amazing piece of advice and one I've carried with me since."

"What struck me when I arrived in Tennant Creek was seeing these beautiful, energetic, cheeky kids who lived in the most, and I mean the most, challenging home environments. You could see the impact it had as they grew older."

Not only did Tennant Creek set him up with skills which would inform his practice in the future, but it also made him aware of how lucky he was. "I had a stable, loving family, went to a good school and was afforded many opportunities."

"It was the significant turning point in my life."

After his baptism of fire in Tennant Creek, Mahony went on to work in



Gavin Mahony

a range of sporting roles overseas, including a stint as General Manager of AFL London and a marketing role for the FC Union, Berlin. Back in Australia, he worked as the Football Development Manager for the AFL.

Currently he is Lead Facilitator at Leading Teams, his role is to help individuals and teams become high performing. "We focus on creating an environment of mutual trust and respect, set expectations around behaviour and engage in open feedback to drive performance."

"Recently I was working with an executive team who were experiencing performance issues. We started with a cultural audit asking what three words best described them as a team. 'Experienced, Siloed, Dysfunctional, Chaotic' was the response. They admitted to some pretty bad habits and it's fair to say their engagement survey results weren't great either. Over time, we built a new team identity and held everyone accountable to the new expectations they had set."

COVID-19 has posed some challenges for our work. "Traditionally we have been a face to face organisation where we get teams together to engage in open

conversations. COVID-19 has really challenged that model. While we still facilitate highly effective online sessions, we really miss getting everyone together in the room."

"What I love about the work is that every day will throw something new at you. The only typical thing about my day is that I am likely to be out working with a team to help them improve their performance."

"De La Salle College made me aware of the value of good friends and being guided by strong principles."

"I still enjoy catching up with old De La Salle mates for a beer and reminiscing about the good old days."

"Now I really understand the profound impact teachers can have on you. I distinctly remember the great ones."

"Sport was a big focus and part of my life at the College. On the weekends I played football, basketball and tennis, representing the College in both AFL and tennis." Mahony was the Senior Captain of the 1st XVIII Football Team.

When he is not working, Mahony likes to stay active and his two sons help him in that department. He also plays community football and loves travelling.

By Kerry Martin

Family Ties

Family is at the heart of Tom Sandilands' (2000) successful export consultancy. Since he took over the family business four years ago, Sandilands Export, which was started by his father, Peter Sandilands, in 1986, he has established its credentials as trusted leader in the Export Market Development Grant (EMDG) process, helping Australian companies launch their products internationally.

"Taking over the family business that my father spent so much time and effort in for over 20 years is a personal highlight for me," Sandilands said.

His wife, Belinda, works with him in the company overseeing the marketing and communications operations. With two young children, they have navigated their way through COVID-19 and the challenges it has brought small businesses.

"Like all small businesses, the last 18 months have posed significant hurdles in terms of maintaining clients, uncertainty on business livelihood and also being required to work from home with young children. It has certainly taught me to let go of the uncontrollable and to appreciate holidays a lot more."

"Owning a small business means that my role as Managing Director is all encompassing, requiring knowledge in marketing, accounting, grant writing and government relations. I most enjoy traveling and meeting small businesses excited to take their products to the world."

Building and maintaining trusted relationships is central to the company's success. "I work closely with clients on grant applications and liaise on their behalf with Government to access the grant funding. It is an ongoing balance of time on the road and in the office."

"I am fortunate that I get to visit clients in their place of business."



Tom and Belinda Sandilands

After graduating from De La Salle College, Sandilands mixed travel with a human movement degree, hoping for a career in sport management. However, a series of jobs in hospitality, finance and business consulting provided more opportunities and led him to study a Master of Business Management.

"Completing my Masters while my wife, Belinda, and I were experiencing the sleepless joys of a newborn, was a proud moment for me."

"Outside of work, my happiest place is on the Mornington Peninsula with my young family. I also enjoy playing cricket at the club I grew up at, STC South Camberwell Cricket Club in Glen Iris." Tom's father, Peter, is a Life Member and Legend of the Club.

As a De La Salle College student, Sandilands was involved in the College's social justice programs.

"I was drawn to the social justice programs, such as the St Vincent de Paul Society, Mission Action Day and

other fundraising events for people less fortunate in the community."

"Looking back on my time at De La Salle College, I certainly appreciate the value in inclusiveness."

"The students I recall came from all corners of Melbourne and from a range of cultural backgrounds and this helped me to understand and appreciate our differences."

"The sense of community was strong and the fact that I still see a number of other students 20 years later is evidence of this."

"My first homeroom teacher, Br Gerry, was brilliant at encouraging confidence in the quietly spoken students, and remembering this 20 year later, clearly shows he made a lasting impression."

"I am very lucky to have at least a dozen old De La Salle mates with whom I keep in regular contact."

By Kerry Martin

A Cult Following

Last year Miles Allinson (1999) published his much anticipated second novel, *In Moonland*, to critical acclaim. The novel, which is based on his father's life in and around Melbourne's counter-cultural movement during the 1970s, took six years to finish and was something of an odyssey for the Melbourne-based writer.

The story follows Joe, whose father Vincent, committed suicide when Joe was seventeen. After his own daughter is born, Joe begins to ask questions about his father's mysterious life, in particular a trip that Vincent took to India in 1976, which he never mentioned. In time, we learn that Vincent had joined the cult of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

Allinson told Toni Jordan during a *Melbourne City Reads* interview in September last year, that the genesis for the novel came from memories of his childhood. "One of my first memories is going to a house when I was little. The house was all orange and that memory stayed with me. The person who owned the house was a good friend of my parents, and he was a follower of Rajneesh," he said.

