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Semester One has come to an exciting and energising end. Examinations have been completed across Years 7 – 12, and reports prepared for every student from Preparatory to Year 12. You will witness across these pages, that we have enjoyed multiple plays and musicals: *Moby Dick*, *The Burial at Thebes*, *A Midsummer Nights' Dream*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *Legally Blonde* and *Shrek Jr.* There have been multiple music concerts of high quality and our debating and sporting programs have been in full swing. Our Social Justice Partnerships have been part of our regular weekly lives, and we have celebrated Mass in many and varied locations across the College, as the Chapel has been extended.

On the last Saturday of Term, we opened the Tooronga Sports Fields. June 17 2017 is a green, gold and blue day of some significance. I publish below, the addresses delivered by our Dean of Sport, Mr Travers, and my few words of thanks.

Dean of Sport Address Opening of Tooronga Sports Fields, Saturday 17 June 2017

Bishop Curtin, Dr Tinsey, Mr Whelan, Mr Nally, Headmaster, Special Guests, colleagues and boys.

It is my great pleasure as the Dean of Sport, to speak on this, one of the most historic days in the history of the College.

I also have the pleasure to speak as an Old Collegian, as a past parent and as a generational Kevinian, with my grandfather as a foundation scholar of St Kevin's in 1918.

To understand the gravity of this day and the significance of this facility for the College, one must have a grasp of the history of St Kevin's and its sporting facilities. It is a story of an ongoing journey to improve the provision of sporting and educational facilities for its students, overcoming sectarianism, financial constraints, geographical and environmental limitations.

In early 1918, the College opened in a couple of the classrooms at Christian Brothers College, Victoria Parade buildings, affectionately known as the 'bluestone pile' by Old Paradians. In September of that year, St Kevin's moved to its newly built building in Albert Street, East Melbourne, at a cost of £7,500, slightly less than the cost of the Tooronga Sports Fields. As part of the new building, there was a Handball Court – the first sports facility of St Kevin's. Opposite the school was the Fitzroy Gardens, where Kevinians kicked footballs in the gardens – avoiding the groundsmen who would kick them off.

Despite St Kevin's being founded primarily as an academic concern, sport soon became organised and was played in a number of locations. Football was played at many venues, some now no more – the Brunswick Street Oval in Fitzroy, the Lake Oval in South Melbourne, Corio Oval, Geelong, Princes Park, Carlton, Old Scotch Oval in North Melbourne and Richmond Cricket Grounds and Como Park in South Yarra. Cricket was played in Yarra Park in the area around the MCG. Tennis was played at the Manresa Courts in Hawthorn or St Peter's Courts in Toorak. Swimming Carnivals were held at Camberwell or Richmond Baths; Athletics at Toorak Park or the Punt Road Oval. We were homeless, without any grounds to play games, and at the mercy of Councils and Grounds Managers or Trustees to find venues for our sport.

Brother John Kearney, the Headmaster of the College in the early 1930s, had a vision for the school that included sports as

an essential aspect of education and he sought to secure playing fields. He firstly entered into an agreement with the Richmond City Council for a long-term lease to develop a neglected area of Survey Park, what we now call Bartlett Reserve, into a sports field. Sectarian bigotry soon reared its ugly head and despite agreeing to invest £500 for its development, providing employment for many unemployed in depression-hit Richmond, the State Minister for lands intervened to quash the agreement. This setback actually worked in the College's favour as Brother Kearney sought to seek out land that was wholly St Kevin's and independent of Councils to provide for an ever-increasing sports program and school numbers.

He soon found fourteen acres between the Darling Railway and Gardiners Creek where he envisioned sports fields, tennis courts, and a boatshed; what is now the Heyington Campus. Brother Kearney must have been a shrewd operator to negotiate a purchase in a depression-era fire sale and then to convince the Provincial Council of the Brothers to approve the purchase. This acquisition allowed the development of the Heyington site into playing fields - Oval 1 in 1936, Oval 2 in 1942, and Oval 3 in 1960. This development overcame a series of cataclysmic floods in the 1930s and 1940s to satisfy the sporting needs of the College at that time.

The entry of the College into the APS in 1958 expanded the sports program with every student playing in a sports team, and the gradual addition of new sports. Rowing was 'the' Public School sport and from 1958, St Kevin's embraced this activity but relied much on existing Boat Clubs for facilities to domicile our boats, and resources to run our Rowing program. In 1974, we opened our own boat shed, only a short walk from the senior classrooms, to give us independence in the sport.

Expanding student numbers in the 1980s led to the construction of the Smith Building, Fraser Tennis Courts and Swimming Pool. This led to the disappearance of Oval 3, but we no longer depended on the largess of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club for tennis courts and Kew Municipal Pool and Scotch College as training venues for swimming. It is no surprise that our performances in both sports improved dramatically with the advent of these facilities, again providing independence and convenience. The Undercroft of the Smith Building provided training space for Badminton in Summer and Basketball in Winter.

We have always, and will continue, to rely upon the assistance of our local councils – once Malvern, Prahran, Hawthorn and Richmond, now Cities of Yarra, Stonnington and Brooondara for grounds to play our sport. Righetti Oval, Kooyong Park, Burke Road South Reserve, Stanley Grove Oval, Gardiner Park, Dorothy Laver Reserve, Alan Bain Reserve, Loughnam Oval – just a few of the many grounds we have used to play our sport. Unfortunately, we have had no certainty of use of these grounds and have lost tenancy at various times, which has provided many headaches for our fixturing of games.

In 2003, Hockey returned to the SKC sport curricula for the first time since 1948, using the State Hockey Centre in Parkville for our home games and Hawthorn Hockey Club for training. In 2015, we lost our use of the State Hockey Centre and have played 'away' ever since. Tooronga will provide us with a home for this Olympic sport as well as a convenient training venue.

