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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

Our celebration of the College Centenary comes to a close. We share a number of other significant anniversaries. It is 150 years since Brother Ambrose Treacy arrived in Melbourne to commence Edmund Rice education permanently on our continent. What I had missed until a recent letter and accompanying Irish stamp, was that this year also marks the 1,400th Anniversary of the death of St Kevin, who is reported to have died on 3 June 618. Eight is clearly a very significant number for St Kevin's.

Our final term always has a momentum of its own, and we did have a final few Centenary-specific events. Bound by the Green, Gold and Blue was launched in Week 2 by Mr Martin Nally, Chair of SKC Board (2005 – 2015). Claire Levi's authorship and the book design and layout have attracted much praise. Every 2018 student and staff member received a copy, and copies are available for purchase at Godfrey Reception, Heyington.

Many members of SKC Boards across recent decades gathered to be thanked and to celebrate the school's progress, as well as to encourage our ongoing maturation as a school. Current Chair, Mr Peter Leahy, proposed a toast to the College, the Deputy Head, Ms Canny, prayed a moving grace, and the last two Headmasters responded to the toast.

Professor Greg Craven (SKC '75) delivered the final Albert Street Lecture. All six speakers have challenged, entertained and educated our community across the fields of faith, politics, business, education and Australia's future direction. Professor Craven matched all who had preceded him in erudition, wit and deep knowledge. The final Centenary event was the Generations Evening at which the College thanked those families who have committed the education of their sons to St Kevin's across the years, in some instances from campus to campus and across a wide range of Headmasters!

The early highlight of the term, co-curricularly, was the stunning performance of our APS Athletics Team, which won the APS Championship for the 10th occasion. Led by TIC, Mr Shaun Hargreaves (SKC '07) and Captain, Will Lewis, a performance that was the result of depth of talent and fine coaching, surprised some external pundits; but, I can assure you, the victory brought smiles all round at SKC.

Boys on stage in plays, musical performances and speaking continued across the term, showcasing our ongoing commitment to the Arts. Music awards nights, ensemble evening performances, public speaking championships, art and VCE exhibitions all displayed the depth of creative talent across the College.

Our Year 12 cohort were fondly farewelled by House, College and with the formality of the Valedictory Eucharist and Dinner. They have been a great group of young



L - R MR DES WHELAN (BOARD CHAIR 1988 - 1999), MR PETER LEAHY (BOARD CHAIR), BROTHER BILL WILDING (HEADMASTER 1994 - 2003) MR STEPHEN RUSSELL, MR DES POWELL (BOARD CHAIR 2000 - 2004)

men engaged in College life, respectful and generous to their peers, staff and the younger boys. Examinations are complete, and we have the joy of the Year 12 Formal celebrated with parents, partners and staff to complete the year.

In a recent Newsletter, I mentioned I would go into more detail as to how we appoint the badged Year 12 leaders. Our first steps involve the education of lads to what behaviours and personal traits a leader at SKC should be observed doing and display regularly. The current student leadership, Headmaster and House Heads all contributed to this discernment prior to the boys giving me their views through an electronic voting process. Meetings with House Heads, reviews of student contributions and achievements produced some 80 students whose CVs were presented to an open staff meeting which I chaired. Staff had the chance to electronically vote in support of

students they knew well. House Heads then meet individually with me to create an invitation list which is analysed by the College Leadership Team prior to invitations to the residential Leadership Camp. Supported by 12 past leaders and senior staff, we examine at this camp the nature of leadership and the St Kevin's-specific duties and responsibilities of a leader. At the conclusion of this camp, the boys vote once more, I meet one more time with all six House Heads, and then the Leadership Team advises me on the 2019 appointments. It is then my genuinely grave responsibility to appoint our student leaders. This is as thorough and considered a process as exists in any school across the land.

It is important to remember there are already other senior leadership roles in place and many other opportunities for boys in 2019. Sports and activities have leaders appointed and they too go through

a process of recommendation, discernment and interview. Roles are there on House Committees and all Year 12 should be exerting leadership for the good in their vertical Tutor Groups, in and about school, and in public.

As the Russells gather to celebrate Christmas by the beach, with the added joy of grandson, William, we will have the St Kevin's community in our prayers. I give enormous thanks for 2018 and pray that we all will be energetic and effective contributors to our school and those we support in 2019. Enjoy a happy and Holy Christmas.

Omnia pro Deo



MR MARTIN NALLY (BOARD CHAIR 2004 - 2015), MS CLAIRE LEVI (AUTHOR), MR STEPHEN RUSSELL

# APS PREMIERSHIP

St Kevin's has retained the APS Athletics Premiership at the 113th annual APS Combined Athletics Carnival held at Lakeside Stadium at Albert Park. After regaining the title in 2017, the College was under pressure to hold on to the Cup for another twelve months. This looked

unlikely after the heats day when we qualified in only sixteen out of twenty-three events, some three behind the favourites, Melbourne Grammar. The competition looked much tighter than in the previous few years and any one of five schools looked capable of winning. SKC

entered the competition keen to win but also knowing it could finish anywhere from first to fifth. As has been the case for SKC Athletics teams, they rose to the occasion and performed brilliantly on the finals day. Our field events were again one of our strengths.



# VALEDICTORY

The final term sees us come to the Lord in a wide range of moods. Celebration, mission and remembrance are all on our mind.

