



Each Honest Worker

*The Salesians of
Don Bosco in the
State of Tasmania
1946-1997*

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SAINT JOHN BOSCO

The Salesians were founded by St. John Bosco, or more simply "Don Bosco". The Coat of Arms of the Salesian Society, as featured on the front cover, first appeared in Don Bosco's circular letter of 8 December 1855. Professor Baldi designed the emblem.

"The shining star, the great anchor, and the flaming heart stand for the theological virtues; St. Francis de Sales is the Patron saint of the society; the wood in the lower part of the badge recalls the Founder, whose name in Italian means 'wood'; the high mountains stand for the perfection the members should attain; the palm-tree and the laurel intertwining and framing the lower part of the design are symbols of the prize prepared for a virtuous and self-sacrificing life. The motto, Da mihi animas, caetera tolle, is the idea of every salesian". (Give me souls, take away the rest)

Today there are 35,000 Salesian priests, Brothers and Sisters in more than 100 countries, working for youth, after the example and style of Don Bosco. Don Bosco's dream, method, and spirit have inspired the Salesians' work at Glenorchy. If you are interested in joining Don Bosco's team, contact any Salesian or Salesian work.

FOREWARD

I wish to publicly thank Fr. Joe Lee for his work and effort in telling the story.

The story of Glenorchy belongs to us all because of the bonds that unite us. It is their story and our story all at the same time and because of that has a power beyond facts and figures. It is a story of flesh and blood, young and old, pain and joy. It was always a story dedicated to young hearts and souls. A story of lives lived as gift in the service of many young people.

As we give thanks for what has been we pray that the story will continue as service for the young, whatever be the need.

Happy reading,

Fr. J.M.Murphy SDB
Provincial

Chapter 1 - 1946-1955

SAINT JOHN BOSCO BOYS' TOWN

BOYS' TOWN GLENORCHY

IN THE BEGINNING

Before the Salesians arrived in Tasmania on 29 November 1946, there was an existing work at Glenorchy, run by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. The documents available give some idea of how things were locally in the final year of World War II. The building known as "The White House", situated behind Glenorchy village at Merton, was owned by the Sawyers and called 'Grantleigh'. This was acquired by Archbishop E.V. Tweedy for £3,159.18.⁵² The Catholic Church now had the location and land; work could commence for *Boys' Town*. Archbishop Tweedy inaugurated the Boys' Town Appeal around April 1945, inviting Foundation Members to contribute £100, but later he extended the Appeal to the whole Tasmanian Archdiocese. In his letter read in all parish churches, Dr. Tweedy stated

It is a strange paradox that people are more prosperous in time of war. The poor and needy, nevertheless remain always with us...many are the unwilling victims of broken homes and families, and their sad plight calls for real charity...The doors of Boys' Town will be open to every boy who needs a home...[it] will remain under my personal control and its supervision will be under my direction until such time as we are able to secure the services of a Religious Order from the mainland.³

The names of the Foundation Members are listed on an honour board at Dominic College, headed by Archbishop Tweedy and three distinguished gentlemen: Dr. T.R. Gaba, Mr. M.A. Morgan and Mr. B.A. McCann. Other donations were valued and recorded⁴. Dr. Tweedy specially arranged for the purchase of an army establishment⁵ ex Sandy Bay Rifle Range and Self's Point, eg. showers and ablutions shed £33; 60' x 18' canteen £140, and 30' x 18' sleeping hut £62. J.P. Sullivan & Sons Launceston, donated grey shorts and shirts. G.P. Fitzgerald & Co., even looked to possibly draw suitable lads to train in their business. Many assisted the cause.

Boys' Town opened its doors on 1 May 1945. On 17 July the Archbishop applied for registration as an Institution fit for the reception of Wards of the State under the provisions of *The Infants' Welfare Act 1935*. His letter noted that the property was 56 acres, with temporary facilities - dormitory, toilet & dressing room, dining room & recreation room; that Boys' Town was open to all boys, all creeds, with no charge for maintenance or admissions; however parents or guardians were asked to possibly contribute to clothing. The aim; **"to provide a career for every boy; as soon as war-time conditions permit full training facilities to suit the needs of every boy will be set up; provision for the after-care of youths who leave the Home will be made."**⁶ The Certificate was issued 7 August 1945, No. 5050, by the Chief Secretary.

Other things were known. Father Paul Diedrichs MSC was the Superintendent at Boys' Town. The Department of Agriculture sold the recommended trees. The Hydro-Electric Commission erected a 3 phase transformer in Tolosa Street, for £38.10.6. A recreation ground was proposed; 3 farm hands were employed. By June 30, 1946, 27 boys were admitted; 3 were discharged leaving 24. Money was mainly spent on upgrading the farming land for production and renewing all fences. Farm products were seen as Boys' Town's key income source.⁷



Grantleigh:
"the White House" 1996.
Longest continuous building during
Salesian presence.

THE COMING OF THE SALESIANS

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart led by Fr. Paul Diedrichs, worked at Boys' Town until the salesians arrived. Archbishop Tweedy was discussing the Salesians taking over Boys' Town with Very Rev. Joseph Ciantar SDB, of "Rupertswood" Sunbury, Victoria. The definitive invitation was made in a letter dated July 31, 1946. The Archbishop had several terms, including, as publicly promised, the rapid setting up of full technical facilities to meet the needs of each boy and the possible admission of non-Catholic boys plus their attendance at their Churches nearby if a suitable escort accompanied them and parents approved. He pledged at least £10,000 for the erection of a new building and would sponsor all appeals. The State boys were subsidised up to 10 shillings per week, with a Child Endowment of 7/6 per week per boy under sixteen. A fully-productive farm would return up to £1000 per annum. He also wrote

I should like you to understand, Father, that Tasmania is differently situated from every other State in Australia. Though the great bulk of the money contributed to Boys' Town has come from the Catholic Community, several large donations come also from non-Catholics, and the interest of the latter class has been manifest...At the same time there has been much criticism, opposition and antagonism against the setting up of the Home. I look to Boys' Town as one of the means of breaking down this opposition and of creating a very creditable impression on the whole Community...I wish to express my appreciation of the friendly hearing you have given my...and to assure you that Bishop, priests and people alike welcome, as a great blessing from God, the coming of the Salesian Fathers among us.⁸

29 November 1946 was the day Fathers John Brennan and Frank Drohan arrived. The others gradually came: Father William Cole, Brothers Robert Downey and James Brophy, and Brother Tom Supple.⁹ Father Ciantar visited Tasmania on 8 December to preside at the hand over ceremony. Eight boys made their first Holy Communion at the Moonah parish, and a concert and first Benediction followed. Mrs Wicks was the official "Mamma Margaret" of Boys' Town, supported ably by the Catholic Women's League. Local shops and businesses were helpful too.

Fr. John Brennan passed away 9 March 1995, but Fr. Frank Drohan is still with us. He writes from Miyasaki, Japan

The MSC missionaries wanted to get back to their mission up north, and had also probably realised that they were not trained for the job. If I am not mistaken, it was Fr. Fedrigotti that accompanied Fr. Brennan and myself that first day. When we arrived, the Priest in charge gave John the key of the Tabernacle, the key of the safe, and the key of the light truck and bade us goodbye. It was a Friday, and another Priest and the Lay brother cook remained until the Monday, so that we could get a complete "run-in"! The building consisted of what looked like a Swiss chalet, a quonset hut, a garage, and some farm buildings. There were 36 boys, at all stages of schooling, and they frequented the Christian Brothers' school in the city. Bro. Tom Supple arrived a short time later, and relieved John and myself of the kitchen job. I remember saying Mass early, and attending the community Mass, hearing Confessions, and dodging out from time to time to keep an eye on the milk warming on the stove....In no time John had sports organised as only he could, and that helped immensely to calm down the fractious...meanwhile {Br.} Jim Brophy arrived, and John began to organise school...My big worry was to get back to Japan (Mgr. Cimatti had told Malachy {Curran} and myself that we would always belong to the Japanese province!) before I lost my Japanese completely...I was grateful for the privilege of being a pioneer.¹⁰

Thus as soon as Salesians came to Glenorchy, preparations began for the 1947 year.