"The other memory was something my dad told me before he died. He had been married to someone else before he met my mum. It led to me to realise that there is so much about our parents that we don't know. I like the idea that we are all mysteries to each other."

Allinson spent six years writing *In Moonland*. He said much of the time was spent writing it in the wrong way and then two years getting it right.

"In 2018, Asialink gave me a grant, which allowed me to do a writer's residency at the University of Madras," he said. Part of this time in India was spent doing research for the novel.

In 2015, Allinson published his first novel, *Fever of Animals*, which won



Miles Allinson, photo by Meghan Lawson

the 2014 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an Unpublished Manuscript and was shortlisted for the Victorian Premier's Prize for Fiction in 2016, where it won the People's Choice Award.

Influenced by writers like Roberto Bolano, Octavio Paz and Elena Ferrante, Allinson's novels exist somewhere in the space between fact and fiction, drawing on themes aligned with his own life, love, loss, failure, and art.

As a De La Salle College student, Allinson was already a gifted writer, although he admits he did not learn to read properly until he was about

10 years old. His Year 12 English teacher and now College Principal, Peter Houlihan, said Allinson was very bright.

"He was very intelligent and so analytical with Year 12 texts, *Fly Away Peter* and *In the Lake of the Woods* – and don't get me started on his creative writing!"

"We had many academic arguments and clashes on his interpretation of everything about the texts, assessment tasks and associated assessment criteria. I began to think he should have been teaching the class instead of me," Mr Houlihan said.

After graduating from the College, Allinson went to university to pursue creative arts. "I studied Creative Arts at the University of Melbourne, which allowed me to try lots of different things; ceramics, creative writing, installation art, sculpture, painting, cinema studies and art history. It was a fantastic course that saved lots of talented people who didn't know exactly what they wanted to do."

"Later I studied Art in Public Space at RMIT. Then I went back to Melbourne University and did a Post Grad Diploma in Creative Writing. Afterwards I tried to do a PhD in Literature. Then I dropped out and wrote a novel."

He says the only reason he became a writer was because he failed as an artist.

"I travelled around India when I was twenty, which was an extraordinary experience. Later I spent a couple years travelling though South America and Eastern Europe and I lived briefly in Buenos Aires and London. I went back to Europe in 2013, to write *Fever of Animals*, which is partly set in a haunted forest in Romania. Of all the places in the world, I think I was probably happiest in southern Greece, in the late afternoon."

Allinson says he doesn't have hobbies. "Maybe that makes me deficient. I try to meditate most days. I try to run. I like to cook slowly and sit in the sun and watch football and drive along the road beside the beach with all the windows down and the music up really loud."

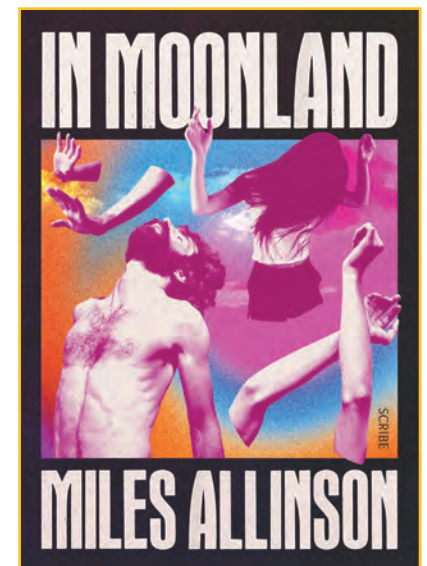
Becoming a father put a lot of things into focus for Allinson. "It is now possible to fear climate change with all my being," he said. "I like to play Lego with my daughter. I would like to help bring capitalism to its knees, although I haven't figured out how to do that yet."

"At the College, I liked football and communism and the music of Leonard Cohen. I killed a lot of parties by playing Leonard Cohen too early! I still like all those things," he said.

"De La Salle College gave me a sense of social justice, and the knowledge – I suppose you could call it that – that truth belongs to the powerless."

"Every day I feel mostly blessed."

By Kerry Martin



Miles Allinson's novel, 'In Moonland'

Miles Allinson - College Vice Captain 1999

110 Years Strong

Since De La Salle College was founded 110 years ago, it has grown from humble classrooms in a church hall to a multi-campus, vibrant educational community of 1,150 students and staff.

In the College's centenary year (2012), esteemed scholar and teacher, Br Gerard Rummery fsc, who taught at the College from 1951-1964, reflected on the founders of the College.

“Three De La Salle Brothers, Dunstan Drumm fsc, Leopold Loughran fsc, and Jerome Foley fcs, were the founding members of the Malvern community. These three experienced, trained, Irish teaching Brothers, were members of the first teaching brotherhood in the Catholic Church, the Brothers of Christian Schools, founded in Rheims, France, in 1960, but established in Ireland as the De La Salle Brothers in 1872. These pioneers, having been invited by the St Joseph's Parish Priest, Fr Simon Hegarty CM, travelled by ship from England on Christmas Day 1911. They arrived in Melbourne on 4 February 1912, and on the following day, began teaching 54 pupils in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Stanhope Street Malvern.

The hall, which was divided by hessian curtains into three separate areas, was used as the promised school building in Stanhope Street,



Brs Jerome Foley fsc, Dunstan Drumm fsc and Leopold Loughran fsc



Tiverton class circa 1961

Armadale, as west of Glenferrie Road, was not ready for occupation until after Easter that year. The Brothers wore their heavy, serge black robes, ideal for the Irish winter, but highly unsustainable in the temperature and humidity of the Australian summer.” (With Faith and Zeal Resplendent, De La Salle College, 2012).