On the first Sunday after the holidays, the Chapel of St Kevin was packed as we began farewelling our Year 12 students with a joyous Mother and Son Mass. The mothers prayed: 'Loving God, we thank you for the extraordinary gifts of our sons. They are all God's works of art. Thank you for the countless blessings which have come into our lives through these remarkable young men.'

The theme of gratitude was foremost the following week for a wonderful Valedictory Mass at St Ignatius, Richmond, said by two priests with close connections to students in the graduating class: Fr Steve Sinn SJ and Fr John Fitz-Herbert. Among the highlights of this Mass are reflections from boys who

take the chance to look back over their journey through school. Campbell Smart said: 'The most amazing thing about the College has been the relationships which I have developed and the friendships I've made'. Joseph Yugumbari spoke about his background in the remote Indigenous community of Balgo Hills in WA. 'Throughout my St Kevin's journey, I've tried to embrace the opportunities I have been provided with at St Kevin's, and give back to the community that allowed me to become the man I am today.'

Nicholas Reynolds shared some personal stories: 'I have found that St Kevin's is truly about community. I personally went through a very difficult time when I was 12. Through my parents' divorce and far too many family deaths, my life became difficult. Beyond my friends, the school was there for me through thick and thin.' Finally, Will Nolan spoke about many things, including a severe head injury he

sustained in Year 11. 'Everything about my life became something that required more effort. I struggled to maintain a balanced life. The way the school helped through this ordeal was something that I will always be thankful for. There are so many at St Kevin's who walked that journey with me'.



# REMEMBRANCE

In November, we remember in a special way people who have died, especially those close to us. We have a special folder in the Chapel for the names of deceased friends and family members. Early in the month, we celebrate our annual Eucharist for former students and staff who have died. It is always a poignant reminder of love and grief. We remembered people

who had reached a grand old age and also Hector Ryan, who passed away just as he was finishing school just last year. James Appleyard led us in singing a beautiful version of Psalm 23:

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*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

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# COMMUNION

Our first communicants, mostly from Year 4, enjoyed their special day at St Ignatius on the Saturday before Valedictory. It is uplifting to see young people taking this step into mature faith, accompanied by their families and the whole staff of Glendalough. This year, each boy was presented with a set of Rosary beads made especially for them by the single mothers at the Education for Life Centre (ELC) in Eldoret, north of the equator in Kenya. Zimele, a major part of the life of St Kevin's, has walked with the ELC for ten years now. It is an Edmund Rice ministry that supports families living

with HIV/AIDs, an ongoing crisis that the world seems to have forgotten. There is a real bond between the Education for Life Centre and First Communion. It is great that our boys should be helped along their journey in prayer by people who are themselves so full of faith, even amid colossal challenges. More than that, the Eucharist, in which Jesus feeds our deepest hungers with his body and blood, is closely tied to our mission to feed the world. Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ said 'when there is hunger anywhere in the world, the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world'.



# OLD COLLEGIANS AWARDS FOR 2018

The inaugural Hector Ryan Award is for a Year 12 Cusack student who demonstrates a generosity of spirit towards his peers, a full participation in the life of the College and commitment to social justice. The student should exemplify endeavour in his studies and the development of positive relationships with teachers. The Award is endowed by Cate and Peter Ryan, in

memory of their son Hector, who was killed in a car accident on 17 November 2017 after concluding his Year 12. The 2018 Hector Ryan Award went to Lachlan Balia.

The Aidan McCann Award is for a Year 12 Kenny student who inspires others through his full and active participation in College life. It is for a student who

has demonstrated extraordinary courage and a spirit of endeavor in facing life's challenges. The Award is endowed by Denise and Patrick McCann in memory of their son Aidan from the Class of 2004, who died on 16 October 2006 as a result of cystic fibrosis. The recipient of the 2018 Aidan McCann Award is Jordan Moran.



# FAMILY FUN DAY

After months of planning, our 2018 Family Fun Day was held on a fine Melbourne spring day. Our Glendalough grounds were transformed into a colourful playground of adventure, excitement and exhilarating noisy commotion. The boys, their families, and friends arrived in high spirits and were very keen to explore and experience all the day had to offer. They enjoyed a wide variety of activities from carnival rides to bidding on the silent auction, games, ball sports, and plenty of

food treats to keep feeding their hunger. A highlight was the dunking machine where the Glendalough GAP Tutors participated with good spirits.

With over 2500 people through our gates, the Family Fun Day was an overwhelming success for all those involved.

Our sincere thanks to all the wonderful families and generous sponsors who helped make this day a highlight on our 2018 school calendar.

A special thank you to Claire Whitbread and Julia Macmillan who coordinated this year's spectacular event. The tireless effort and enthusiasm of the Family Fun Day Committee, Glendalough Class Representatives, parents and staff is testament to the wonderful spirit that we have as a community at St Kevin's College.





# OVERSEAS TOURS

## HISTORY

In September 2018, the US History Tour conducted its 13th tour in 26 years. The oldest and original tour the College conducts, the group spent three weeks in the United States, immersed in the history, culture and family life of East Coast America.