Father Frank Drohan (Japan) with
Father Joe Pulis.
2 January, 1996



Father John Brennan

Father William Cole

PAYING FOR THE NEW BUILDING - FINDING THE MONEY

The White House and converted army huts were not enough. A whole new building was needed. Its architect, Mr Harry hope, provided his services gratuitously.¹¹ The labours back then must not be forgotten today.¹² The Boys' Town Raffle was drawn by the Lord Mayor on January 17, 1951. North West Construction Lt, builders of prefabricated houses for the Hydro-Electric Commission, cooperated with the Commission and the Government to offer a house for the charity raffle sponsored by Dr.T.Gaha - the winner had the option of the house or cash.¹³ People left bequests and legacies in wills; individuals, businesses and sporting bodies contributed:

BOYS' TOWN BUILDING APPEAL - Art Union

FIRST PRIZE (Optional)

NEW JOWETT JAVELIN MOTOR CAR

— OR —

New W.B. Pre-fabricated House (4 Rooms)

See posters for details of design and erection,
and conditions relating to transport

To be drawn at Public Function at City Hall, Hobart, January 17, 1951
(Authorised by the Attorney-General's Dept.)

TICKET 1/—

ALDERMAN B. A. McCANN,
141 Elizabeth Street, Hobart,
Chairman Appeal Committee.

Nº 115497

Ticket from the
building appeal
Art Union

eg. Launceston and Hobart Greyhound Racing Clubs, The Mercury (Davies Brothers Limited), the Southern Tasmanian and Hobart Metropolitan Trotting Clubs, St. Patrick's Day Sports Club. The Tasmanian Bootmakers Association offered to sell many tickets for the raffle; the Carols by Candlelight Fund provided funds for furniture and equipment. The list goes on. The St. Francis Xavier Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proposed that one person in each parish, preferably the Parish Priest, collect cash donations, so that people need not buy postal notes. Many gave generously, and more than once. By 14 February 1951 the Appeal balance sheet showed receipts of £4379.10.6, with £3099.10 net being paid to Boys' Town.

Funds came from the government too. Fr.Brennan applied wherever possible.¹⁴ He began, on 4 August 1950, what was to become a persistent correspondence with the Premier, Mr. Cosgrove to secure a £ for £ loan. Each time the Premier declined, Fr.Brennan pleaded again. In November, the Government asked Parliament for £5000. In June 1951, Fr.Brennan wrote to Mr.Cosgrove saying that Cabinet's promise of help on a £ for £ basis had raised £5000. Due to growing costs, could the amount be raised to £10,000? No, but £7,500 was eventually agreed to, and included that in the Appropriation (Special Grants) Bill, which needed to be passed in both Houses. The Bill to help Charitable Institutions was passed and a voucher for the Government's £7,500 was sent on 22 October 1951. After that, Fr.Brennan kept asking.¹⁵

The building was expected to cost £40,000. By 1949, £9788 was spent. The Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania agreed to make a joint interest-free loan of £20,2053.6.8 which was increased to £24,914.13.4 in 1952 and by 1953 the Agreement reached £32,711.13.0.¹⁶ Father Robert Curmi SDB, or Br.R.Curmi [1950-1952], recalls Fr.Brennan constantly looking for funds. The sodality groups were asked to pray for much-needed help.

On one special occasion, when he was at his wits' end to meet payments to Charlie Dunn, the builder, by Monday of the following week, he asked me to take the members of the Blessed Sacrament Sodality to the chapel on Friday evening and pray very hard. This was repeated on Saturday after night prayers. When the boys had all gone to bed Fr.Brennan came to the army hut dormitory - it was after 11.00 pm. He asked me to make supper for the three friends of Boys' Town, Bernard McCann, Dr. Tom Gaha and Frank Morgan who were counting money in the front room of 'Granleigh' (White House). It must have been donations from the Greyhound patrons and money-boxes left in pubs around Hobart. The total was the exact sum needed to match the bill awaiting payment. I made sure to record this graced even in my diary that day!

THE LAND, THE FARM, THE HOUSE

The new building was finally blessed and opened by the Archbishop of Hobart, Most Rev. E.V. Tweedy DD on November 4, 1951; its patron was Saint John Bosco. As with any erection of a new building there were numerous business dealings with the Municipality of Glenorchy Council, over rates, water, and so forth, eg. after the new building was officially opened, Fr.Brennan wrote to the Council on 20 November to ask for the water supply to be connected so the boys could move in (despite disagreements about specifications that had not supposedly been followed). From an earlier letter of 19 October 1951, Council was concerned about the building being erected prior to final approval of plans.¹⁷

The Department of Agriculture provided useful advice on farm matters eg. in 1947, the Autumn treatment of paddocks to ensure good grazing for dairy cows, and the transfer of pigs to a new yard. A yearly cropping program was devised: eg. sow cauliflower and carrots in January; transplant swedes up to 6 March; for September plant first beans if good weather around 15th; October, plant tomatoes, and so on. Staff were employed to assist - a farm hand, 1948; a gardener 1949-1952; gardener and kitchenhand, 1953; 2 kitchen hands, 2 cleaners and a cook, 1954; 2 cleaners, a cook and kitchenhand, 1955. Other things to note. In October 1947 Dr.T.R.Gaha bought an ex-army dental chair and equipment for £129.18.7. At Fr.Brennan's request, the Chief Secretary asked the Attorney General to arrange for the boys' boot repairs at H.M. Gaol. The boys' overalls and pullovers were obtained from J.P.Sullivan & Sons, Launceston, who provided other clothing as gifts. Chairs were ordered from W.L. Nicholls, Hobart; City Motors (Ford) advised that a 128" 30 cwt. truck was £1018; a four foot statue of Our Lady Help of Christians was quoted at £23/-/- from Pelligrini, Melbourne.

BOYS' TOWN ON THE PUBLIC RECORD

The Social Services and Children of the State Department submitted a yearly Report, presented to both Houses of the Parliament of Tasmania. In the Report for the year 1944-45, Boys' Town Glenorchy's Annual Report was included in this government department report, along with the Annual Reports of the Ashley Home for Boys, Deloraine; Kennerley Boys' Home, Hobart; Salvation Army Boys' Home, Hobart; Girls' Industrial School, Hobart (later Salvation Army Girls' Home, Hobart); St. Joseph's Orphanage Hobart; Girls Home, Launceston; Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, Launceston; Home of Mercy and Babies Home, New Town; Clarendon Children's Home, New Town; and Cottage Home, Hobart. Boys' Town was a new arrival in this climate of institutional care. H.R.Read, Director of Social Services wrote that the Catholic Church decided to found a home for boys "on similar lines to those of Boys' Town Sydney, which it is understood, has proved very successful and of great benefit to the community."¹⁸ Here is some information summarised from the Reports.