In Easter that year, the students moved from St Joseph's Hall into De La Salle Malvern's first campus in Stanhope Street West in Malvern (now the Tramways Museum) with enrolments growing to 147 by July.

While the first six years at the Stanhope Street West Campus focused on primary classes, by 1918 the first secondary classes commenced.

In 1927, De La Salle entered the inter-college sports for the first time and the following year secured second place in the Combined Secondary Schools Sports, achieving records in the 220 yards, under 16's and Junior High Jump.

In 1929, the Brothers community moved from the Stanhope Street West Campus to the newly renovated Manresa Mansion, where the College's gymnasium currently stands. In the same year, the first

Old Boys' Association was formed. The Association dissolved during World War II and re-formed in 1946 at a meeting attended by 236 ex-students.

In 1929, the iconic Tower Building opened for classes and by 1931 the College offered a full secondary program for its 300 students.

During the 1950's, as Australia's population quickly expanded with the arrival of post war migrants, the College saw a massive increase in enrolments, with classes holding up to 90 students. It was also during this time of expansion that the Old Collegians Amateur Football Club was established, enjoying immediate success.

In 1953, the Brothers purchased the Kinnoull homestead, now the Kinnoull Campus, for the primary classes.

“The College was first addressed at High Street in 1960, with the construction of the now named Brother Oswald Murdoch Building, followed two years later by the multi-purpose hall and gymnasium, now the Performing Arts Centre. The provision of funding for all schools became government policy during the 1970s and made possible the commencement of the College's most

extensive building program which began in 1983, with the transfer of the senior students to Kinnoull following the opening of the Duffy Building.” (Br Gerard Rummery fsc)

During this expansion phase, the College opened many new buildings to cater for the changing nature of the curriculum and increased enrolments including the Br Stanislaus Carmody Creative Arts Centre at Tiverton, James Taylor Gymnasium at Tiverton and Damien Harvey Building at Kinnoull.

In the early 2000’s, more building works were completed at Kinnoull, including the Old Collegians Wing in 2004 and the St Miguel Theatre and Peppercorn Café in 2009.

The College continues to expand and upgrade its facilities. In 2018, the new Rheims Centre for Science and Technology was opened at Tiverton and in 2019, the College opened its Holy Eucharist Year 9 Campus in Malvern East. In 2020, the Tower Building was refurbished and a new Fitness, Weights and Cardio centre opened. In 2021, Murdoch and Duffy Buildings were refurbished and this year, 2022, a new primary school opened in the Duffy Building.

The growth of the College has been truly remarkable as David Hawke (Brother Visitor) reflected in a letter to the College in 2022.

“Brothers Dunstan, Jerome and Leopold planted the Lasallian seed which has flourished now for well over a century. The three Brothers would not have dreamt of the College we see today, educating young men over three campuses.

The College has a rich heritage and much to celebrate in its 110 years. Countless alumni have graduated making a significant contribution not only in Australia but across the globe.

The College ...collaborating with a staff of Lasallian Partners continues to offer a quality Catholic education in the Lasallian tradition. Students daily live the Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community. The College readily expresses through its service programs, its solidarity with others in need in the District and Pacific Asia region of the Institute.”



1916 De La Salle Football Team with Br Patrick Cawley



St Patrick's Day March 1920



Manresa Mansion 1929



We all owe a debt of gratitude to the three founding Brothers and the many visionary, dedicated and spiritual De La Salle Brothers who served at Malvern since 1912.

As times changed, the contribution of Lasallian lay partners has had a profound and positive impact on the College. 110 years later, St John Baptist de La Salle's fundamental themes remain at the core of all our operations.



De La Salle Cadet Corps circa 1945



Science Lab circa 1950



Br Rummery and choir circa 1950s



College staff and visitors 1953



Keeping an Eye on Bruny Island



Ben Kienhuis

As the Operations Manager for Tasmania's Bruny Island, Ben Kienhuis (2000) has a front row seat to this unique part of Australia.

"Bruny Island is an amazing location with bays, cliffs, water, mountains and wildlife. It is Wilsons Promontory on steroids. You never know what's around the next corner. Some of our locations have some of the most amazing views in Tasmania," Kienhuis said.

The island's location, off the south-eastern coast of Tasmania, means that the weather and sea conditions are sometimes hazardous.

Accessible only by ferry across the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, crossings are often impacted by weather.

"A lot of ferry movements are often delayed or cancelled due to inclement conditions. The ferry also becomes very busy over summertime and a few hours wait is not uncommon."

While Kienhuis believes it is a privilege to work in such a pristine wilderness, he is also mindful of the challenges that come with working in such a remote location.

He has to spend extended periods away from his family. "Being away from the family can be pretty tough at times

but my wife is very supportive, allowing me to continue doing what I love."

"My usual routine, (non-COVID-19), is to travel every second or third week from Melbourne to Bruny Island, picking up supplies for maintenance or different projects on the way."

The isolation means you have to be prepared for any situation. "There's no popping up to the shops if you need something. This requires a good deal of preparation and a certain skill set, and trust in your team."

"My team are equipped with a range of skills and are not afraid of getting in the thick of it. We could be changing a tyre one minute or shucking an oyster the next," he said.

Monitoring the weather conditions is vital. "On Christmas Eve in 2017, we had to evacuate 27 guests as a bushfire was approaching, but fortunately everyone was safe."