Beginning in the Greater Boston Area, the College continued its 15-year relationship with the community of Manchester-by-the-Sea, a small town one hour north of Boston. The boys visited the JFK Museum and the Ted Kennedy Institute where they learned about the function of the United States Congress and Senate. Lexington-Concord, and Harvard (where old boy and current Harvard student, David Fleming, served as tour guide) The students spent a memorable weekend with host families, beginning with a Friday Night Lights Football Game.

The Washington DC section of the tour began with a visit of the National Air and Space Museum, with a truly awesome display of American aviation history. Students could literally reach out and touch the historical spacecraft, jet fighters and rocketry.

A visit to Arlington Cemetery, the Washington Monuments, and a trip to Mt Vernon (a perfectly preserved southern slave plantation) juxtaposed in the afternoon with the Smithsonian African American Museum, was a practical embodiment of historical thinking and interpretation. The tour around the Pentagon and Capitol Hill were a wonderful educational opportunity. The DC leg was rounded out with a trip to the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield and Richmond, the old capital of the Confederacy during the Civil War. The last leg of the tour was a visit to Disneyland and Universal Studios as a stopover prior to the trip back to Australia.

## ART & DESIGN

We hit the ground running in the city of light, where a whistle-stop tour of the French capital saw boys traipse from highlights such as The Louvre and Musée d'Orsay, onto picture postcard scenes including the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame.

The weather on our visit to Giverney failed to dampen spirits as we explored the gardens and home that proved an ongoing inspiration to renowned impressionist, Claude Monet.

Just before students were able to perfect their best French phrases, we were on a plane to Spain. Stationed just off Las Ramblas, the colourful and frenetic atmosphere of Barcelona was an exciting way to experience a new city. The monumental Sagrada Familia was a sight to behold and set the tone for a city renowned for Gaudi's flamboyant architectural style. Staying with the theme of such eccentricities, a visit to Figueres and the Dali Museum gave us all an insight into the vivid imagination of the world's most famous surrealist. Before our own clocks began to melt, it was adios to Spain and ciao to Italy as we touched down in Florence.

In the shadow of Brunelleschi's architectural marvel, the Duomo, students explored the Tuscan capital's cobbled streets and galleries.

We bid *arriverderci* to Michaelangelo's David and took the high-speed train to our final stop Milan. After suitcases were filled with last minute shopping in Europe's fashion capital, a final day of rest and reflection on Lake Como proved to be the perfect bookend to what was a wonderful tour.

## LANGUAGES

After farewelling our French guests in early August, it was our turn, with 24 boys to call Orléans home for a full linguistic and cultural immersion program. Our sixth visit to our sister school, Lycée Cours St Charles was rich in experiences and friendships. Students attended a number of classes with their host brothers and sisters as well as enjoying the rich history of the Loire Valley.

A visit to the newly renovated chateau de Chambord was followed by a delicious excursion to one of France's most prestigious chocolate factories. Amboise and Leonardo's home, Clos Lucé, was also a highlight, as students enjoyed free time sampling delicious food in this medieval town.

The welcoming St Charles staff also treated students to activities such as rock climbing, European handball, soccer matches and cooking classes.

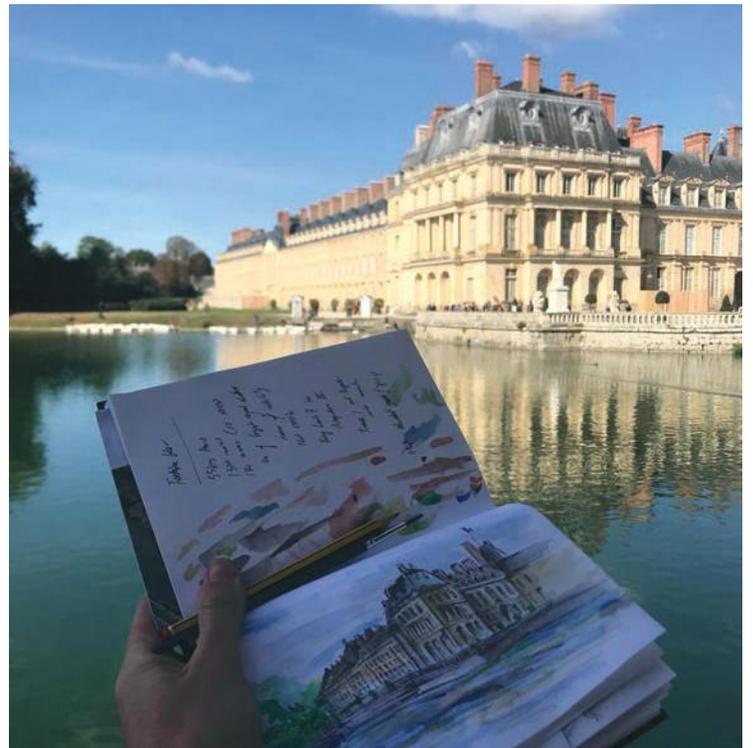
Class time and family time was most interesting as the group became fully immersed in French life.

On 2 October, the group set off to start the "Paris adventure". From a cruise on the Seine to a long bus tour of the city of lights, students were awed by the beauty and history of the capital. Our hotel, only 200 metres from the Arc de Triomphe enable us to become familiar with one of the most beautiful avenues of the world, the Champs Elysees.

A visit to Sacré-Coeur immersed the group in the beautiful vistas from the front of the basilica as well as enabled them to enjoy the rich history of Place du Tertre where the spirit of Picasso, Modigliani and a number of other painters still lingers.