In 2006, the Wilding Centre was opened with eight Badminton courts and two Volleyball Courts in the summer, a magnificent eight-lane Swimming Pool and two Basketball Courts for the winter sport.

As the College has expanded in numbers, our need for facilities has increased, a need that cannot always be satisfied by external facility providers. Our expansion in numbers, and the change

in social demographics, have caused a broadening in our sports offerings which require new and more sporting facilities. An increase in community sport numbers has placed greater stress on Council grounds, causing the withdrawal from school use of many grounds

When you believe in the important value of sport as an educational vehicle, you also believe that every student should have the opportunity to have this learning experience. This means that with 2050 students, you need to have a lot of sporting facilities to accommodate this belief. Tooronga will go a long way to providing practice and competition space for our nine Hockey teams, 26 Soccer teams, 22 Cricket teams, 38 Tennis teams, a football ground and indoor training facilities.

The opening of this facility in the history of St Kevin's ranks in significance with:

- Our original buildings in Albert Street
- The purchase of Glenbervie Mansion on St George's and Orrong Roads
- The purchase and development of the Heyington playing fields and later the Senior School
- The construction of the new Glendalough in Lansell Road in 1971.

I would like to thank and congratulate those with the vision, dedication and acumen that has allowed this development to take place. The Headmaster has congratulated the many responsible for the rise of this site from redundant quarry, brickworks and carpark, to a magnificent sports facility of today. I endorse his thanks but also add my thanks and congratulations to Stephen Russell, our Headmaster, who has driven this expansion of the College.

May today's games be the first of many great sparring contests for St Kevin's College at this venue.

Headmaster's Address Opening – Tooronga Sports Fields

Bishop Curtin, Dr Tinsey, Mr and Mrs Whelan, Mr and Mrs Nally, Mr and Mrs Leahy, Special Guests, colleagues and boys.

Good morning and thank you for sharing this important day in the life of our College.

Thank you Bishop Curtin ('63) for your presence and the blessing of the Tooronga Sports Fields. You are a regular visitor to your old school and your ongoing support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

I wish to publically recognise and thank Dr Wayne Tinsey, Executive Director of EREA, for his attendance and support.

Let me turn briefly in appreciation of the two wonderful former Board Chairs after whom the two pavilions have been named.

Des and Helene Whelan, it is a delight that today, when we honour Des's contribution to St Kevin's as our inaugural Board Chair (1988 – 1999), you are joined by so many of your family.

Des you have had a significant part in guiding and influencing three Headmasters at St Kevin's. Brother Godfrey, Brother Wilding and my appointment as Deputy Headmaster, without which I would never have had the opportunity to serve our community today. Your loyalty and interest in all things St Kevin's, even today, speaks of your affection for our College.

Martin and Vicki Nally, we celebrate and honour Martin for the selfless and astute leadership offered by Martin (2005 – 2015) in his time as Board Chair.

My debt is significant as you provided sage advice across so many issues and you were the Board Chair, when the decision was taken regarding the acquisition of the land for these modern sporting and education facilities.

Before completing my important thank yous and welcomes, allow me to wander swiftly down the history lane initially explored by our Dean of Sport this morning, that led us to these grounds today.

The need for sports grounds had been part of our Strategic Plan for decades. Since our move from the city to Toorak, we have developed grounds at Heyington in the 30s, in Lansell Road in the 70s and acquired and developed courts at Richmond in more recent times. Before securing this site, we explored 23 options across the last decade, some which if detailed today would seem fanciful, others which were very real prospects and so nearly came to fruition. The ideal location of these grounds has certainly meant that past disappointments have been more than made up for with the acquisition of Tooronga.

For a decade we saved that so that when opportunity arose, we could act. The Board established criteria to be fulfilled financially and strategically, should we wish to acquire land and established very detailed due diligences which we would fulfil prior to acquisition. All this planning and discussion meant we were in a position to act when the opportunity to purchase this land came about. Some of the slightly more humorous aspects of our search involved the College Leadership Team having to arrive at Heyington in cycling gear and their own bikes in order to tour prospective sites, and different members of College staff taking alternative routes to possible sites, timing their trips and measuring the distances.

I particularly wish to recognise this morning, the work of our Bursar, Mr Ray Tyrrell. He travelled down all the blind alleys with me prior to our finding the clear bike path to this site. His hands-on management of this project has had all the hallmarks of care, insight and diligence that have featured in so many of our recent buildings, Ray has been an outstanding Bursar for St Kevin's and we wish he and Brigitte, happiness and good health in Ray's active retirement.

It is relevant that I highlight today that these grounds are part of a St Kevin's education; that is, an education based upon quality relationships. Relationships that exist boy to boy, teacher to boy, parents and staff, parents and parents and parents and sons. The relationships we establish through sport, allows us to teach our academic subjects better. It allows us to lead our boys into a deep understanding of the importance of social justice. It allows us to develop character in our students.

Our Board Property Committee has been the proverbial tower of strength in the quality and quantum of advice they have given me across the years. That we have with us the two Chairs of that Property Committee in my time as Head here today is another delight. I acknowledge the professional acumen and many hours given to our projects by Denis Stephenson and John Lincoln, and in recognising them, I thank also the many men and women who have been part of our Property Committee across the years.

We are appreciative that the College local Federal Member, the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer, was able to join us, and recognise Ms Coral Ross, Councillor in the City of Boroondara.

Baldasso Cortese as our Architects, have designed once again, outstanding buildings. My thanks to Mr David Chandler and Mr Loris Reeschini for the original designs. It is so appropriate that Anthony Baldasso and Steven Cortese are with us today. Our thanks also to Mr Martin Gehrckens and Ms Sophie Russell.