Along the way he has skilled himself to cope with the unexpected rigours of working on a remote island, having completed carpentry and outdoor education certificates; he also has a 100-tonne crane license as well as a range of qualifications for boats and building."

One thing is for certain, his job is never boring. "I am responsible for everything including managing guests at our nine exclusive properties, weddings, maintaining the properties and land management, liaising with providers such as yoga groups, walking and kayaking companies, as well as managing the booking platform."

But the remote location also has its advantages and the island's social media platforms attest to its natural beauty. "We have photos of the Aurora Australis from the deck of the Cloudy Bay Beach House and endangered Swift Parrots at the Bruny Island Lodge.

"Late one night walking in shallows with a flickering torch, we had an elephant shark come and start bumping into us. On another occasion on a snorkeling expedition, I photographed a 5kg Southern Rock Lobster."





“A highlight was capturing a photo of a Tasmanian Azure Kingfisher, which had never been recorded on Bruny Island. I also have a little bit of an obsession with the critically endangered Swift Parrot, and am always trying to photograph them.”

“Another highlight was having an ABC crew on our boats to film the finish of the Sydney to Hobart race. There were hundreds of boats,

which was pretty nerve racking, but the experience was exhilarating.”

When Kienhuis is not on the island, he likes to spend time with family and friends. “Outside of work I really love cooking for family and friends. I have two sons, and the older started AusKick this year, so I volunteered and now love kicking the footy around with him.”

“I’m also pretty keen to get in the water for a surf and take the boys with me.”

At De La Salle College, he was the Swim Squad Captain.

“As a student I was interested in the outdoors and swimming, surfing, running, and football and enjoyed the College’s Outdoor Education program. It had a significant impact on me and what I wanted to do.”

“De La Salle College’s community spirit is one of its best legacies. I still cross paths with several Old Collegians from my time at the College and it is amazing how we have formed a unique bond. We look out for each other, we check in on each other and we care for each other.”

“Every year we get together for a Christmas dinner. Tom Sandilands and James Kean also attended St Dominic’s Primary with me, so the friendships are holding strong. I hope to send my two boys to De La Salle College in a few years’ time.”

By Kerry Martin



Mad About Mushrooms

In 2014, Peter Petros (2011) was midway through an engineering degree at the University of Melbourne, when a six-month exchange to the University of Helsinki's International Department of Geosciences and Geography ignited an interest that would eventually lead him to the wonderful world of mushrooms.

Three years later in 2017, Petros returned to Finland to undertake research for his Masters in Water Particles at the ABRU University of Helsinki. It turns out the Finns are crazy for mushrooms and mushroom foraging is a national pastime, so Petros would join in on regular foraging trips, and soon became interested in fungi and how it could be incorporated into sustainable engineering solutions.

Later that year, he attended Finland's Annual Mushroom Day where a chance encounter with a "tall crazy-looking mushroom geek called Lorin," sparked his love of all things fungi. "Lorin was presenting a range of weird applied mushroom/fungi techniques like mushrooms growing out of toilet paper rolls and used cigarette butts degrading into fluffy white mycelium by the fungi, *pleurotus ostreatus* and *trametes versicolor* (nomenclature for oyster and turkey tail mushrooms)," Petros said.

That chance encounter with the "mushroom geek" led to an internship at KÄÄPÄ Biotech, where he has been working for the last two years. (In Finnish KÄÄPÄ means "polypore mushroom", a type of fungi that commonly grows outwards of tree stands.)

At the time, Petros had a research position at the University of Oulu in the North of Finland working on hydrology and greenhouse gas emissions in peatlands, but the chance to work exclusively with mushrooms was enough to lure him away. "I left my research position to relocate to the



Peter Petros



Peter Petros and family

Lohja region in the south of Finland. KÄÄPÄ was a start-up company so I needed to be a bit of an all-rounder undertaking multiple roles. I maintain close ties with the university and helped engineering, ecology and mycology personnel in a joint academy call for research work into the application of specific plant-associated fungi (*dark septate endophytes*) for bioremediation of highly contaminated mining sites – a topic that is highly understudied and very important globally, particularly back home in Australia with the huge problem of acid-mine drainage and abundant closed and closing mining sites. Many of which pose significant and ongoing environmental risks for decades."

Petros is cultivating ways how fungi can help communities reach circularity via nature-based solutions to engineering problems. "Part of my work relates to creating circular economies, promoting biomimicry, improving bioremediation, fungal applications for optimal and innovative biotechnologies, for ecosystem services, biomaterials and waste reutilisation or valorisation," he said.

"My aim is to use engineering and my interest in scientific data to help improve education and knowledge-share of how mushrooms can help restore our planet, its environments and the way we interact with all," he said.



Trametes versicolor

I hope to further develop project work with mushrooms with other like-minded people, such as promoting ‘myco-engineering’ (use of applied fungi for solving engineering problems).”

Alongside his research role at KÄÄPÄ, Petros co-authored *Aquaculture: Ocean Blue Carbon Meets UN-SDGS*, a book about how aquaculture and natural oceanic practices can play an important role in future carbon sequestration efforts for remediating our atmosphere, due for release later in 2022.

Petros is also keen on sharing the important role that mushrooms can play in new biotechnologies and medicinal applications to others. He currently runs a social media site called *Spreading Spores*, which is an invaluable resource on current research and tech news regarding fungi.