Students returned home full of wonderful memories and a great number cannot wait to return to this place they also call home.





# ALBERT STREET LECTURE

Our fifth and final Albert Street Lecture was held in the Ruby Tout Theatre on Monday 19 November, where those assembled were treated to Professor Greg Craven's (SKC 75) take on education past, present and future. As the Vice-Chancellor of Australian Catholic University, Professor Craven AO GCSG is no stranger to public speaking; and, he is certainly no stranger to St Kevin's College. Present in the Theatre to hear Professor Craven were staff of the College, Old Collegians – some as recent as this year, and who had just completed their VCE Examinations – past parents, current students, and friends of Professor Craven. It was a diverse

audience, and one that was enthused by Professor Craven's insights into the sphere of education. As is his custom, Professor Craven added suitable levity to the evening. It was wonderful to hear of Professor Craven's love of the College and the esteem in which he holds the students from St Kevin's whenever he comes across them, and especially if they enrol to study at ACU. It was comforting, too, to hear the passion with which Professor Craven spoke of those vocations that require carers, such as nursing and teaching – truly relational vocations that, no matter the increase in technologies now and into the future – will always

require excellent people to fulfil those roles in our professional communities. It was right that our Centenary Albert Street Lecture series concluded with an Old Collegian, just as our series opened with one of our Older Collegians in Archbishop Coleridge. All who attended Professor Craven's presentation were left to ponder our educational systems and structures, coming away with the view that schools and universities, which have remained largely unchanged for such a long period of time, are very likely to remain as they are for an equally long time to come.



# DINNERS

## VALEDICTORY

Following the Valedictory Eucharist at St Ignatius in Richmond, Year 12 students, their parents and many staff members, gathered at the Pullman in Albert Park for a celebratory dinner. The evening commenced with Grace sung by Year 12 choristers and then Deputy Captain,

Patrick Tellefson, as MC, set the tone for a night of convivial and joyful celebration. Following dinner, College Captain, Sam Cato, proposed a sincere and heartfelt Toast to the College, reflecting on the year and the great friendship that existed among boys. The Headmaster replied, highlighting the outstanding legacy that the Year 12 class of 2018 was leaving at

the school and their fine leadership in our Centenary year. Mr Russell's Toast to the parents was responded to by Mrs Peta Rowbottom, mother of James. She gave a generous tribute to the College and the relationships developed over the years. It was a night of recollection and reflection, a fitting conclusion to a wonderful day of Valedictory celebrations.



## BOARD

In late October it was a great honour to host at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, the Centenary Dinner for Board Members. We gathered men and women who have so generously advised, guided and supported the College, our Leadership Teams and

Headmasters, across the decades. Our Deputy Head, Janet Canny, welcomed this special group and prayed a touching and apposite Grace. Mr Peter Leahy, current Board Chair, proposed with style and thoughtfulness a Toast to the College. It was then the Headmaster's role to reply with a little help from his predecessor,

Brother Wilding. Old friendships were renewed, people who have shepherded our finances, directed construction of buildings and helped refine and interpret our ethos, met and mixed with great camaraderie, and we all looked ahead to a bright SKC future.