Dalton Consulting Engineers worked alongside us in the grand design of these facilities and provided such quality advice in the engineering field on what was, in many ways, a challenging site. To the Principal of the firm, Mr Shane Dalton, we extend our admiration and deep thanks, and to Mr Brent Gordon, well done on the detailed management of this project.

My hope is our builders, 2Construct, take as much pride in the quality of these grounds and buildings as we at St Kevin's do. Mr Duncan McPherson and Mr Peter Rabilly as Principals of the firm have shown constant interest in the project and ensured quality work. We also wish to recognise Mr Aaron Comerford ('05), Mr Chris Barker, Mr Adrian Falduto and Mr Mike Waldron.

To our Project Managers – Case Meallin – who have been with us from the very start, thank you for your professional approach and deep interest in this project, I recognise particularly, Mr Mike James, Mr Lee Gomersall and Mr Matthew Weller.

Tuff Turf's product is so evident before all assembled here today. Our thanks to Mr Fraser Gebrin and Mr Travis Knight.

We recognise and thank all consultants and advisors present, representatives of our neighbours – residential and commercial.

Let's enjoy our boys singing on this particular sports day as our Senior Vocal Ensemble performs 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.

I also publish the draft calendar for our Centenary Celebrations. A final, confirmed calendar will be available by the start of Term IV. One of the items you will notice, is the chance for Old Collegians and families to join the boys and staff on the Centenary Tour, during the Pilgrimage section of the trip to Glendalough and Waterford. Ms Canny's explanation of this opportunity will, I hope, raise some fellow pilgrims from within our community.

'It is wonderful to announce to the community that the St Kevin's College Centenary Tour of London and Ireland will consist of 30 students and staff members. The group will leave Melbourne on Friday March 30, 2018, for the 14 day tour, which will include a three day Pilgrimage, walking in the steps of St Kevin to Glendalough and visiting the significant locations in the life of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Parents, past parents and Old Collegians are invited to join the tour for the Pilgrimage, which will commence in Dublin on Friday, April 6 and return there on Sunday, April 8. Accommodation for two nights, coach transfers, guides and meals are included in the package. Details and costs are available on the College website, under Quick Links, Centenary Tour. The Old Collegians, Parents and Friends Expression of Interest form should be submitted no later than Friday, July 21. The College Leadership Team and some staff members will also be completing the Pilgrimage section of the Tour.

Please contact Janet Canny, Director of Students, if you have any queries. (cannyj@stkevins.vic.edu.au or 98324902)'

Draft Centenary Calendar

Term	Date	Event
1	15-Feb	Opening Mass
1	15-Feb	Student Celebration (after Mass)
1	19-Feb	Awards & Prefect Investiture Assembly
1	21-Feb	Foundation Event 1
1	2-Mar	Staff Event Kooyong
1	7-Mar	Albert Street Lecture Series No 1 Archbishop Mark Coleridge
1	14-Mar	Captains' Dinner
1	27-Mar	Foundation Australia Club Dinner
Term I hols	30 Mar - 13 Apr	Student Centenary Tour
Term I hols	6 - 8 Apr	Pilgrimage Ireland
2	12-Apr	Old Collegians' Dinner London
2	18-Apr	Centenary Sports Celebration
2	1-May	Pilgrimage Melbourne and Mass at Tooronga
2	1-May	Edmund Rice Day celebrations
2	6-May	Open Day (10.00am - 5.00pm)
2	14-May	Golden Jubilarians
2	22-May	Foundation Soiree
2	1-Jun	Old Collegians' Annual Dinner Kooyong
2	4-Jun	Albert Street Lecture Series No 2
2	16-Jun	Centenary Ball
3	7-Aug	Albert Street Lecture Series No 3
3	15-Aug	Foundation Business Breakfast
3	16-Aug	Old Collegians' Dinner Sydney
3	25-Aug	Leadership Team Dinner
3	29 - 31 Aug	Senior Musical
3	3-Sep	Albert Street Lecture Series No 4
3	10 Sept	Centenary Concert at Hamer Hall
4	11-Oct	Butler Public Speaking Competition
4	15-Oct	Centenary Book Launch
4	14-Nov	Board Dinner
4	19-Nov	Albert Street Lecture Series No 5
4	26-Nov	Foundation Event No. 4

Wishing everyone a relaxing holiday break.

Omnia Pro Deo
Stephen Russell
Headmaster

God can find us anywhere



Mass in Term Two

It's just as well that God is everywhere because we have celebrated Mass in various different places this term. On May 2, we marked Edmund Rice Day with the whole school gathered in the Wilding Centre. The Social Justice Captains from Glendalough made a special presentation based around the four Touchstones of Edmund Rice Education, tying each one to a passage of scripture. Our celebrant for Mass was Fr Sacha Bermudez-Goldman SJ, a man with extensive experience working with refugees around the world. Fr Sacha asked:

Are we happy or comfortable to be truly ourselves, or do we try to be someone else? Do we feel that others expect us to be someone

different? Do you wish sometimes you could say to someone, "I know I'm not perfect, but can you just accept me as I am"? One of the greatest gifts we can offer to someone is to accept them, to care for them, to love them, just as they are. This is what Blessed Edmund Rice did with so many who came under his care.

That evening, Fr Sacha returned to speak to a large gathering of our newly emerging Parents Justice and Spirituality group.

While the Chapel of St Kevin is being extended and refurbished, we have celebrated Mass every week as usual: in the Smith Hall, the foyer of the Smith Hall and in the Boyd Egan Hall at Glendalough. God can indeed find us anywhere!