Boys Town Glenorchy - from the Annual Reports to Parliament

Year ended 30 June	Total Numbers	State Wards	Child Migrants	Income and Expenditure £ s d
1945	several	1	0	not recorded
1946	24	8	0	3,073 14 0
1947	29	9	0	2,953 5 0
1948	32	10	0	2,668 9 2
1949	32	12	0	3,003 13 9
1950	37	14	0	3,945 13 3
1951	40	16	0	4,144 19 1
1952	65	20	12	4,864 7 2

The report for
Boys' Town
are absent from the
Parliamentary report
from the 1952-53
Report onwards

In the 1945-46 Report, it is stated by V.Green, Secretary, that the Appeal raised £19,500 during last 12 months. Progressive lists of donors were published in *Catholic Standard* each week. The 1946-47 Report was authored by John J.Brennan, Superior. He said that with the coming of the Salesians, there was no more need to send the boys to St. Peter's for school. "The boys are healthy and happy and show a wonderful spirit of co-operation which makes it a pleasure to work with them....With the blessing of God Boys' Town will continue to prosper, and when

the new buildings are erected, as we are confident they will in the very near future, many more boys will be admitted." It is on record in the next report for 1947-48 that the Dr. Tom Gaha was the doctor and Honorary Dentist: Mr. R. Mulligan. The School inspector due soon; several concerts were staged. Boys become proficient in folk-dancing, theatricals and gymnastics. The farm was in action with fowls supplying eggs, 5 cows producing milk, and pigs, sheep, horses and geese made up the livestock. Distinguished visitors in 1948 were Cardinal Gilroy, Sydney and Governor of Tasmania Sir Hugh Binney and Lady Binney.

Then in 1949, the boys performed in St. Peter's Hall, Hobart in presence of the Archbishop, and won applause from the appreciative audience. Mrs Wicks, President of the local C.W.L., the Archbishop, Dr T.R. Gaha and Mr. M.A. Morgan, were all publicly thanked. During 1950, Six boys did first-year exams last year. Four were successful, one received a credit in every subject. A number were doing well at the piano. The dance groups, band and choir are giving good entertainment. Father Brennan reported that in 1951, each week the boys viewed a film show, while inter-school football matches and feast day concerts helped keep the spirits at a high level. Lastly, in 1952, twelve migrants from Britain arrived, "becoming Tasmanians". The new building, opened after 3 years work, would permit 80 to be accommodated and educated, the report said.

SCHOOL LIFE

On February 1947, formal application to the Teachers and Schools Registration Board was made to register Boys Town as a Primary school. The application noted that the number of "Scholars taught" was 26 (all boarders); the subjects taught included English, Arithmetic, History, Religion, Hygiene, Drawing, Science, Nature study; the Standard: III - VIII. The Permanent Teachers were John J. Brennan (Fr), James F. Brophy (Bro), Robert Downey (Bro), Francis Gerald Drohan (Fr). The two priests had Victorian registration. The rooms in the school house, as listed in the application, measured 16 X 13 X 12. The Certificate was issued May 27, 1947; number 316.¹⁹ To find out the curriculum details, start with the annual exams. According to the regulation 176 of the Education Department, during the last week of each quarter the head teacher had to examine each class in the school, to write the questions in the exam book plus an estimate of the child's proficiency. This was to be presented at the annual inspection. Two of these are produced herein. (*See next page*)

The vocational goals of education were not forgotten. Fr. Brennan had been in touch with the Department of Labour and National Service; he secured the cooperation of the Master Tailors' Association of Tasmania for the establishment of a trade class at Boys Town, planned to commence in 1952. There was also an offer from the proprietor of Rainbow Chalet, Breona, Great Lake, John McMinn, of an excellent home for 2 boys plus the opportunity to learn the basics of a catering firm. Weekly payments would be made into the boys' bank account.

What was the day to day routine like? Father Denis Allen (1947-1950) says it was the normal school day of the late 1940s. There was daily Mass, Benediction and prayers before/after classes. The school day ended with "dogders" - jam on bread, no butter. "All Salesians would join us for playtime. Education was basic but adequate enough. Weekends, holidays plenty of walks, picnics in the nearby bush. Classrooms probably too crowded but personally did not affect me badly." Terence John Harvey (1952-1956) remembers the day starting at 6.30 am

knelt at side of beds to pray for a good day. Then paraded to ablutions block in silence, after we tidied our beds. Every morning, to church for mass (Sunday 2 masses). Then breakfast, and to the playground until the first bell, for school. Never a break until lunch time, and then activities in the playground. PM, again into school, breaking at 4 pm, receiving afternoon tea and hand to line up. PM activities mainly on the oval until 5.30 pm, then evening meal. For most of these meals total silence, as some of the boys read during our scanty meals, the lives of the saints, particularly Don Bosco etc. plus other readings like "Biggles and Enid Blyton." Onto the playground, then called into the classrooms. There we caught up on homework given during the day, and if given detention, we would remain while the others were in bed. Prior to going to bed again taken to chapel for night prayers, and again another sermon.

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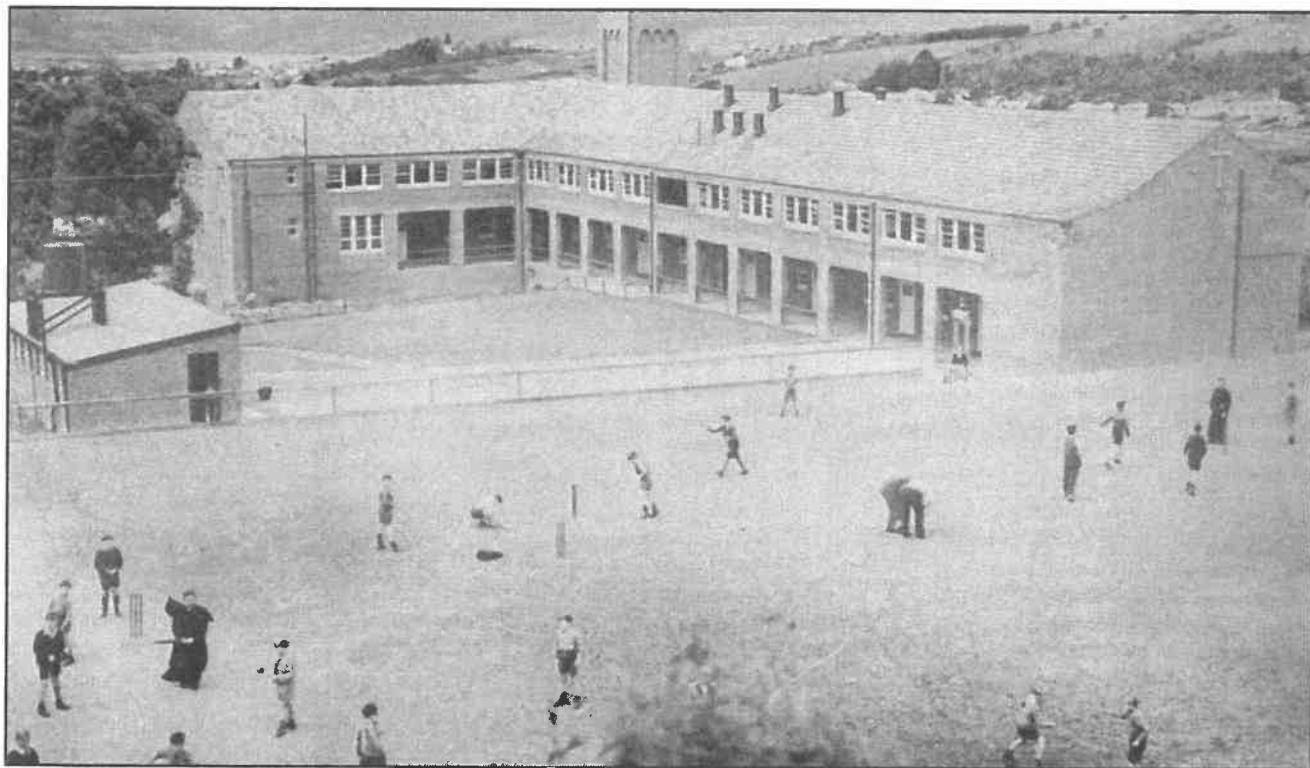
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ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION

The first year saw a concert in St. Peter's Hall, Hobart, 14 December 1947. It opened with The Choir, accompanied by Miss Beverly Timothy. There were Recitations by G.Brook and T.Urquhart; a magic session by R.Jordan and V.Vella; a Gymnastic Display guided by Bro. J.Borphy; and the Irish Jig performed by several boys. A humorous one act sketch, *Back to the Land* concluded the concert. Next year, there was a program in honour of the rector Fr. Brennan, with choral singing, poetry, Irish dancing, plays, gymnastics, presentations and speeches. At the Catholic Schools Sesquicentenary Musical Festival held at City Hall Hobart, 4 October 1953, pupils of St. John Bosco Boys' Town presented a Skipping Drill as the 9th item.

In November that year, Father Cole wrote to several people inviting them to present a prize or trophy for classroom or sporting achievement, eg. book, scholastic item, sportswear, trophy, or donation: "our break up day is 8th December when we hope to thrill the heart of any boy who tried with some success in the various fields of his schoolboy life. We trust you will be sufficiently interested in this great work to become one of our kindly donors if not once in the year, at least this once," wrote Fr.Cole.

An interesting letter came from the Honorary Secretary of the Tasmanian Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Association, requesting Fr.Brennan reconsider a decision that Boys' Town not participate in the City Hall Tournaments "because of their public nature." It seems that Boys' Town competitors had been popular and that after bouts there were often donations given to buy a trophy for the Boys' Town competitor, win or lose. Despite the arguments put forward, Father Brennan annotated the letter, *I have no power to change, Shall put your request to Provincial and report later. JB. 8/9/48.* Of interest too was an offer from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to make available 16 mm films, with programs being full length feature and one short (1¼ hours screening time). Rent for one every four weeks was £3 flat rate. Films ranged from top grade musicals, comedies, action films and classics eg. *Mutiny on the Bounty*, *Captain Courageous*, *David Copperfield*, *Goodbye Mr Chips*. Fortnightly rates were £2.10. In answer to this proposal for regular MGM pictures at Boys' Town, Fr.Brennan replied that the staff decided against it, due to the small number of boys, making the rates very high. Further, "although by choice we do no frequent picture shows often, we have an open invitation attend any good picture in Hobart." There were also Camps were held at the Rotary Club's Taroon Camp during the Christmas holidays. In all, the cultural and recreational needs were being catered for in diverse ways.



Recreation time, with New Building in background

MIGRATION OF CHILDREN TO AUSTRALIA

The story of how Boys' Town Glenorchy came to assist in the care of child migrants is not as simple as it seems. In 1948 the Tasmanian Government Tourist and Immigration Department set out the details of child migration schemes for 6-12 years - boys and girls; and youth migration 15-18 years - boys and girls.²⁰ The approved voluntary organisations, denominational or non-denominational, needed to be competent to provide for the needs of individuals from the United Kingdom. Financial assistance and capital funding for extensions were possible; maintenance came from the United Kingdom, plus the Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments. Legal guardianship was vested in the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration, who could delegate such powers to the States. Father Brennan wrote to the Immigration Officer Hobart, proposing to extend Boys' Town to house 50 boys - 40 British migrant boys - Catholics between 9-12 years, guaranteeing them intellectual, physical, moral and trade education, using the Preventive System.²¹ In August, Fr. Brennan was asked for more information and was advised, "You will appreciate that a total of forty British children should be continually in residence".²² This request for detail was answered in consultation with Fr. Ciantar.

We learn of the procedures from the Director of the Federal Catholic Immigration Committee, Rev. W.A. Nicol P.P., 15 June 1949. First, apply to the State Government to be approved as an Institution for the taking of forty British boys. The next approval comes from the Commonwealth Government and the British Dominions Government. Inspection would be done by State officials. Any application should also be made with the Hobart Catholic Migration Office. Then after these formalities, the Federal Committee would gladly secure the necessary boys.²³ In June 1950 the Tasmanian Immigration Department asked about the extensions at Boys' Town and when the forty boys would set sail. In the same month, Father Brennan wrote to Father Nicol in London asking if the 40 British migrant boys would be ready to sail in the first half of 1951. Father Nicol said that a nomination for 40 British Catholic Boys aged 9-12 was lodged 25 July 1949, but no record of any approval by the Tasmanian or Commonwealth Government had reached Australia House London. Two hundred boys were ready to be processed and thus no difficulty to find Fr. Brennan's requested number.²⁴

Problems occurred in October 1950; the Ecclesiastical Secretary of Federal Catholic Immigration, Father G.M. Crennan informed Fr. Brennan that quite unexpectedly the British Authorities had refused approval of Boys' Town as suitable for migration (this held up progress payments from Canberra, which was the concern of the correspondence). Fr. Crennan noted the State Director alluded to Canberra's suggestion that Boys' Town may be able to accommodate other migrant children eg. Maltese or children of displaced persons especially of widows unable to work. The reply to this suggestion would then determine whether the building would continue. The delay was not unexpected since for many months Fr. Crennan had been waiting on British approval of other fully approved Commonwealth and State Authorities. It appears the hold up was with the Home Office, London.²⁵ Similar news was conveyed by the State Director.²⁶ Why was this so? A Memo from the Home Secretary, J. Chuter Ede, gives some clues

The regime at St John Bosco Boys' Town...does not appear from the information available to me to afford children adequate opportunities of contacts outside the Home, of joining in the group activities of local children living with their parents, or of gaining experience of normal home life by informal visits to private homes. This segregation from the ordinary life of the community appears to be carried to the point that, as I understand, the boys are never left alone but are throughout their daily pursuits, including their excursions into the outer world, constantly in the company & under the supervision of one or more of the superiors of the Home. This seems to give them no opportunity of mixing with Australians under normal conditions & there is therefore a serious risk that they would grow up to some extent still strangers in a strange land....handicapped in developing sufficient initiative.²⁷

This impression of the Home Secretary is a misunderstanding of the Salesian spirit as it attempted to be captured in the written word:

Our system is known as "The Preventive System" & consists of placing the pupils in the moral impossibility of doing wrong. This is effected by the Fathers & Brothers being constantly with the boys, not after the fashion of warders but as kind fathers & brothers to guide the boys rather than correct them. Hence you will never find the boys alone. The Superiors take part in their games, accompany them on all their outings, train them in theatricals & gymnastics...our ideal is to establish a real family spirit. This does away with all harshness & severe punishments & wins the confidence of the boys. This system demands a self-sacrifice on the part of the superiors which is always found because our work is for us not a profession so much as a vocation.²⁸

A comprehensive reply was written by Rev W.A. Nicol, refuting the criticisms, noting the dedication of priests, nuns and brothers to child welfare, and that the Salesians were founded precisely for the work of equipping boys for future life. With 1200 houses around the world and 1600 members, "it is news to us that the strict rules applicable to these institutions should be questioned on the grounds that the Hobart institution is not 'suitable' for British children...The educational system of the Salesian Fathers has been taken up by reformers & hailed as one

of the greatest in modern education. St John Bosco started schools of art, trades and vocational training and his system of education is considered of sufficiently high standard in some countries for the conferring of degrees."²⁹ The Hon. Chuter Ede was told that his own Ministry of Education official reports stated that the Salesian School at Shrigley Park, Macclesfield "is not only a good school, but one which it is impossible for anyone to visit without feeling the sincerity & clarity of its aims," and that there were 10 institutions close to the Home Office.