# PRODUCTIONS

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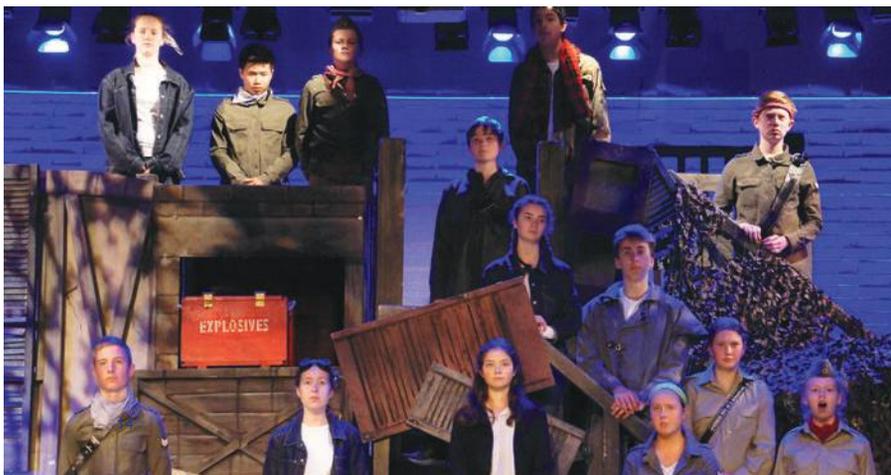
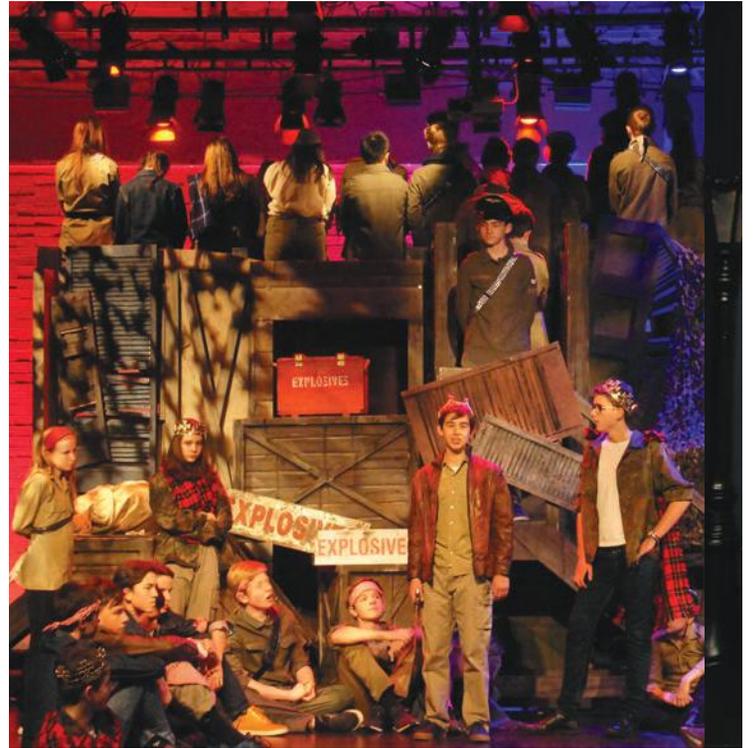
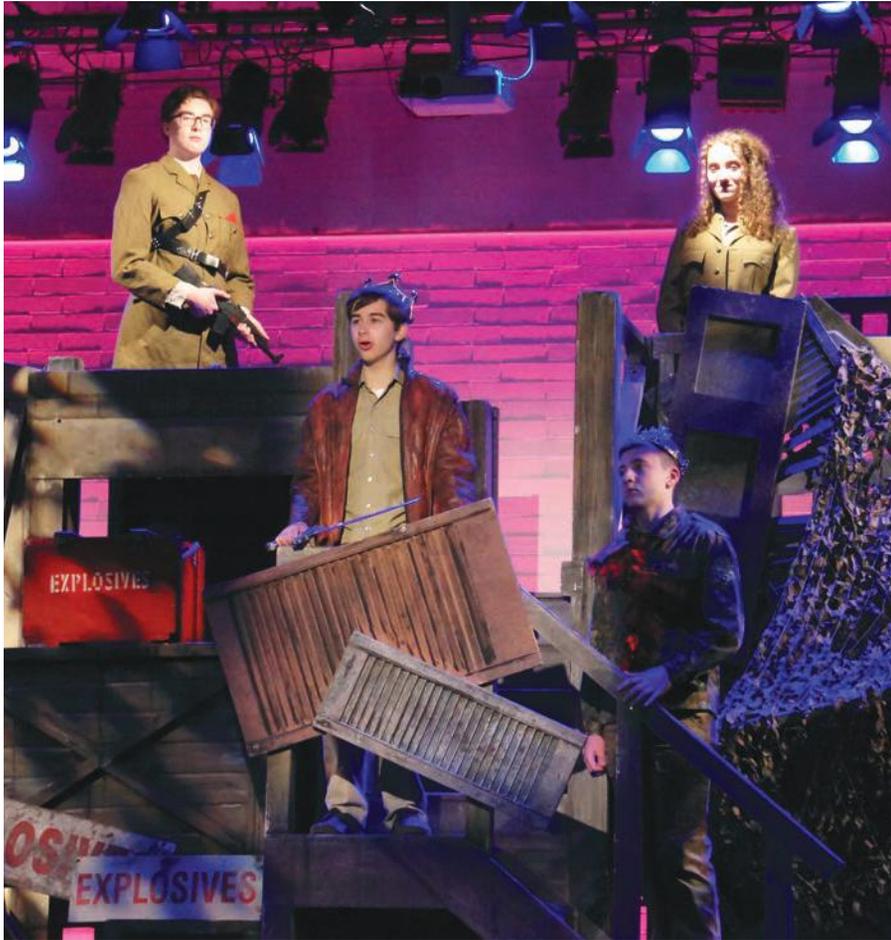
In the last week of Term Three, Year 9 students presented the annual Shakespeare play, the historic military epic *Henry V*.

The production had a spectacular staging, with a large complex set vividly representing the battle front. The abundant cast of students from St Kevin's and

Genazzano were very well employed, not just playing the warring factions from England and France, but also sharing the narration of this clear and concise adaptation.

Oliver Hoy gave an accomplished performance in the title role, playing a respected and considerate King who

needed to exert no displays of might to assert his leadership. Likewise, Louis Prandolini brought a laconic tone to his role as Henry's uncle and advisor, the Duke of Exeter. Daniel Barton, as the soldier Pistol, and Maxwell Sonnemann, as the page known as Boy, both performed with compelling energy.