Community Service

We have many Community Service involvements, not least the continuing commitment of the whole of Year 10 to serve in what are now almost 100 separate placements every Wednesday afternoon. The photos below were taken at a special afternoon for the elderly, organised by the Brotherhood of St Lawrence, that was held at the Collingwood Town Hall on May 24.



Legally Blonde



Twelve Angry Men



Midsummer Night's Dream



Shrek Jr



Offering a full spectrum of theatre, Term 2 saw the colourful musicals *Shrek Jr* and *Legally Blonde* come to life, with contrasting energy emanating from dramatic play *Twelve Angry Men* and Shakespearean comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

In week three, a select group of senior boys joined forces with girls from St Catherine's to stage the much loved comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The play was staged in traditional robes and

costumes, with the comedy flowing from the delightful series of misunderstandings and misadventures that plagued the noble heroes and heroines.

Charles McNamara and Finn Haughey gave charming performances as the ardent young romantic characters, Demetrius and Lysander. Samuel Collins created a gallant and majestic character as mighty King Oberon. Damien Russo drew much laughter as sincere, yet pompous actor, Bottom.

Having the perfect dozen students this year, the Theatre Studies class seized the opportunity to stage tense courtroom drama, *Twelve Angry Men*. A well-preserved piece of social commentary, the play examines attitudes and prejudices that must be overcome in a fair and just society. Making excellent use of the Marlow Drama Studio, the Theatre Studies class presented a tense and involving piece of high stakes drama.

As well as performing the roles, each member of the class took on the responsibility for one of the production elements. Samuel McCabe and Michael Lew contributed to the set design, which was crafted on an impressively grand scale. Alexandras Bartaska ensured that the costumes were authentic to the period and well suited to each of the character's station in life. Zac Jensen impressed with a terrific performance as Juror 10, who held out for a long time before finally changing his mind.



The annual Years 7-9 musical celebrated what makes people special, presenting the engaging adventures of *Shrek Jr.* The compacted Broadway musical featured toe-tapping songs, lively, polished dance numbers and an entertaining assortment of colourful characters. With the help of his noble steed, Donkey, Shrek managed to find, and appreciate, friendship, adventure and romance. Entertaining song and dance numbers included 'Morning Person' and 'I'm A Believer'.

The cast was capably led by Leo Evans as the grumpy but well-meaning ogre, Shrek. Thomas Schofield had a wily sparkle in his eye as the irascible Donkey. Joshua Herington gave a cheeky performance as pint-sized Lord Farquaad. Andrew Collins nailed the characterful role of Gingy, the plucky runaway gingerbread man. All cast members gave the songs and dances their all, creating a highly memorable performance.

In the same week as *Shrek Jr.*, senior boys performed the hit Broadway musical, *Legally Blonde*, with a large contingent of girls from Korowa Anglican Girls School. When plucky heroine, Elle Woods, lost her fiancé to Harvard Law School, she took the most logical action she could think of, following him across the country to Harvard. Along the way, Elle learnt the value of the law, and the true benefits of dedication and hard work.

A highly experienced trio of Year 12 boys led the male cast of *Legally Blonde*, with Phillip Borg starring as sweet law teacher's assistant, Emmett; Samuel McCabe playing the self-serving law student, Warner Huntington III; and Alexandras Bartaska playing against type as ruthless law professor, Callahan. Standout featured roles included Thomas Lloyde as fey pool boy Nikos, and Thomas Gilbert as upbeat delivery boy, Kyle.

Connecting with God's country



Murray Fahey – Best overall shot

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children - Wendell Berry

It could be argued that this quote is perhaps the most widely used in the Outdoor Education world – and for good reason. In just 15 words, it encapsulates all that we seek to explore when we take our students out on Outdoor Education programs. In a world that is so obsessed with connectivity, some would argue that we are losing the one, real connection that matters. In this current political climate, this seems more appropriate than ever.

So to our St Kevin's Programs...

The year kicked off with our Year 5 students heading out on their 'Knowing me, Knowing you' program based at Camp Marysville, in Northern Eastern Victoria. In the midst of climbing walls, mountain biking and campouts, students began making new connections with their fellow classmates.

Following this, our Years 10 and 11 students packed their backpacks, boarded buses (and the occasional flight!) and set off on their adventures around Victoria. The Year 10 boys took part in a hugely rewarding 'Journey of Self-Discovery' around the Victorian Alpine Country. This program, titled 'Camino', was one of many challenges. The High Country inevitably threw all it had at us, but with the correct attitude and strength of character, we forged on nonetheless. Although rugged at times, students certainly came away with a rich appreciation of 'God's country'.

At the same time, our Year 11 students were spread right across the state taking part in our 'One Step Beyond' program which aims to showcase the very best of what Victoria has to offer in outdoor adventures. Boys engaged in a range of programs from surfing the breaks along the Great Ocean Road to exploring the deep waters of Mornington Peninsula. This was also the



Finn Arundel – Best nature shot

second year of our 'One Step Beyond' photography competition. All of the photos you see on this page were taken by our talented entrants. Congratulations to our winners who all received vouchers to an Outdoor shop

to help 'gear them up' for their next adventure.

Following the Easter break, it was the turn of our Year 7 students to pack their bags and head out on their 'Surfcoast Discovery' adventure. Despite some wild weather, the boys camped out, mountain biked and surfed their way around the Great Otway National Park and the beautiful natural surrounds of Anglesea. A particular highlight of this program was a supermarket activity where students planned, purchased and cooked their own meals. Look out, MasterChef Australia!

Last of all, we can't forget our Year 3 students who put on their beanies (once they had eventually found them in their duffel bags!) and journeyed out to the Yarra Valley to take their first 'Step Outside'. Flying foxes were flown and canoes were paddled. The boys' seemingly endless energy and laughter certainly brought life to this quiet corner of Victoria.