Even though Petros admits the long dark winters can be challenging, he has also had the chance to experience some natural highs. “I spent one summer doing field research with a former Spanish colleague in the very northern part of Norway, where their borders meet with Russia. The beauty and serenity of arctic nature is truly unique. We experienced endless days of sun, enormous swarms of black flies, Nomadic-like Norwegian sheep grazing along the Barents Sea, rockpool coastline and hiking up the famous fjörds and glacial remnants.

“When work allows you to experience memorable places and people, it becomes memorable work for sure.”

“Although very flat and nothing as impressive as the fjörds of Norway, the Finnish landscape is inviting, calming, with peaceful elf-like boreal coniferous forests and more than 187,000 freshwater lakes, more than 10 times the number of beaches along the Australian coastline.”

“Finland is a very spacious place, both personally and physically. The social culture allows you to be who you want to be without much pressure or expectation. People are quiet and to the point, although true and sincere in their words and most speak English quite fluently. The infrastructure of



Helsinki, and other major cities, is world-class, as cold-snowy winters require extremely reliable public transport, morning snowploughs and snow-melt/spring-thaw-flood water management, top notch indoor building heating and indoor air quality, for example.”

Petros finds the long dark winters a challenge. “It is tough to get through almost five months of darkness every year and you start to feel the direct biochemical influences of the lack of sunlight on your body and mind, but it makes you appreciate the seasonal changes, the sun (when it finally returns) and the power of Mother Nature, whom we are completely at the mercy of.”

“Doing sauna is a must in Finland and every Finn has a private sauna in their home. The best saunas are to be had at their *mökki* (Finnish for “forest cabin”), which are followed by a swim in a nearby lake - a regular piece of heaven, regardless of whether it’s a dark minus 20-degree winter’s day or a warm 20-degree summer day.”

In that last 12 months, Petros has become a father and he said the birth of his daughter, Salma Eleni, has given him a new clarity. “Having your own family makes you aware of the importance of community. As an expat, we sometimes miss out on that. The toughest part is the lack of a warm social culture, eye-contact in public, a friendly chat with a local neighbour. When I visit Melbourne, the definition of community is vastly different and only truly felt when community becomes more important – raising a family.”

Petros and his partner, Saara, recently returned from a two-month visit to Melbourne to introduce his parents to their new granddaughter. “It was very special,” Petros said.

By Kerry Martin



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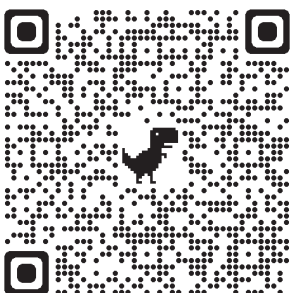
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Old Collegians Amateur Football Club



DLSOCAFC 2022 Season launch



Nigel Carmody and Greg Swann



Megan Alderuccio, Ben Humphrey, Hugh Nicholson, Tom Humphrey (Retiring Captain), Sharon Darcey, Simon Humphrey, Matthew O'Callaghan (President)



Bernard Dunn (Life Member), Cooke Family, Matthew O'Callaghan (President)



Michelle Bourke (former Guns team Captain), Jennifer Males (Guns Captain), Lee McHenry, Sue Ellen Mackintosh (Vice President)

The DLSOCAFC 2022 season was launched on Friday 25 March at a glittering event at the Sofitel Hotel on Collins Street. Club President, Matt O'Callaghan, extended a warm welcome to more than 250 life members, players, sponsors and volunteers. Master of Ceremonies, Nigel Carmody, led a Question-and-Answer session with current Brisbane Lions Chief Executive, Greg Swann, who shared his football career experience, including eight years at Collingwood, seven years at Carlton and his current role with the Brisbane Lions.

Later in the evening, Tim Cooke was posthumously awarded a Life Membership for his outstanding contribution to the Club. 'Cookie' played 181 games with the Club, 129 in the Seniors, including four premierships in 1979, '80, '83 and '84. Club life member, Bernard Dunn, reflected on the significant contribution 'Cookie' made to the Club over many years. In addition to his playing career, 'Cookie' was the Chairman of Selectors from 1989 to 1991, the last Premier Division premiership for the Club. 'Cookie's' father, Dick Cooke, received the award on behalf of his son, who sadly passed away in November 2021. Dick thanked the Club for being such an important part of Tim's life. 'Cookie's' daughters, Georgina and Ellie, were in attendance, however his son, Billy, who is a current player, was sadly unable to be at the event.

Former team captain, Tom 'Puck' Humphrey, who retired at the end of 2021, was honoured for his stellar career, which included, 164 games, 145 with the Seniors, VAFA team of the year nominations, every year from 2013 to 2018 and DLSOCAFC team of the decade 2005-2014.

Club representatives, Bill Tyson, Brian Waldron, Will Mackie and Matt O'Callaghan attended the De La Salle College First XVIII Jumper presentation dinner in March. Significant work is underway to ensure the football programs of the College and the Club are strongly aligned moving forward.

In other news, the Club announced the appointment of Dale Christie, as its new full-time General Manager. Dale will work closely with the Committee, to achieve short-term and long-term success for the Club, the Football Program, and the wider De La Salle community. Dale, came from the Frankston Football Club (VFL), where he was the Club's Football and Operations Manager, overseeing a wide array of roles, including its day-to-day operations, events, and list management.

The recently formed Blue and Gold Edge business network group met several times during 2021 and continues to generate significant business opportunities and partnerships for local businesses. The Club encourages anyone who wants to get involved and is looking to explore business opportunities with the DLSOCAFC community to contact Phil Proy via the Club website at: blueandgoldedge@delasalleocfc.com.au

The 2022 season launched on Saturday 2 April. Seven teams represented the Club, with wins by the Senior Women, Men's Reserves, and the U19 Premier team.