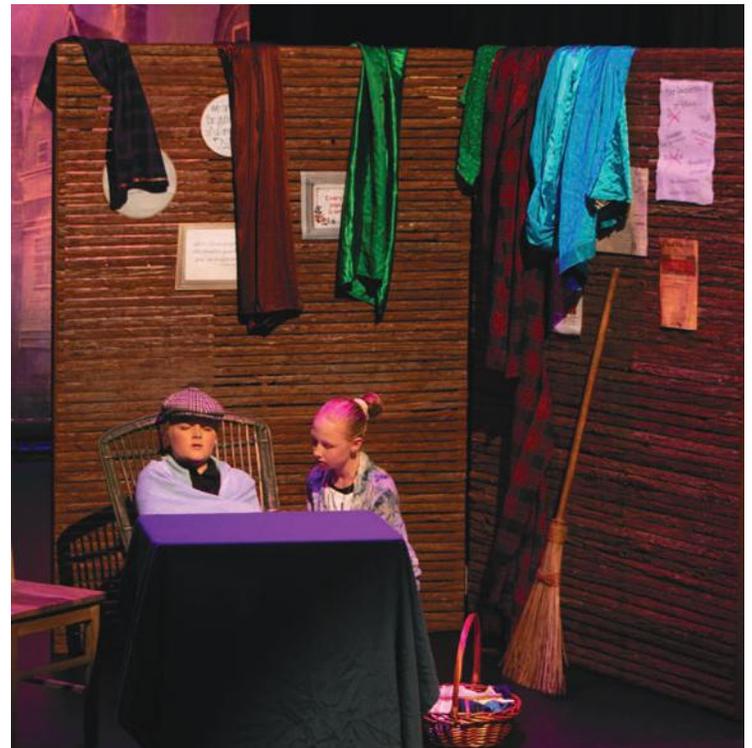
## HAPPY PRINCE

In Term 4, Year 7 students from St Kevin's and Sacré Coeur performed a sweet adaptation of Oscar Wilde's poignant fairy tale *The Happy Prince*. The large cast played a range of roles, including townsfolk, both rich and poor, and even reeds and swallows. Portraying the plight

of the unfortunate citizens who were freezing through a bitter winter, required a respectful approach from the students and this was handled with great maturity. The focused approach of the cast allowed the bittersweet ending of the play to be very moving.

Playing the golden statue of the Prince,

Stephen Mathers kept very still, doing all his acting with his voice. Lachlan Coles-Fitzpatrick gave a memorable performance as the sad Little Boy, acting confidently and drawing the audience's sympathy. Michael Wheelahan gave a sensitive performance as the struggling playwright. Benedict Evans created a charming characterisation as the Admirer.



# RETIREMENTS

## JOHN DAVENPORT

John Davenport's long association with St Kevin's College began in 1963 when he commenced as a Year 6 student. The following years gave witness to a "conscientious boy", involved in Football, Cricket, Concert Band, the Cadet Unit, and productions, as well as being the recipient of academic prizes. He graduated from the College in 1970, after serving as Deputy Captain of the College and being awarded the Ken Ogilvie Prize, and went on to complete a degree in Applied Science and a Diploma of Education. Prior to entering education, John spent two years in industry and then took up a teaching position in Government technical schools, before making the decision to accept a role at St Kevin's College as a Year 8 Science and Mathematics teacher, as well as class master, Cricket and Football coach, and senior Australian Rules umpire. The students in his care at that time enjoyed John's humour and his patient and understanding approach, traits that he was renowned for throughout his teaching career.

John has completed an extraordinary 38 years of service to the College. He was drawn back to teach at his old school by a desire to provide students with the positive experiences he enjoyed and he has done so with a great sense of commitment, dedication and loyalty. He has particularly enjoyed teaching the sons of men who were his classmates and building wonderful relationships with families over many years. His roles have included that of Form Master at Years 8 and 9, Year Level Coordinator of Years 10 and 11, the inaugural House Head of Purton, as well as teaching Science, Mathematics, senior Chemistry and Religious Education. Highlights for John include the Cricket Tours to the United Kingdom, the

organisation of the annual charity cricket game between Old Australia and Old Rest of the World, in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, hosted at the College, and his role as TIC of Cricket, especially in 1989 when the first APS Premiership was won by St Kevin's. As House Head of Purton, John engendered a sense of belonging and a calm and respectful environment for all students. He has witnessed the growth in the number of students and demand for places at the College and he has particularly enjoyed "the boys' increased willingness to speak, act, sing and dance in public."

John has demonstrated a commitment to the ethos of Edmund Rice. He established the Purton House social justice partnership with the Police and Community Recreation Program in the high-rise public housing estate in Richmond. He has made a remarkable contribution to Lord Somers Camp and Powerhouse through his own involvement during school holidays and in encouraging students to do likewise. He was responsible for placing Daffodil Day, a cancer fundraising campaign, on the College calendar. He has been a fine model of social justice in action.

While John and his wife, Faye, look forward to more time with their grandchildren and travelling, the St Kevin's community farewells a highly regarded and much-loved staff member who will be greatly missed.

## BILL SPIERINGS

Very few staff have seen as many students pass through the College as Bill Spierings, who retired this year after 37 years at the College.

Originally a graphic designer, Bill commenced his first teaching position in 1977 in the state system and soon moved

into Catholic Education with his first position at St John's Regional College in Dandenong. In the Term 2 of 1981, Bill commenced as Art Teacher at St Kevin's and it wasn't long before his two boys, Martin and Andre, followed him to the College as students.

Bill's legacy included the introduction of Ceramics, Analogue Photography and Silversmith Design into the College curriculum during his early years. In 1995 his passion for design saw him introduce the first Graphic Communication syllabus into the College. Bill also oversaw the Art Faculty as Head of Art for 20 years.

A holistic approach to education enabled him to be engaged in sport too; Cricket, Cross Country, Tennis and a stint as Master in Charge of Diving.

Sport was later to give way to the demands of College publications, where Bill was able to further pursue his love of design through print layout of the *Omnia* and College Annual. Bill took over publications in 1985 and, since then, produced the annuals, *Omnia* magazines and College programs for an array of events from athletics and musicals, to awards nights.