Campbell Smart – Best action shot



Photo taken by Oliver Conwell



Photo taken by Joe Williams

Future Earth

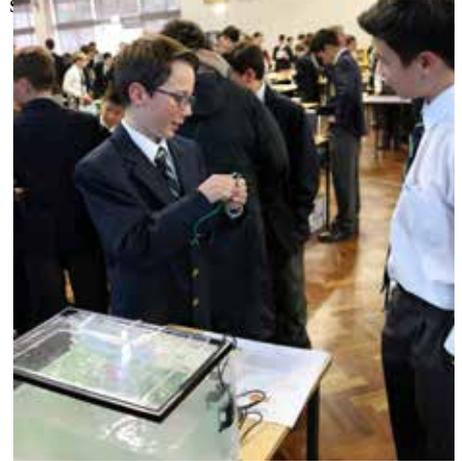
The annual Middle School Science Conference has quickly become a firm fixture in the St Kevin's academic calendar. In early May, a sizeable audience of peers, staff and parents were thoroughly engaged by the 160 Science Talent Search (STS) projects on display in Smith Hall.

For the students selected to be part of the Conference, it marked the culmination of hours of hard work, and was a tremendous celebration of their success. The submissions received varied between posters, working models, videos, games, video games and inventions. This year all chosen projects were centred on the theme of 'Future Earth', giving all boys tremendous scope to feature a

range of scientific disciplines. The outstanding quality of the projects this year was a reminder to both students and staff of the wonders that creative scientific inquiry tasks can uncover. David Philips 7G spoke of his experience with his 'Transparent Screen' submission: "I loved the project as it allowed me to dive further into an area of science that I really enjoy".

The Conference also welcomed university students from the respective Monash UAS and UAV Engineering Teams, as well as our very own Visiting Scientist, Dr James Driscoll (Geologist), who selflessly gave up their time to help inspire our students by presenting their own

research projects. Their presence at the Conference was a huge hit and provided such a wonderful example of the vocational avenues which are open to students who go on to study



Speaking to the world

According to James May's edition of Cicero, a real speaker is someone who possesses the genuine power and ability to persuade listeners. The challenge of speaking effectively in public is a monumental one, and to do so successfully requires a considerable amount of inborn talent, and diligent practice. Moreover, the person needs a capacious knowledge of the world at large.

During the past three years, Maxwell Thomas and Luke Macaronas have embraced these ideals and participated in a range of public speaking and debating forums, at local, national, and international levels. Both of these boys have availed themselves to the full extent of the oratory program at the College. Their histories reveal a capacity to participate in a range of competitions over the years that fostered friendships, a keen sense of social justice, self-confidence and insightful perceptions of human nature, history, and globalisation.

Recently, both students displayed virtuosic feats in international arenas. In August of 2016, Luke Macaronas, the 2016 Captain of Debating, won the national Plain English Speaking Award. During May of this year, he travelled to London to compete against 50 nations in the English Speaking Union International Public Speaking Competition. His topic, 'The Inconvenient Truth', compelled his audience to consider the morality of drone warfare. His captivating performance won him first place in the competition.

In September of 2016, Maxwell Thomas, the 2017 Captain of Debating, travelled to Canberra to compete in the Australian Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (AIDPSC). The competition is challenging. Students have to compete in four sections ranging from debates, persuasive speeches, impromptu speaking and interpretative reading. Maxwell gained a successful place to represent Australia in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC) held during Easter of 2017.

Maxwell gained second place in the Interpretative Reading. He chose to read a short story, 'Better Homes and Gardens',



Luke Macaronas delivering his prize-winning speech in London

that was written by Catherine Moffat. It was published in a Brotherhood of St Laurence anthology entitled *Hope*. Overall, he performed very well in the debates; he persuaded his audience to carefully consider the over-consumption of meat in western society; he made others laugh and cry with his impromptu. It was an outstanding achievement.

Since Walter Butler, in 1918, inspired a strong tradition of public speaking within the school, the tradition continues to enrich students' lives.



Maxwell Thomas

Inspirational Performances

Over the first weekend of May this year, the four Big Bands of the College took part in the Generations in Jazz Festival at Mt Gambier, along with 4700 students from around the country. Each year, this tour proves to be an invaluable motivator for our musicians. Not only do they perform in the competitions, they also get to hear inspirational performances and participate in masterclasses with some of the world's great jazz musicians. Highlights this year included performances by world renowned artists,



James Morrison (Trumpet), Wycliffe Gordon (Trombone), Marian Petrescu (Piano), Gordon Goodwin (Saxophone), Mat Jodrell (Trumpet) and the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. The St Kevin's Big Bands each performed excellently in the competitions, resulting in our strongest-ever placings across each division. Big Band One gave a particularly polished performance and was awarded Third Prize in Division Two of the National Stage Band Awards - a brilliant result in a highly competitive field. Congratulations to Mr Werner and the members of Big Band One for their efforts in preparing for this performance. Further to this, Rohan Anderson-Cleary (Year 11) was selected out of approximately 100 trombonists to play Trombone 1 in the Division Two Superband. This is a fabulous personal achievement for Rohan.

Gifted by the Holy Spirit

On a Friday evening in mid-May, at St Ignatius Church, Richmond, Monsignor Bennet celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 19 Waterford students; five of these

young men also receiving Holy Communion for the first time. This was a culmination of preparation that began in Term One, when these students made the choice to

become adults of our Christian community. Through sacramental classes, the students chose Confirmation names, discussed the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they could bring these gifts to the world. They also chose a sponsor to guide them on the evening.

On the Friday prior, Monsignor Greg Bennet visited to introduce himself and to celebrate Mass with us. Three of the St Kevin's candidates also received the Sacrament of Reconciliation that day.