In March 1951, the Commonwealth Migration Officer acknowledged a letter from Fr.Brennan of 15 January 1951 that if British children were not coming then Boys' Town would take other children provided that an equal amount be paid as that for British children. It was pointed out that the maintenance subsidies was a matter for the respective countries. In case approval was not granted, children from other countries would be selected.³⁰ On June 22, 1951 Fr.Brennan was informed that Boys' Town had been recognised by the Maltese Government as an approved institution for child migration. Later in August, the Tasmanian Immigration Department advised of the visit to Tasmania of an English child welfare expert and a key figure back in the United Kingdom. He was set to visit Boys' Town on 27 September 1951. Finally the good news from the Director of the Tasmanian Immigration Department

*I refer to telephonic advice to you on Friday last, confirmation of which has been received from Canberra under the date 26th October as follows: - "You will be glad to know that advice has now been received from the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom that the Home Office has now agreed that St. John Bosco Boys' Town, Glenorchy, be recognised as an "approved institution" for the purpose of introducing up to 40 migrant boys 9-12 years from the United Kingdom if and when the buildings have been completed."*³¹

From London on 29 April 1952, Father Nicol was at last able to advise Fr.Brennan of the sailing of the first batch of boys for the nomination. The twelve would sail on the s.s. "Ormonde" leaving May 1 and arriving Melbourne June 5. Then on July 2 1952, Fr.Nicol acknowledged Fr.Brennan's letter that the first contingent had arrived and that the full complement would be leaving 21 August.³² Another 27 lads were due to arrive Melbourne 25 September, to transfer to the "Taroona" to sail to Beauty Point. The story continues from here. Behind it lies Fathers Brennan and Cole's persistent correspondence with politicians and ministers to secure the funding. Much more could be said, but this is better left for the future.

MEMORIES OF THOSE TIMES

Mem and Joyce Tagg look back fondly to the early days. The Tagg family involved themselves with Father Brennan's "Big Sister" program wherein Catholic women were asked to be Big Sisters to the migrant boys from Britain by writing to them for birthday, inviting them home for holidays and so forth. Many others from the Catholic Women's League conducted sewing groups, mended clothes, darned socks, made curtains and provided musical entertainment.

It has been a very happy association with our extended family. During school holidays Br Reg Newport brought groups of the boys to our home, "The Homestead Tea Gardens" at Ridgeway. This was a popular tourist spot from 1924 to 1960 where we served morning and afternoon teas, strawberries, raspberries and cream. Our parents and Br.Reg cooked sausages and saveloys for the boys to eat in the old tramcar in the garden, topped up with Mum's famous hot buttered scones! Games in the paddock afterwards....During the 1950s the Ridgeway Concert Company entertained at Boys' Town - Savio. Several of the boys joined our group after they left school. Practices for short plays, sketches and songs were held at our home or St.Luke's schoolroom Sth Hobart. The performances entertained at various Rest Homes, St Joseph's Orphanage, St John's Park, Salvation Army Homes, Mary's Grange and many others for 21 years. Manor Court in Fitzroy Place Sth Hobart was entertained with Christmas carols each of those years. - *Mem and Joyce Tagg.*

Carlene Larkin (nee Bradshaw) attended Sacred Heart Convent School, New Town and met the Salesians around 1954. She remembers getting socks to darn. She writes

The socks were in a pretty horrendous state and almost had to be knitted again, but with special darning taught by the nuns and my mum, I was able to do this job....This eventually led to me calling the Salesians and asking if there was anything I could do to assist in any way. I met Brother Reg Newport and used to help sample his cakes etc in the kitchen which at that time I thought was really huge, with great big ovens...I also made contact with Fr Thaddeus Murray who must have been in charge of the boys at that time....I never really forgot the Salesians and this contact with the boys of Boys' Town...I am a Co-operator and have been for quite a few years. My four boys were educated by the Salesian Order and the priest and brothers have become really good friends to the family. Thank God for the Salesians. - *Carlene Larkin.*

John Glynn (1952-1955) remembers Father Brennan for his kindness and dedication to all the boys, and for his humility and courage when things were tough; Father Papworth for his humour, wit and knowledge; Fr O'Leary for his football knowledge; Bro Prioetto for his speed and ear for music; Bro Newport for his cooking, "he did try very hard"; Bro Celestine for the wonderful vegs. he grew for Boys Town. "I knew Fr.Brennan only a short (2½ years) but in my mind he truly was a walking 'saint', God bless him R.I.P. +." Things he recalls include

getting caught in orchards that surrounded Boys' Town. They made up the shortfall when food was sparsely divided among us. Going up to Ridgeway to the Tea Rooms of Mem & Joyce Tagg. Picking fruit up and taking it back to Boys' Town. Pulled by the Police for being overloaded on the back of the Boys' Town ute, "Blue Fargo".

- John Glynn.

Fr. Tony Moester SDB (1954-1956, 1973) remembers Julian Fox as a young sportsman; Pop Celestine who worked "as long as there was light"; Mrs Fazackerley, "a good cook, a mother to the boarders"; Rosemary Juczkewitz and Andre Saers, "also great cooks". An incident recalled is

one day all the ladies went for an all day walk. I had stayed home (sick). One of them slipped off a rock, cut open his knee. They returned. I fixed his knee as I could & Br Reg took him to the doctor who said the lad would have lost his leg due to infection if first aid had not been applied. The lad's comment: "It did not hurt."

- Father Tony Moester SDB.

Peter Allsopp (1952-1959) was one of the English boys and he writes of his experience

With about fifty-seven of us boys left on the ship, we then sailed to Melbourne, where we went to the zoo for a day. We left a few people in charge at the zoo tearing their hair out and thankful to say goodbye to us. When we left the ship the captain and crew were relieve to see the end of us too...We went to Boys' Town, Glenorchy, run by the Salesian Fathers...This was in 1952. A lot of the boys were very confused and cried a lot but the Salesians settled us down with cups of tea, biscuits and sandwiches and a tender pat on the back, then we felt a lot better. Then school had other boys boarding from around Tassie whose parents could not control them or who were on their own. The Pommie boys fought against the Aussie boys but we would always end up friends at the end of the fight. On Saturdays we stayed at the College, the Fathers took us on walks along farms at Glenorchy. We often climbed fences, pinched fruit from orchards and raided vegetables. We ate them all and had bad tummy aches at night, especially eating green apricots and green plums.³³

- Peter Allsopp.

Father Denis Allen (1947-1950) remembers, besides Fr.Brennan, Father Cole; as well as

[Fr.] Ted Murray who after ordination "read" his sermons; [Br.] Bob Downey for his hard manual labour. [Br.] Bob Curmi for his devotion and love of the Salesian way of life. [Br.] John Ayers for being one of the few Australians and [Br.] Jim Brophy for his athleticism.

- Fr Denis Allen.