The Club will hold its annual Blue and Gold Gala Dinner on 4 June. More details to follow. <https://delasalleocfc.com.au/membership-packages>

*By Sue Ellen Mackintosh
Vice President DLSOCAFC*

50 Plus Reunion Lunch

Merrimu Receptions in Murrumbreena was the venue for this year's 50 + Reunion on 17 March. More than 80 Old Collegians were in attendance, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces.

Principal, Peter Houlihan, paid special tribute to **Michael Kennedy** and **Doug O'Shannessey**, from the Class of 1944, who were celebrating 78 years since departing Stanhope Street, as well as **Fr Kevin Dillon (1960)**, **Br Bill Firman (1960)** and **Fr Kevin Canty CM (1951)**, who had travelled down from Sydney for the event.

As the afternoon unfolded, there was much reminiscing and a presentation of memorabilia featuring College ties, *Blue and Golds* and photographs of the iconic refurbished Tower Building brought back fond memories for us all.

Paul Shannon (1971) spoke on behalf of the Old Collegians, recalling how the College had served him well in life, with reference to the Brothers, who were represented on the day by **Br Bill Firman (1960)**. No matter what decade of De La Salle education, the spirit of the College, continues to be alive and well in the camaraderie on display.

St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us.

Tony McIlroy (1969)





Where Are They Now?



Tony Pagone (1972) was among 155 recipients of a Member of the Order (AM) in this year's Australia Day Honours. Mr Pagone received the Honour for Service as an Aged Care Royal Commissioner. Mr Pagone, who was recognised for significant service to the law, the judiciary and professional associations, joined the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety in September 2019 and became its Chair a month later following the death of Richard Tracey. In October last year, Mr Pagone was appointed patron of a not-for-profit legal support organisation Aged-care Legal Advocacy and Reform Matter.

Portrait of Justice Pagone by Melbourne-based artist, Anna Minardo.

Nicholas Bolt (2009) married Elisa Salemmme in May 2021.

Shane Cosgrave (2009), Matthew Stewart (2009) and Alex Bolt (2005) were all in



his wedding party. Nick and Elisa are clinical nurse specialists. Nick is based at Alfred and Sandringham Hospital emergency departments and Elisa in the Monash surgical ward.



Patrick Doyle (1996) was appointed to the Senior Counsel of Victoria in November 2021.

Ben Reid (2001) was a finalist in the 2021 NSW Explorer of the Year Awards. Ben, who works for Evolution Mining as a geologist, was nominated for his part in the discovery of the Dalwhinnie Ore Body at Cowal Gold Operations. The Dalwhinnie Ore Body has added over 500 thousand ounces to the Reserves at Cowal. The planned underground mine is a key component to extending the mine life of Cowal Gold Operation.



Ben Jopling (2012) commenced a new position as the host city manager for the ICC T20 World Cup Australia.

Tony Rapone (1971) is the marketing manager for Bertocchi Smallgoods. Tony has worked for more than 40 years in the food industry across a range of roles, including Woolworths, Castlemaine Bacon, GWF Don Smallgoods and Tetley Tea. Tony has played over 200 games with DLSOCAFC and is married with two daughters and two grandchildren.

Ken Coughlan (1970) is happily retired after a 38-year primary teaching career. He is an executive of the Darebin RSL and is a voluntary Bail Justice for the State of Victoria.

Brayden Maynard (2014) was named runner up in the Collingwood Football Club's Best and Fairest for 2021.

Gerald Murnane (1956) has published a new book, *Last Letter to a Reader*. The idea for the book came to Murnane during lockdown in the

small Victorian town of Goroke in 2020, when he decided to read his books "in the order of their publication" and write a "report of my experience as a reader of each book". While this might seem strange, Murnane notes that he had "previously read none of my books in its published form." (*The Guardian* 16/11/2021)



Sean Macdonald (2018) was selected for the Australian Boomers and played against Taipei in Japan in early March 2022. In Year 10 at the College, Macdonald was selected as part of the Australian U17 Men's 2016 FIBA team representing Australia in the World Championships. Before joining the *Jack Jumpers*, he played for the *Kilsyth Cobras*, the *Dandenong Rangers*, the *Melbourne Tigers* and the *Oakleigh Warriors*.

Michael Carolan (1959) was for many years a partner in a firm of electrical contractors. These days he is enjoying retirement with wife, Maureen, his children and grandchildren.

Peter Carolan (1963) was publicity/promotions manager for the Blood Bank in Melbourne, before joining International Red Cross and relocating to Geneva for 10 years, fostering blood services in developing countries. He, and wife, Lillian, are now retired in Melbourne and enjoying their thriving backyard vegetable garden.

Bernard Carolan (1970) had a distinguished career in public transport, including as CEO of Metlink Victoria and the Transport Ticketing Authority. After leaving full time work, he was Chairman of Greyhound Racing Victoria from 2015 - 2019, when the sport was recovering from a major public scandal. Now semi-retired, he also runs his own advisory firm and is Chairman of a Project Committee for the Melbourne Metro Project and the Advisory Board for the Community Safety Building Authority.

Simon Carolan (1996) - Peter's son - worked for many years as a hospitality manager at major sporting venues. He is now competition manager for the AFL in Townsville.

John Bertacco (1952) is retired and lives in Blairgowrie. His main interests are in the Rye Historical Society and playing croquet with the West Rosebud Croquet and Bowls Club. He has two sons and five adorable grandchildren.

Martin Christopherson (1979) has been appointed eastern faults manager and Warrigal Site Manager for the Downer Group.