This was a wonderful celebration for the latest adult members of our faith.



Magnificent music and glorious song



On Pentecost Sunday this year, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir created history when it entered Melbourne's imposing St Paul's Anglican Cathedral for a combined rehearsal, ahead of a much-anticipated Evensong service. Even though both Cathedrals and their choral traditions go back to the mid-19th century, the two choirs had never, up to this recent partnership, come together in a liturgical setting.

The initiative came from the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, who said of the occasion: "We are delighted to share in worshipping together at the culmination of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As part of the northern hemisphere's celebrations, a first Evensong took place in St Peter's Basilica: it's therefore highly appropriate that we are able to share this beautiful liturgical tradition and invite our friends from St Patrick's Cathedral Choir to sing with our own choir". The preacher at this special Evensong was the Dean of St Patrick's

Cathedral, the Very Revd John Salvano, who spoke with great impact about the work of the Spirit in our world.

The St Patrick's Choir, all of whose 49 Scholarship Choristers attend St Kevin's, sang a 16th century setting of the "Magnificat" by Tomás Luis de Victoria, conducted by their Director, Dr Daryl Barclay. They also joined with the St Paul's Choir in an Anthem by English composer Tertius Noble, "Grieve not, the Holy Spirit of God". For this, St Patrick's supplied as tenor soloist one of our own Lay Clerks, Mr Colm Talbot, who is a former Chorister of King's College, Cambridge. The effect of over 70 Cathedral Choristers singing so beautifully together served as a powerful reminder of how important music is both to the Anglican and Catholic traditions. St Patrick's Cathedral is looking forward to welcoming the St Paul's Choir in a reciprocal visit in the not-too-distant future.



ST KEVIN'S OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

71st ANNUAL DINNER

The 2017 Annual Dinner was held on Friday, 2 June at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. As the bookings approached 200, we knew it would be a memorable night.

The large crowd heard from the Guest of Honour, **Dr Anthony Bergin** ('71) [pictured below], who, with his background in international affairs, law and geopolitics, delivered an entertaining and fascinating address. Grace was said by **1967 College Captain, Chris Hanson**, and **Philip Baré**, **1997 College Captain**, proposed the toast to the College. The 2016 Old Kevinian Fellowship recipient, Eric Boesten, reported on his immersion in Jazz in New York and thrilled the audience with a short saxophone rendition. All goes well for a wonderful night next year for the Centenary of the College SKOCA Annual Dinner.



LATEST SIGHTINGS

Congratulations to two Kevinians named in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list. Both were made Members in the Order of Australia (AM):

Paul Hoy ('60) for his significant service to the Catholic Church, and to the Coptic Orthodox Church, through a range of administrative, financial and legal advisory roles.

Dr John Leyden ('87) for his significant service to community health as an advocate for patient support networks and research into neuroendocrine cancer.

Luke Macaronas ('16) was announced the winner of the 2017 International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC) in London on Friday, 12 May 2017. Luke's winning speech 'The Inconvenient Truth' explored the use

of drone warfare as a way to carry out war without ever having to declare it. Luke secured his place at the IPSC by first taking out the Victorian and then the Australian Plain English Speaking Awards (PESA) in 2016. Luke said, "PESA provides students with a platform to challenge and excite minds from across Australia. It is a space for our voices to be heard"

Some of the Old Boys from 1980 recently caught up for dinner at the Malvern Hotel. Pictured below (L-R) **Michael Scammell, Brendan Martin, Mark Parkes, Paul Cleary, Michael Hedger, Adam Ring and Joe Mahon.**



REUNIONS

1977 – Friday 25 August – The venue and plans will be available soon. Contact Leo Crohan crohan@westnet.com.au, Titch Callanan titch5@yahoo.com or David Parkes dparkes54@gmail.com

1992 - The 25 Year Reunion for the Class of 1992 is on:

Saturday, 19 August at 7pm
The Emerald Hotel
Clarendon St, South Melbourne

RSVP to Nick Martin nickmartin50@yahoo.com.au or 0487 700 980.

Details are also on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SKCClassof92>.

1997 - Saturday, 19 August – Contact Philip Bare, philipbare@gmail.com

2007 – Details to be confirmed but please contact old-collegians@stkevins.vic.edu.au with new email and contact details for you and your peers. Subcommittee volunteers welcome.

2012 - Class of 2012 Reunion: Monday, 11 September at 6pm Smith Hall Foyer

1987 REUNION

A great turnout for the Class of 1987 Reunion, kindly hosted by The Emerald Hotel on May 19. Over 55 former students were on hand to hear stories and tales of how good we were, who still sees who and what we are all up to these days. Special guest, **Mr John Davenport** ('70), spent the evening with us which added to the occasion as we recounted memories of John as our Year Level Coordinator in our first year at Heyington. Many travelled from far and wide and a great night was had by all.

1967 REUNION

Chris Hanson, College Captain 1967, ran a 1966 reunion at the Auburn Hotel with 22 attendees on Tuesday 16 May. Some shared beer and nibbles at 6.30pm and then half stayed on for a convivial dinner.

SKOB FOOTBALL CLUB

SKOBFC committed to fielding a record 10 teams in season 2017 including three teams in U/19 Premier after a hugely successful 2016 campaign. This has been made possible by the huge influx of the Class of 2016 into our club.



Currently, SKOBFC is in finals contention in every division for 2017. They are equal top of the ladder in both the Men's and Women's Premier Divisions. The Seniors have reached the Queen's Birthday bye with a 7-1 win/loss ratio. The return of ex Collegians from the VFL has been timely as we have called on nearly 40 players in our Senior side in just eight rounds. **Sam Critchley** ('11) has captained the side in the last two weeks and he has been joined in the VAFA state squad by **Tom Jok** ('15)

and Gerard Gleeson ('12). Lachie Sullivan ('15) has won a VAFA rising star nomination. Coach, Shannon Grant, has praised the contributions of Lachie Merrett ('14) and Michael Di Natale ('15) to the Senior side after they starred in the U19 Premiership of 2016.