We wish Bill the very best in his retirement and new adventures, which no doubt will always involve his love of art and design.

Bill will be remembered as a caring, quiet person with an often "left of centre" eccentric personality. His love of art, passion for teaching and a strong sense of wit and humour will remain a memory for many who worked with him and were taught by him.

Congratulations Bill on your lifetime career as a teacher and educator.

## JIM O'DEA

Mr James (Jim) O'Dea has spent 25 years as a teacher of Mathematics at St Kevin's. His tenure has been made up of two stints (1984–1990 and 2000–2017) with a hiatus of nine years at Ivanhoe Boys Grammar. Jim is a mathematician of great skill and has taught across all the year levels, with the majority of his teaching done in the senior years where he taught Mathematical Methods, Specialist and University Mathematics. Jim was Head of the Mathematics Faculty from 2005–2008. His students would often remark on his ability to complete VCE exams in a period while it took them the full two hours to attempt. He was also renowned for his fast turnaround times of assessment tasks to ensure his students received the feedback they needed in a timely manner. Jim has been a prominent and most successful coach and TIC in our sporting program. Involvement in Squash and Cross Country would see him training with the boys during the week and ensuring the points calculations were on hand at the weekend meets. Jim was the driving force behind our Squash teams as TIC and coach where he was hugely successful, winning eight premierships along with involvement in seven in Cross Country. If one is to check the IGS history, you would find that he had similar sporting success in his time there. Jim has given a lifetime of outstanding service. We wish him all the best in retirement and thank him very much for his exceptional contribution to our College.

## PETER MCMULLEN

Peter commenced at St Kevin's College in 1997, joining the Buildings Maintenance Team based at Heyington. Peter recalls working with Mark Bergin in what was originally the Station Master's garage near

Heyington Station. When asked to reflect on his time at St Kevin's Peter laughs and says: "Once you entered the gates of a morning, you never knew what lay in store for you for the day. You always started with a list of jobs but that soon went out the window as the day unfolded."

Peter has been the go-to man at Glendalough for the past five years and has contributed to the education of the boys through his assistance with the vegetable garden, supporting the Student Sustainability Group, and even making wooden pencil cases with some boys. He is highly regarded by students, staff and parents for his calm, friendly demeanour and "can do" manner.

Peter has worked, behind the scenes, to set up for the Art Show, Open Days and other sporting and cultural events. He also spent many years attending to the maintenance requirements at St Peter's Early Learning Centre, where he is remembered fondly by all he worked with. Peter delighted in the vibrancy of the ELC setting despite the torture of having to assemble many an IKEA shelving or storage unit.

As retirement approaches, Peter is looking forward to "switching off" and spending more time with his family. He is planning long happy days at the beach house with his grandchildren and trying to keep the ducks out of his swimming pool. He says that he will miss the children at Glendalough and the friendly family-like atmosphere that he has experienced there. Peter reflects that St Kevin's has been a place of learning for him as much as it has been for the students and he hopes that he has contributed to their education in a positive way. There is no doubt that Peter has been a great example to the boys of what it means to be a St Kevin's man for others.

## NICK HALE

Nick Hale has had a long and distinguished career working in state schools across Tasmania; in Le Havre, France; the King's School, England; 15 years at Scotch College; and five years as Deputy Principal of Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Since 2000, Nick has served St Kevin's very well in many senior roles. He has been Head of Languages, Assistant House Head of Purton, Assistant Director of Administration and the TIC of Soccer. In each, he has been meticulous, calm, hardworking, efficient and caring. Nick has taught French across the senior years and his love of the language is obvious. Nick has developed strong relationships with the students in his care and has fond memories of leading the first Study Tour to France and winning the APS Soccer Premiership in 2009. Nick has led many Year 11 Christian Living Retreats and enjoyed his time on the Outdoor Education Program.

Nick and his wife, Maryanne, have a great social conscience, having worked as volunteers in East Timor. They are proud of their sons, David and Richard, both Old Collegians and daughter, Madeleine, who are all lawyers.

Nick has been an excellent colleague, mentor and friend to many on staff and has made an outstanding contribution to the College over 19 years. He is one of nature's true gentlemen and will be missed by all who know him.

# OLD COLLEGIANS



## LATEST SIGHTINGS

Recently, Irishman Anthony Tohill (SKC '90) was in Melbourne with his son Anton trying out in the AFL draft camp. Anthony may well have also shown Anton his 2m high picture on the wall of the Wilding Centre. He also caught up with classmates Daniel Kennedy, Anthony Caligiuri and John Paul Whitbread (all SKC '90).



Michael Gilchrist (SKC '54) can be seen travelling to all points between Bunbury and Creswick, enjoying semi-retirement, and seeing old mates like Deric Davidson (SKC '54). These days, Michael lives outside Creswick and works on layouts, indexing and proofreading for a book publisher.

Rubik's Cube champion Feliks Zemdegs (SKC '13) won the St Kevin's College Spring 2018 Rubik's Cube Tournament. Wonderful that this leg of the circuit was hosted at his own old school. Feliks is the current world record holder for speedcubing.

Alex Graham (SKC '14) has had a great year claiming Commonwealth Games gold as part of the men's 4x200m freestyle. He graduated from his Sport Management degree at Bond University as part of the Georgina Hope Rinehart Swimming Excellence Scholarship, and has his sights set firmly on the future, and the Olympics.