These are just some of the numerous memories that are stored in the minds of those who lived through the early years at Boys' Town Glenorchy. Through the documents and recollections, one finds a series of moving pictures as it were, from the taking over of a work already begun in its infancy, the step by step task of building upon and building anew, and the year by year growth of the Salesians' work - all in the span of ten years or so. There were of course personnel changes during that time, eg. Father William Cole took over as Rector in 1953 after the truly pioneering labour of Father John Brennan, leading the other priests and brothers in the apostolate. The history does not suddenly end with 1955; rather it is a convenient point to bring this commencement phase to a close. What follows is a turning point in the history of the Salesian work. Education comes to the fore, and a new era of schooling is undertaken.

ENDNOTES

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- 3 Archbishop E.V.Tweedy, circular letter to priests, *Boys' Town Appeal*, 20 April 1945
- 4 Many individuals, businesses and sports groups donated money, eg. the Hobart Turf Club planned to conduct a meeting at Elwick on 14 July 1945, with nett proceeds donated to the Boys'. The Hobart Metropolitan Trotting Club did likewise on 30 June.
- 5 Negotiations went through several politicians eg. Tasmanian Senator N.E.McKenna, Hon. J.M.Fraser, Acting Minister for the Army, Right Hon. F.M.Forde, and W.P.Ashley, Minister for Supply and Shipping.
- 6 Letter from Archbishop of Hobart to the Director of Social Services, July 17, 1945 re Boys' Town Glenorchy; responding to advice from the latter that Boys' Town required certification.
- 7 *Report to the Department of Social Services*, for the year ending June 30, 1946.
- 8 Archbishop E.Tweedy, *Letter to Very Rev. Father Ciantar S.D.B.*, July 31, 1946. Years later, Fr.B.M.Fedrigotti granted permission to Father Brennan to accept the handing over of the property and assets of Boys' Town, 19 October 1951. The Decree of Canonical Erection was received by Fr.Fedrigotti on 8 May, 1950.
- 9 See *The Help of Christians*, May-April-June 1947, pp.4-5
- 10 Fr.Frank Drohan SDB, Letter to the author, Miyasaki, Japan, 6 January 1997
- 11 Fr.J.J.Brennan, *Letter to Mr. Hope*, Easter Sunday 1949. Fr.Brennan was asked by the provincial to send a cheque as a token of appreciation. His letter has the annotation, "cheque returned with thanks".
- 12 Many donations, small and large, were received, recorded, and published. Too numerous to name all.
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- 14 The Tasmanian government decided to pay 7/6d per week for each unoccupied bed, maximum seven, so that Homes would not suffer due to decline in inmates (18 October 1951).
- 15 Correspondence in DCA. He wrote to the Premier in June 1952 acquainting him with the financial situation of Boys' Town: a bank overdraft of £15000. He asked for £10000 on a "£ for £" basis; there were 32 state wards. Cabinet considered this but declined due to financial reasons. Fr Brennan wrote again 23 July 1952, pointing out that Ashley Boys Home costed the government £16,000 per year while Boys' Town with only a quarter of the lads [68] costs "only what the Government may grant in appreciation of our work."
- 16 Documents written in legal language are in DCA. The Agreement stated that the Commonwealth would not demand repayment unless the Salesian Society was wound up or voluntarily ceased to be an active body in regards to migration or if the buildings were unsatisfactory.
- 17 The issues were over the type of urinals, the unglazed balcony out wall, additional walls across the balcony, self-closing doors, etc. The water service requested by Fr.Brennan was held over until the Council's expectations were met. This was the case 2 days before the official opening!
- 18 H.R. Read, Director of Social Services and Hon C.E.Culley Chief Secretary, *Social Services and Children of the State Department: Report for Year 1944-45*, Parliament of Tasmania 1945.
- 19 Application details found in DCA
- 20 Information sheets, Tasmanian Government Tourist & Immigration Department, *Child and Youth Migration Schemes - By Approved Voluntary Organisations*. 25 February 1948. DCA. In recent years the whole question of child migration surfaced in the media and the public's consciousness. This account does not seek to address the concerns above. Rather, it works with the available documents to try to piece together the unfolding of the Salesian's involvement with the care of children from overseas.
- 21 Letter from John J. Brennan, Superior, to The Immigration Officer, Hobart, 28 July 1948
- 22 Letter from the Director, (L.F.Smeaton?), Immigration Department to Father John J.Brennan, 2/8/1948.
- 23 Rev. W.A. Nicol P.P., *Letter to Rev. Father J.J.Brennan S.D.B.*, 15 June 1949
- 24 Rev W.A.Nicol P.P., Director Australian Catholic Immigration, *Letter to Rev.Father John J.Brennan*, July 13, 1950. Other correspondence in DCA.
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- 27 Signed J.Chuter Ede, *In the matter of the migration of British children to Australia, Memo from the Home Secretary*, no date, typed notes.
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- 30 T.O.Mellor, Commonwealth Migration Officer, *Letter to Father John Brennan*, 1 March 1951; John J.Brennan, *Letter to the Immigration Officer*, Hobart, Tas., 28 April 1951
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Chapter 2 - 1956-1972

SAVIO COLLEGE

A change of name mirrors a change of identity. The name "Boys' Town" was changed to "Savio College" in February 1956, as suggested by Archbishop Young. At his request the institute became a day school to serve Catholic boys of the Northern Suburbs in the same year. The era of SAVIO COLLEGE was one of continuing development. We now follow up some aspects of the Savio story in brief, leaving the full picture to be told by those who were there.

THE SCHOOL

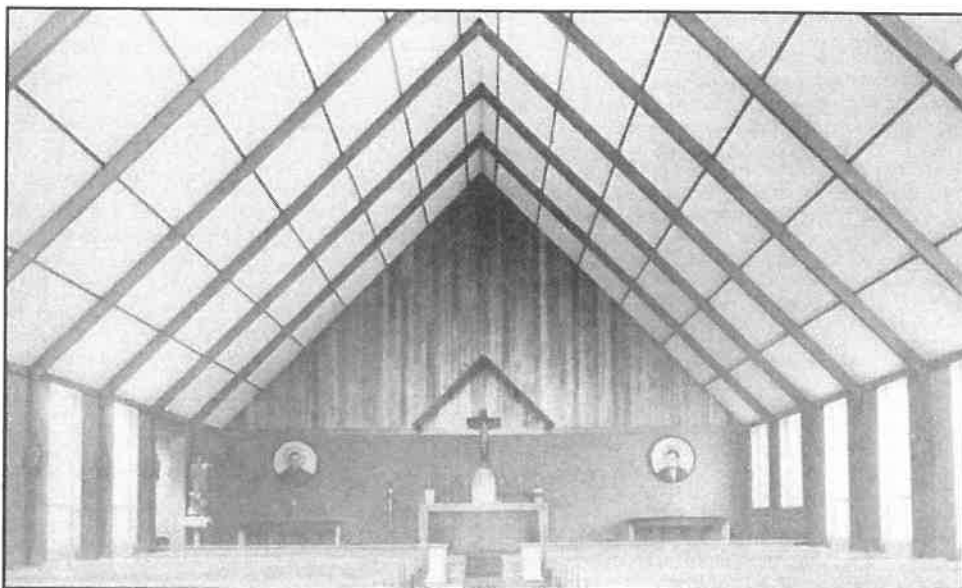
In 1956 the Rector and Principal was Father William Cole. He continued to seek out government financial assistance, obtaining £250 towards improving the sports oval from the state government. Even though correspondence with the Municipality of Glenorchy showed they referred to the place by its former name, it was truly Savio College.¹ This was to be Fr. Cole's last year as Rector. The *Salesian Bulletin* of April 1, 1957 noted that

Father J. Neale has been appointed the new Rector at Hobart, this being his first appointment to this elevated office. He is assisted by Rev. Fathers O'Sullivan (Prefect of Studies), J.O'Day (Catechist) and J.Murray. 145 boys are on the roll and the school, which is now known as Savio College, caters for boys from the fourth grade Primary to Second Form Secondary. A modern brick chapel is in course of erection and it is anticipated that it will be completed this year.²

The Savio College Parents and Friends Association conducted a successful American Tea in the College grounds that year, raising £135/14/9. The Annual Picnic and Car Drive was bound for Snug Beach, Sunday 1 December. All proceeds went to the New Chapel fund.