The next home games are top four clashes vs Collegians at SKC on 1/7 and De La Salle at T H King on 22/7. Lunches precede both games. All welcome. Contact Dan Kennedy ('90) 0403 960 121.

OLD KEVINIAN FELLOWSHIP

It is with pleasure SKOCA announced the 2017 Old Kevinian Fellow is Dr Adam Parslow ('02). Adam has a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from Melbourne University 2006 and a Doctorate 2012 from Ludwig Institute. His funding of \$5,000 will contribute to a presentation of his scientific discoveries at the American Institute of Cancer Research in Chicago in 2018, and assist him to collaborate on ongoing research while there. Adam's focus will be to present to 20,000 scientists and reaffirm his laboratory research findings with that done in clinics, resulting in improvements in how cancer patients receive treatment. He will also study at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre in New York and the University of Texas in Austin Texas under Prof Dan Leahy. Adam currently works at the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre who are releasing him for this project. St Kevin's Old Collegians' Association are very pleased to support this project with them.

OLD COLLEGIANS' BOWLS

St Kevin's Old Collegians once again competed in the annual APS Past Students Bowls Tournament,



held at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club on Sunday 2 April, finishing a credible fourth behind Caulfield Grammarians, Old Melburnians and Old Carey. Frank Marchesani's Team 2 performed best on the day, winning all three games.

If you are interested in playing next year, the Tournament will be held on Sunday 25 March, again at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club. Please contact Peter Macdonald (m) 0413 754 523 for further details

ARCHIVES

The highest award the College annually bestows is the Alan Shelton Award. Alan ('39) lost his life in heroic circumstances while piloting a bomber in WW2. His brother David ('43) and the family have entrusted Alan's medals to the College. An honour for the school.



Alan Shelton Medals

(L-R) 1939-1945 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-1945, The Australian Service Medal 1939-1945, Bomber Command Medal 1939-1945 (separate)

During the celebration match for the 40th anniversary of basketball at the College on May 27, David O'Brien ('78) donated his singlet from the first team in 1977 (pictured below left). Only 12 were ever made and we are fortunate to have this example.



We are very pleased with the growing collection of photographs of the myriad of blazer pockets over the century. Michael F Hussey ('61) sent in this fine example of full colours on his blazer when it was a very dark blue fabric (pictured above right).



VALETE

NOLAN, Redmond Francis ('42)
6/5/2017

FILGATE, (John) Burton Joseph ('51)
3/5/2017

MOONEY, Leo ('59)
28/11/2016

HALFHIDE, John C ('63)
12/5/2017

STEWART, Thomas Patrick ('64)
6/11/2016

MURPHY, Philip ('65)
15/3/2017

COLEMAN, Paul Michael ('66)
10/5/2017

ROBERTS, William Christopher ('66)
18/5/2017

Recently, we received a disk of some 300 pictures of life and times around the College circa 1983 from Henryk Kobylanski. Here are just some samples of the drama plays, dancing classes, sport, Silver Creek from that era.



Premier students

One of the most prestigious academic events of the year in Victoria is the VCE Premier's Awards. Each year, Victoria's most successful academic students are presented with awards for having achieved the best Study Scores in the state.

Luke Macaronas was the recipient of one of the Top All-Round VCE High Achiever Awards. In order to be a Top All-Rounder, a student must achieve a Study Score of 46 or higher in at least five Studies. Luke was one of only 25 such students recognised from the 2016 VCE cohort.

The number of Study Awards in each subject area is calculated using the enrolment base in that subject. Individual Graded Assessment scores are used to determine the order of merit and identify the best students in each subject across Victoria.

Not only did Luke secure one of the top 25 Awards in the State, but he also received a Study Award for Theatre Studies and English.

St Kevin's outstanding achievement in English in 2016 meant that three other students from last year's cohort were recipients of Study Awards in that subject area. Thomas Bailey, Michael Hester and Oskar Zemdegs – all of whom achieved a perfect Study Score of 50 in English – were deserving Study Award winners at this year's VCE Premier's Awards.



Clockwise: Luke Macaronas, Tom Bailey and Michael Hester with Hon. James Merlino and Oskar Zemdegs with his parents

This year, in Premier Andrews' stead, it was the Honourable James Merlino, Deputy Premier, who presented the all awards to the highest-achieving Victorian students.

Welcome back, Year 13

A feature of the After-School Study Programs on offer for students at the College, is the employment of Old Collegians from the previous Year 12 cohort, to act as Tutors. The program commenced in 2010 with just two Year 13 boys providing assistance in the library. This year, we have over 20 Old Boys employed across two campuses, in three different venues, providing academic assistance and mentoring of students.

The study programs provide the Year 13 students with an opportunity to remain involved at the College, and to contribute to a program that they themselves benefited from as students. It is a great way to assist our recent graduates to manage the process of transition from this community

to life after school. The young men enjoy the ongoing contact with staff members, and the current students are very receptive to the assistance from the familiar faces of the successful students of the previous year.

Old Boys make application for the position of Tutor after they receive their VCE results and selection is based on academic competence, involvement in College life and aptitude for engagement with students across all year levels. The number of students who attend Study Sessions at Waterford, and remain in the Heyington Library and the Albert Street Study Centre after school Monday to Friday from 3.30 to 6.00pm, is testament to the success of these outstanding Old Collegians.