Michael Wheelahan QC (SKC '81) has been appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia. Michael graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Melbourne in 1986, and was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1987.

The Big V VAFA Representative team enjoyed a highly successful campaign, winning back the Dillon/Sims shield against the South Australian Footy League team by 50 points. The game was played on Saturday 9 June at Thebarton oval. The final score was the VAFA 20.20.140 to the SAAFL 14.6.90. In total, we had 5 St Kevin's old boys represent the senior Big V team and 3 involved in the coaching group including senior coach, Stuart Powell (SKC '93). All boys performed extremely well including 3 goals from debutant Billy Kanakis (SKC '12).



**PICTURED ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT** Stuart Powell (SKC '93), Gerard Gleeson (SKC '12), William Coates (SKC '11), Nick Wood (SKC '08), Sam Critchley (SKC '11), Billy Kanakis (SKC '12), Dave Murray (SKC '81) and Stephen Powell (SKC '94)

## OLD COLLEGIAN GOLF TEAM

The team competed on Friday 26 October at Commonwealth Golf Club in the annual APS past students tournament. We finished 4th behind Carey, Wesley, and Scotch which was a sterling effort. Tim Dwyer (SKC '69) was our top golfer on the day while Matt Petricola (SKC '91) won closest to the pin. Congratulations to

team captain Kevin Halpin (SKC '70) and the whole team.

## OLD COLLEGIAN BOWLERS

Calling All Bowlers! The 2019 tournament is on Sunday 31 March 2019 at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club. We need 16 bowlers to represent SKOCA. It is open to past students, parents, grandparents and past staff, men and women. It would be good to see some new faces. All enquiries to Peter Macdonald: 0413 754 523, [plcw@alphalink.com.au](mailto:plcw@alphalink.com.au)

## BRISBANE CENTENARY CELEBRATION

The last of the Centenary events held outside Victoria was the Brisbane event held on Friday 5 October at the Stock Exchange in the CBD. After very successful events in London, Sydney, Perth and now Brisbane, we can say that the Centenary went out to the far reaches of the Kevinian world. Apparently Brisbane is very proud that it defeated its cross-continent rival Perth with 20 attending. It was a wonderful night for the Kevinians and their partners with Kevin Rosengren (SKC '54) being the elder statesman from and the younger being Michael Crowe (SKC '94).





### 1978 40 YEAR REUNION

Congratulations to the Class of 1978 who celebrated their 40 year reunion with almost 50 of their classmates (almost half the peer year!) on Friday 12 October at The Swallows in Port Melbourne. This included travellers from most states and many from overseas. A fantastic night catching up was had by all. Great work done by Tony Byrnes, Rob Goller and Paul Ryan in finding those who had gone missing since the last effort. Another pleasing aspect is that, with such regular contact, there was almost no need for name tags despite the passage of time.



### 1988 REUNION

Fantastic to see over 50 classmates turnout on 29 July for the 30 year reunion for the Class of 1988. Thanks to all for making such a large effort to make the night, especially those that travelled from the US, Bali and the UK.



### GENERATIONS FUNCTION

Monday 26 November saw the last of the scheduled Centenary celebration events. This was the Generations Celebration where 200 came together to celebrate those families that had multiple generations of connection to St Kevin's. There were families represented with as many as four generations having attended the College which is a wonderful commitment to an education like no other in the green gold and blue.

The evening, held in Boyd Egan Hall, was a way in which the broader community could attend a last gathering of 2018 in celebration of a 100 years well done.

## VALETE

**KISSANE Br cfc, John Climacus**  
(SKC '38) 24/10/2018

**MOLONY, John Neylon**  
(SKC '43) 16/9/2018

**GROGAN, Leo Michael**  
(SKC '46) 20/10/2018

**WALSH, Raymond Durham**  
(SKC '48)  
10/10/2018

**HUMPHRIS, Barry John**  
(SKC '52)  
23/7/2018

**ROBILLIARD, Frederick Emile**  
(SKC '61) 1/10/2018

**JACKMAN, Michael Justin**  
(SKC '62) 20/9/2018

**FIELD, Michael F**  
(SKC '65) 29/10/2018

**COLLIE, Timothy James Stafford**  
(SKC '68) 19/9/2018

**ARTHURSON, Graeme David**  
(SKC '79) 7/11/2018

# SHOWCASE

The Showcase Exhibition was the culmination of months' worth of trial and error, with students working tirelessly to realise their visions through a range of technical skills and meaningful concepts. 88 students from Product Design & Technology, Studio Arts and Visual Communication Design exhibited their work in the Smith Hall at the start of Term

4. Special guest Dominic Guthrie (SKC '91) was given the unenviable task of nominating outstanding works from the three different subject areas, and Alastair Richards (PDT), Max Cheney (SA) and Joshua Nicholls (VCD) proved worthy recipients of this accolade on the night. The students are to be commended for their sustained efforts throughout the

year, and their hard work certainly made for a diverse and exciting array of works to be exhibited. Sincere thanks must be extended to our indefatigable auxiliary staff, the passionate teachers in the Art & Design department, and in particular to Mr Cosgriff and Dr Waller for their ongoing support of their Year 12 classes throughout the year.