The proud moment for the Blessing and Opening of the new chapel took place on November 24, 1957, with the Archbishop Guildford Young officiating. In his draft invitation notes, Father Neale wrote, "The Chapel is dedicated to Saint Dominic Savio, and we are now also using that name for the school, as we have been asked to extend our work, without of course leaving off any of our charitable activities."³ It came about also due to a bequest by Fr. Patrick Hayes P.P. Fr. Neale planned to invite the Premier and members of parliament.⁴

A Program of carols, music, poetry, drama and dancing marked the end of the 1957, with Prizes for Studies (2nd Year - Grade 4), Athletics (Seniors, Juniors, Colts), Football, Cricket, Table Tennis, and House Trophies. That year, Morgan house came first, followed by Tweedy, Gaha and McCann. The Prefect of Studies reported that 7 were received into the Church, 10 made their First Communion, 30 were Confirmed. The pupils attended daily Mass and there were opportunities for Confession and Holy Communion; the Exercise of a Happy Death was made monthly. The enrolment was 150 - 65 boarders, some 90 day pupils. Grade 4: 55; Grade 5 & 6: 33 each; 35 in First/Second years combined. In 1956 ten boys presented for the Catholic Secondary Schools' First Year Examination and 9 passed; 25 credits all up. On the sports side, the report noted that U/13 and U/14 teams played cricket and football. The Highland Dancing was a popular school activities, especially due to Mrs. Bucirde's efforts.



Saint Dominic
Savio Chapel

In July 1958 Father Neale applied for Secondary registration of Savio College. The application listed 132 day pupils and 70 boarders. The 7 teachers were all salesians.⁵ In the 1958 Prefect of Studies' Report, numbers had risen to 215, with 75 boarders and 140 day boys. Grade 4: 45, Grade 5: 60, Grade 6: 35, 1st Year 40, 2nd Year 20 and 3rd Year 6. Due to the aptitude of the boys,

we have introduced alternative courses...In 1959...only pupils of good average ability will study Latin and French. Woodwork, Technical Drawing and perhaps Sheet Metal work may be taken in lieu of these. All will do the basic subjects: Religious Knowledge, English, Mathematics, Social Studies and General Science. It is frustrating for a boy to have to work at subjects with which he cannot possibly cope...A boy of average ability should be able to reach at least Third Year standard and leave us with a Catholic Secondary Schools Association 3rd Year Certificate. This will enable him to enter an apprenticeship. Our pupils doing technical subjects are examined by an inspector of the State Education Department.⁶

Three football teams, U/13, U/14, U/15 played in the Secondary Schools Saturday morning competition, with the U/13 and U/15 having very successful seasons. Basketball and tennis were contested in House matches.

In 1959, Savio College was registered as a Secondary school.⁷ That year the enrolment reached 220: 150 in Primary School and 70 in Secondary. The Woodwork and Technical Drawing classes were very successful. There was talk of introducing Agricultural Practice, since a school farm and all the machinery were already there. The 1959 Report stated that it was the policy of the Church to keep our people on the land, to halt the trend of building up large urban populations.⁸ Sport had a good year, with U/12 - U/15 teams playing on Saturday mornings. The House roster matches were played on Wednesdays: basketball, tennis and table tennis. In all the character and size of Savio College developed over the years. Three Primary classrooms and the Shelter-shed were added in 1959.

A later *Prospectus* shows the College had become a Preparatory and Secondary School, with an academic and technical curriculum. Religious instruction and formation was the main objective in Saint John Bosco's schools and came under the care of the Rector and a senior priest.⁹ Under the heading of SPORTS AND GAMES we read

All pupils are expected to take part in organised games of cricket, football, and in the physical education classes, unless medical reasons demand exception. Tennis is also played. The School has the use of a good swimming pool where during the summer months every pupil is encouraged to learn to swim. Athletics and cross-country running are encouraged, and all the boys are given the opportunity of taking part in the annual sports day events. Parents are especially invited to attend. For indoor entertainment the pupils have clubs for Chess, Tennis, Billiards, Art, Music Appreciation, Singing and Dramatics. there is a fine hall and stage, which are used during the week for physical training and music, but are available on week-ends and on holidays for plays, concerts and cinema shows...¹⁰

Under the matter of HYGIENE, the school paid special attention to the comfort and health of the pupils. An "ample, wholesome and varied diet is provided; the food is of the best quality, well cooked and well served. Milk and vegetables are supplied from the School farm. The chapel, class-rooms, refectory, hall and dormitories are well lighted and ventilated, and each one has its own heating unit. In case of illness, there is a well-equipped infirmary; a highly qualified doctor and dentist are in regular attendance."¹¹

The school year was divided into three terms: 1st Term - early February to early May; 2nd Term - mid-May to late August; 3rd Term - early September to mid-December. Usually two weeks holiday were given in May and seven weeks at Christmas. The FEES

Boarders:	30 guineas per Term for Board and Tuition
Day Pupils:	Preparatory 1 (Grade 4): 3 guineas per Term
	Preparatory 2 (Grade 5): 4 guineas per Term
	Preparatory 3 (Grade 6): 4 guineas per Term
	1st and 2nd Year: 5 guineas per Term
	3rd and 4th Year: 6 guineas per Term
	Matriculation: 7 guineas per Term

Other expenses eg. stationery, laundry, boot repairs, etc were kept to a minimum and added to the account as extras. VISITING DAYS were on the second and last Sunday of each month, between 3 pm and 5 pm. The suggested amount for pocket money for junior boys was 2 shillings a week. The School colours were Maroon, Black and Gold. Savio College was thus established as a complete preparatory and secondary school, boys-only for the present. This was to change.

"The Mercury" Northside News, December 8, 1966—Page 3

Popular teacher transferred



The boys at Savio College, Glenorchy, are planning something special for their farewell this afternoon to popular senior master Father D. O'Sullivan, who leaves soon after 13 years at the college.

A member of the Salesian order which conducts Savio, Fr. O'Sullivan has been appointed superior of a Salesian regional high school at Ferntree Gully (V.).

Fr. O'Sullivan is a man of vigorous middle age with a twinkle in his eye and a fascinating Irish brogue — something he has never lost though he has had many years in England, India and Australia since leaving his native land.

An expert in agriculture, he has turned the extensive grounds of Savio College into a highly efficient farm since his appointment about two years after the school's foundation in 1951.

The farm specialises in Friesians, and its registered Tolosa Stud is a name respected throughout Australia.

Recently nine of the cows were averaging nine gallons a day each.

Cows sold

Four of the top cows were sold in August to Mainland studs at an average price of \$600 each.

As well as carrying cattle, the 50 acres of irrigated land, surrounded by electric fences, carries about 100 ewes.

Fr. O'Sullivan said he would miss the farm — his new school at Ferntree Gully is in Melbourne's rapidly expanding outer suburbs and agriculture is not on the syllabus.

Fr. O'Sullivan carried the title of senior classics master at the college, and served for a time as deputy headmaster. He was a member of the State Schools Board's Religious Education Committee.