The Class of 2000. In the absence of Reunions during COVID-19 lockdowns, some of the Class of 2000 have managed to get together.



Left to right: Liam Sierakowski (friend), **Tim Heffernan (2000)**, **Ben Kienhuis (2000)**, **Cameron Handley (2000)**, **Matthew Smith (2000)**, **Michael Beynon (2000)**, **James Shone (2000)**, **James Kean (2000)**, **Tom Sandilands (2000)**.

Tom Sandilands (2000) is the managing director of Sandilands Export in Camberwell.

Ben Kienhuis (2000) is the operations manager at Bruny Island Coastal Retreats.

Tim Heffernan (2000) is a town planner for Veris Australia.

Cam Handley (2000) owns and operates a personal training studio in Richmond.

Matthew Smith (2000) is a Director at KPMG. He formerly played for the Adelaide Crows.

Michael Beynon (2000) is a builder for the Contour Building Group.

James Shone (2000) is a mechanical engineer and the operations technician for Origin Energy.

Dan Gowing (2000) after a long career with Jetstar as an aircraft maintenance engineer, he is now an aircraft engineer for the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia.

Ged Cochrane (2000) is a partner at White & Case LLP. Ged was the College Captain in 2000.

James Kean (2000) is a research fellow for Orygen at the University of Melbourne.

Alan Badrock (1969) completed his Intermediate Certificate at the College in 1967 and joined Victoria Police in 1968 as a Police Cadet. A one job man, he retired from Victoria Police in 2012, having served for 44 years. He attained the rank of Senior Sergeant and from 1988, until his retirement, he held the position of Officer in Charge of the Burwood Police Station. He had short years of service in the Training and Traffic Departments, but most of his service was in the General Policing (Uniform) Department. He resides in Glen Iris with his wife, Anne, and they have six children, four boys (who all attended De La Salle) and two girls. Family activities and volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society keep him merrily busy in retirement.

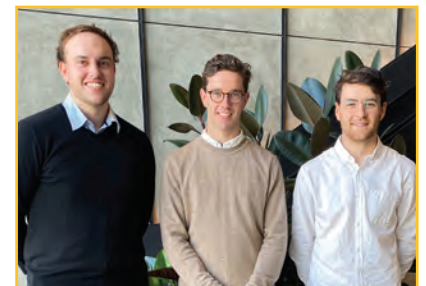
John Farnan (1950) is retired and living in Perth. John has eight children and 20 grandchildren. John and his wife, Maria, relocated to Perth in 1973, but sadly she passed away in 2015. In 1996, John retired from a long career as an engineer, for BHP and in private consultancy, working across Australia and around the world. His large family keep him busy with children, partners and 20 grandchildren. Some live in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, San Diego (USA) and Loch Lochy (Scotland). Twice weekly Zoom calls and the family Facebook page keep them in touch. Before he retired, John was an amateur (ham) radio operator and enjoyed regular contact with other "hams" around the world. He still has

his operator licence but is no longer active. In 2008, he self-published a memoir *So Much Happiness*. "I look back with great affection on my years at De La Salle.

John is pictured with grandson, Billy, who is a keen cricketer.



Three Old Collegians have joined the team at efm Logistics. **Nicolas Catrice (2015)** joined efm as a commercial analyst in 2021. Nic has completed a Bachelor of Commerce at Monash University. **Dom Tesoriero (2017)** joined the Graduate program at efm this year. Dom graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Economics and Finance. Also joining efm this year is **Alexander Martin (2017)**, who joined the staff as an internal account manager. Alexander graduated from RMIT University with a Bachelor of Environment and Society with Distinction in 2021.



Tony Orlando (1986) completed a Bachelor of Science and Diploma of Education at Monash University. After a brief period as a relief teacher, he moved into sales in the chemical manufacturing sector and has been in sales with various roles and companies in this field since. He currently works for Ecolab, which provides chemistry and services to the food industry.

He said when the extended Orlando family get together it is a mini De La Salle Old Collegians reunion.

From the Archives

One of the best parts of being an Archivist is getting to speak with people about College history and finding all sorts of interesting things which reflect life in the past. In this issue of *Roll Call*, I will focus on some of the advertising, published in the *Blue and Gold* from 1926 (Issue No 1) through to the mid-1950s. This advertising was very important as it allowed the College to produce an annual magazine of very high quality – both in content and pictorially.

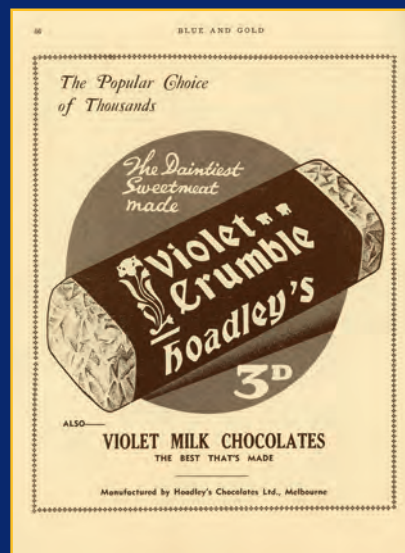
We thank the team of Kevin Kelly and Cliff O'Brien, who in 1926 convinced Br Leopold that the College had reached a point where an annual College magazine was necessary as “the permanent record of our achievements will be for our successors in the years to come, an inspiration and an encouragement to high resolve and persevering endeavour, along the rugged and narrow path of learning and virtue” (p8 *Blue and Gold* 1926).