St Kevin's Art Show: A Resounding Success

The St Kevin's Art Show, held over four days in the Smith Hall in May, was a resounding success this year on so many levels. Opening night attracted more than 350 parents, staff, friends and artists who joined to celebrate art and community. Guests were nourished by scrumptious canapes and entertained by talented student performers and musicians throughout the evening and across the weekend.

The exhibition of 350 works by artists from around the country included four College alumni this year who added a vibrant new dimension to the show. Melbourne artist, Ralf Kempken, was awarded the major prize of \$10,000, and his stunning work was acquired by the College. Penelope Davis received the Brother McCarthy Memorial Award of \$3,500 and Tom Blachford was voted as the People's Choice. All prize monies and many of the costs incurred were funded through generous sponsorship from businesses large and small, with 2Construct leading the charge as the major sponsor. The raffle, with an artwork prize by Deborah Klein, was won by a Year 6 student at Glendalough.

The Art Show raised \$40,000 this year which will be divided between the St Kevin's Foundation and the acquisition of a new sculpture to commemorate the College Centenary in 2018.

Friends of Art would like to thank staff and the many parent volunteers for their support, in particular the St Kevin's Fathers' Association for their enthusiastic and generous assistance, without which the Show would not have been possible.

Any parent who would like to be involved in an official capacity with Friends of Art next year can register their interest by emailing friendsofart@stkevins.vic.edu.au stating your area of expertise or personal interest.



(L-R) Penelope Davis (Br McCarthy Award winner), Monique Harpur (Friends of Art), Peter Rahilly (2Construct), Marita Smith (Friends of Art), Stephen Russell (Headmaster), Ralf Kempken (Art Show Major Prize winner)



St Kevin's College Foundation

This year two very successful Foundation functions have been held.

The first, the Annual Foundation Dinner, was held at the Australia Club at the end of March, and was well attended; as usual, a most successful evening. The Guest Speaker for this function was Anthony Caliguiri, a former student and College Captain, now the CEO of his family company, Califam, and a parent of St Kevin's. Anthony spoke passionately on the moral responsibility of business to involve themselves in philanthropy. It was an excellent message and an excellent evening.

Our second event was the Musical Soirée held in the Boyd Egan Hall in June. The audience was treated to an excellent program of music from students and staff of the Music Department. Items covered both instrumental and vocal presentations displaying the extraordinary talents of these young men and their teachers.

For further information on the St Kevin's College Foundation, please contact the secretary, Mr Kevin Culliver at culliverk@stkevins.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's Sports Exchange

It was a busy return to school in second term with the Annual Sports Exchange against St Patrick's, Ballarat, taking place on the first Wednesday of the term. This year it was our provincial cousin's turn to host the series of matches that make up this great day of sport. It is one of our few sporting fixtures against a fellow EREA school, and both College's appreciate the exchange's broader role in the programme.

As in 2016, the honours were evenly shared with SKC winning the Hockey (11 to 0), Basketball (44 to 36), and Rugby (33 to 21). St Patrick's won the Football (9-11-65 to 6-7-43), Soccer (4 to 3), and Cross Country. The Football saw SKC come back late in the match after a lacklustre first half. The Soccer game was tied 3-all at fulltime and extra time. In a penalty shoot-out, St Pat's were the better team with 5 to 3 successful shots.

We look forward to 2018's exchange back down here in Melbourne where we will host the Centenary of Sport between the two schools. The date set aside is 18 April 2018.

House Sport

The Annual House Cross Country Championships were held at Glendalough and the Senior school during the term. The Cross Country Carnivals are probably the longest unbroken House sports activities with the first being conducted in 1960.

At the Junior School, Polding House 150, took out the Championship from Vaughan 87, Ullathorne 85, and Mannix 65.

The Senior Carnival resulted in a first-ever win by Rahill 140, Kearney 197, Kenny 206, McCarthy 284, Purton 295, and Cusack 362.

Individual Champions were:- Teddy Muller (Yr 3), Angus Sheehan (Yr 4), Matthew Redenbach (Yr 5), John Cornwell (Yr 6), Harry Bowen (Yr 7), Angus Down (Yr 8), Thomas Scroggie (Yr 9), Matthew Hussey (Yr 10), William Lewis (Yr 11) and Benjamin Tipper (Yr 12).

First across the line in the Senior race was Year 10 runner, Matthew Hussey.

For the first time in a number of years, a House Diving Championship was conducted in Term Two. Ryan King of Year 8 and Marc Jencik of Year 11 were adjudged the best Junior and Senior Divers respectively. McCarthy House won the overall competition from Cusack and Kenny, equal second, Rahill, Purton, and Kearney.

Forty Years of SKC Basketball



All Stars Team

*Back: Ben Hall, Sam McDonald, James Murray, Patrick Fraser-Schmuki, Declan Harrick, Tom White, Kuany Kuany, Keenan McLean (Coach)
Front: Matt Owies, Akok Kuany, Anthony McKimm, Charlie Collopy-White*

Although an SKC Basketball team existed as far back as 1953, and the playing of the sport at the Junior School dates from 1971, the first official SKC Basketball team to compete in First's competition at the Senior School took to the court in 1977. To mark the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the sport, a special day was held in May in the Wilding Centre. On this day, members of the very first team in 1977 were present, including team Captain and Australian U-20 representative, Malcolm Davis, who flew in from Perth, and the coach, Brother Jeff Regan, who came down from Sydney.

A match of the College First Team against an 'All Star' Old Boys team was also conducted. The Old Boys team was a 'who's who' of SKC Basketball, with State and National representatives, as well as recently returned University scholarship holders in the sport, Kuany Kuany and Matthew Owies. The Firsts did well to get within 29 points as the Old Boys put on all their tricks to celebrate a great milestone in SKC Sport.