As you can see, the advertisements were usually simple worded layouts, with different prices being paid for full, half or quarter-page spreads. ‘Vacola Bottling Outfits’ featured heavily during the war years, along with some “Kola-Tonic” advertising as well. The College uniform, as we know it today, with striped blazers, was introduced in the 1970s. Until then, students were required to wear a suit with a cap, tie and socks in College colours. The list of equipment for boarders in 1933, suggested “a best suit, two-day suits and even requires the students to bring their own serviette ring (name engraved!)”

The Malvern Star bike advertisement states that, “if desired, cycles may be enamelled in College colours”. I wonder how many of today’s students would be happy with bikes in their school colours.

Sadly, we only have two original copies of the 1926 issue of *Blue and Gold* in the archives collection. I would be very grateful if any Old Collegians are going through records from their fathers or uncles and come across original copies of any edition of school publications, report cards, photographs and so on, could make contact with me at archivist@delalsalle.vic.edu.au to discuss donations.

By Marian Jenkinson
College Archivist



Rest In Peace

Richard Magree	1946
Pat Nolan	1947
Don Burnard	1948
Laurie Hodgkinson	1950
Ramon Reed	1952
George Joyce	1952
Br Kevin Moloney	1953
Kevin Burke	1953
Alan Meagher	1955
Bernie Wilson	1959
Kevin Dwyer	1964
Len Crowe	1966
Mark Gillespie	1966
Michael Coughlan	1972
Steve Kelleher	1973
Timothy Cooke	1977
John Morgan	1978

“Over the years many family members have attended De La Salle going back to the early 70’s. My cousin, Frank Torcasio (1979), played for the first XVIII football team. Other family members include Orlando’s, Torcasio’s, Citera’s and Peluso’s. At last count, 14 members of our extended family were Old Collegians.”

Tony said the College’s greatest legacy was the friendships and memories that were forged. “These things now influence the way I live my life and part of the teachings I pass onto my family. I see my College years as an important time. By engaging with College life, friends and being part of everything that is on offer, children can develop into well rounded adults.”

“While at the College, Tony enjoyed Maths, Chemistry, English and Italian. My teachers really made the classes, Mr Forehan, Mr Wansborough, Ms White, Ms Loft, Mr Thompson and Ms Andrews (now Thompson), were all great teachers. I was into sport and played cricket, football and basketball. In my senior years, I played 1st X1 cricket and ACC basketball. This was driven by ‘being with your school mates’ – lunchtime basketball was a big thing for us and where we had some strong friendships.” This year, Tony’s son, Peter Orlando, is the College Captain.



Tony Orlando (1986) with son, **Peter Orlando, College Captain 2022** and Br Peter Smyth fsc

Fr Kevin Canty (1952) celebrated his Jubilee year as a priest in January this year. Fr Canty, who turned 88 this year, is retired and now resides in Ashfield, NSW. He travelled to Melbourne for the 50 Plus Reunion in March.



Brian Foley (1958)

graduated in civil engineering from the University of Melbourne in 1962. His 38-year professional career was spent in water supply engineering with the Victorian State Water Commission and later with engineering consultants, Sinclair Knight Merz. His work included the management of Victorian irrigation systems, consulting projects in Western Australia, New South Wales, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, China and Turkey, and later lecturing in irrigation engineering at the University of Melbourne. In 1990, he joined the Rotary Club of Mordialloc, where he has served three terms as club president as well as District Governor from 2001 - 2002. Brian and his wife, Helen, have four children, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



Terry Woodhouse (1960)

was employed in architectural firm for five years, before joining the Australian Bureau of Statistics, where he worked for 33 years. Terry retired in 2000 and has three children. He now lives in Langwarrin.



John Bohan (2011) married Catherine Nadalin at Our Lady of Victories in Camberwell on 19 February. The wedding party and guests included no fewer than 19 Old Collegians.



Pictured left to right: Jack Greene (2008), Luke McShane (2009), Nick Pane (groomsman) (2011), Michael Bohan (best man) (2010), Peter Bohan (2021), Alex Otten (groomsman) (2011), John Beaton (2018), John Bohan (2011), Tom Hanney (groomsman) (2011), Patrick Hanney (2011), Michael Heanue (1988), Mark Farrell (1993), Patrick Heanue (1986), John Heanue (1980), Patrick Bohan (2018) and Michael Bohan Snr (1973). Not pictured but in attendance, Eamon Hanney (2008) and Joey Smith (2011).

LETTERS TO EDITOR CONTINUED

Dear Editor,

It is about 69 years since I attended De La Salle College. It was great to receive *Roll Call* and I thank whoever was responsible for remembering me. I was particularly thrilled to receive a story about Laurie Ryan, whom I played cricket with, and mention of his daughter, Ursula, who was a former cartography student of mine at RMIT University. These days, I live in retirement in Blairgowrie. My main interests is in the Rye Historical Society (I was formally President and Secretary) and playing croquet with the West Rosebud Croquet and Bowls Club. I have two sons, Peter, who is an accountant and Christopher, who is qualified in building and construction. I also have five adorable grandchildren.

John Bertacco (1952)

Dear Editor,

Hope you are well. Keep up the good work with the *Roll Call*. I enjoy reading it, well done.

Ben Reid (2001)

Dear Editor,

Another great issue of *Roll Call*. So pleased to see we are still getting a paper copy. I was particularly thrilled to read the article on Dan Stow who is fondly remembered. It was also heartening to read of the many Old Collegians who have combined their careers with service to the vulnerable. It is a mark of the Lasallian legacy.

Joan Ferguson (Former De La Salle College staff member)



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