The total enrolment at Savio was 50 when he arrived. Today it stands at 350.

accommodated in separate primary and secondary schools.

He has been an active sports coach over the years, and one of the lads to come under his influence was dual Brownlow medallist Ian Stewart, of St. Kilda.

Principal of the college (Fr. K. P. O'Leary) made no secret of the fact that Savio

would raise its versatile and most experienced teacher.

The college also will be farewelling at the end of the year Fr. J. Breen, who is taking up another appointment in New South Wales.

A picture shows Fr. O'Sullivan supervising boys as they leave the college by bus.

THE MARKS SYSTEM

Good and bad marks are awarded daily for diligence above or below average; for conduct, bad marks only; and for culpable omission of homework, bad marks only.

CONDUCT.—One bad mark lowers the weekly mark to 10, two to 9, four to 8, six to 7, etc.

DILIGENCE.—The standard is 10. Two good marks cancel one bad mark. Two uncanceled good marks raise the weekly mark by one; three uncanceled bad marks lower the mark by one.

HOMEWORK.—Each mark below 10 represents one homework omitted.

PERSONAL NEATNESS.—The Form Master's estimate.

ABSENCE.—Each day a pupil is absent during the week is noted on the card.

All marks refer to the period Monday to Friday. Cards are issued every Monday.

Parents are requested to insist on the production of this card weekly, and to investigate any undue delay.

SAVIO COLLEGE GLENORCHY



DAY PUPILS WEEKLY MARK CARD

Name.....

Grade

TERM: 1st | 2nd | 3rd

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CO-INSTRUCTION

The move towards mixed classes came in the late 1960s. There was an initial sharing of teachers classes on both Salesian and Dominican schools. Sister Pamela Davis O.P. was in Glenorchy at the time of the amalgamation and she has kindly made available her recollections:

- 1959: The Dominican Sisters came to Hobart; began at St. John's Primary School (Parish)
 - 1962: The Sisters began a Secondary School (Holy Name) - girls only
 - 1967: We began to share some classes with the Salesians at Savio College. We transported students at that stage
 - 1968/69: Senior students from both Colleges were located at Holy Name for Years 11/12. We shared staff.
 - 1970/71: Alternations made at Savio College to house Senior Students
- During 1972 we decided to amalgamate the two schools Holy Name and Savio. We named it Dominic College after the two Dominics. This College began in 1973 with Years 7-9 at the Tolosa St site, Years 10,11,12 at the Bowden St (Holy Name) site. The primary school St. John's also became the primary section of Dominic College.

- Sister Pamela Davis O.P.¹²

Thus when Father Elio Proietto took over from Father Kevin O'Leary (1966-1971) [who succeeded Father Adrian Papworth (1960-1965)] as Rector, Holy Name and Savio Colleges were already collaborating through *Co-instruction* at Matriculation level. Father Proietto writes that discussions took place between the Salesians, Dominicans and the Catholic Education Office (CEO) about the possibility of amalgamation. He continues

The weekend after the meeting, taking advantage of the normal Provincial Council Meeting of the SDBs, Sisters Vincent and Pamela for the Dominicans and myself for the Salesians flew to Melbourne to put our case before the Council. Conditional permission was given with the idea of reviewing the situation in due course....The first thing we did was plan a combined meeting of parents of both colleges to explain the idea of amalgamation. Luckily we received almost total support from the people who could understand the advantage that were being pointed out to them. The CEO were all behind us throughout. A College Council was established made up of SDBs, OPs, parents, past pupils from both Colleges, present pupils, educationalists, etc. A great spirit of co-operation became very evident and it was felt that we were ready to embark on the new venture in 1973.

- Father Elio Proietto S.D.B.¹³

This brought an end to the boys-only educational years of Savio College. However schools were not the only area of Salesian apostolate. There was also the camps.



Father Kevin O'Leary and Sister Pamela Davis with Holy Name head student, Maryanne Delaney and Savio head student Greg Brown, 1972.



First Co-Instructional Class of Holy Name and Savio students 1969

“SCHOUTEN HOUSE” SWANSEA

The Salesians conducted camps at the Savio College holiday camp at Swansea, one of the oldest and best known towns on the East Coast. The camp itself was adjacent to Schouten Beach on Oyster Bay. Here is an extract from notes telling about the Camp itself.¹⁴

SUMMER CAMP AT SWANSEA or SAVIO “SHACK HAS 16 ROOMS or
A PUB WITH NO BEER

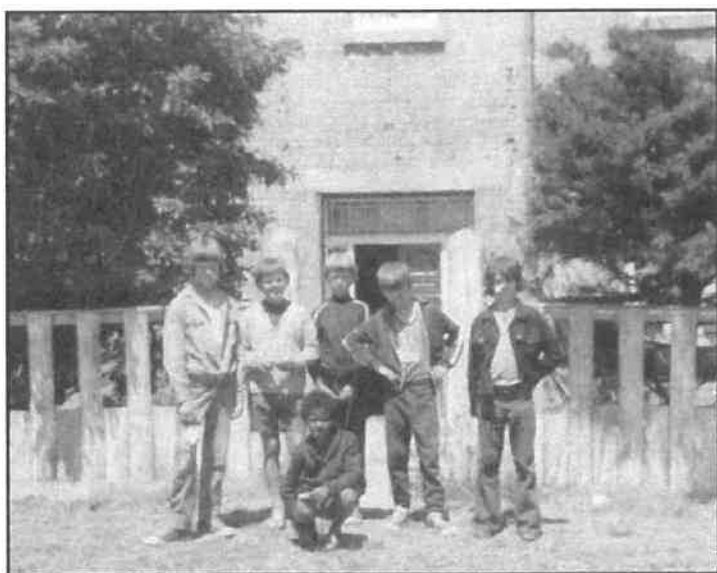
Schouten House, Swansea once called Swansea Inn is now the Summer Camp for Savio College, Glenorchy, Tas.

The big 2-storey brick building, a famous landmark on the East Coast, is more than 100 years old and yet has had only two owners this century. The present owners, Mr. & Mrs. H.B. Hankin were persuaded to part with their “castle” after 22 years, only because their home would be put to such good use! Money to finance the project was borrowed from Salesian headquarters in Melbourne, Vic.

The Salesians of Don Bosco, who have been holding summer camps in Tasmania for the last 10 years, will start at Swansea for the 3 weeks beginning Sat. 26 Dec. 1964. There will be accommodation immediately for about 20 boys with ages from 9-14. Planned alterations will substantially increase the number that can be catered for. The prayers and good work of pioneer Catholics of the district are to be rewarded, it seems. For some time at least there will daily Mass at Swansea.

The rear of the 1-acre block fronts on Schouten Beach and Oyster Bay, whilst the front looks towards the Tasman Highway and the Catholic Church, one block away. Two famous landmarks next door are Kenmor Caravan Park and the Swansea Recreation Reserve and Golf Links. There are adequate transport facilities available for the new site, since Pioneer buses provide daily service. Road distances place Schouten House mid-way between North and South.

The Camp Rules noted that the campers were under constant supervision. “Spending Money and Return Tickets to be deposited with the Camp Director. Only comics of the Walt Disney type should be taken to Camp.” It was Father Adrian Papworth (Rector 1960-1965) who originally sought a suitable site: “in this exercise he came to know nearly every property owner between Hobart and Swansea...The camp groups developed a great affection for Schouten House and the good times shared with the Salesians.”¹⁵



In front of Swansea Camp - Photo courtesy Father Michael Jackson SDB Camp Director 1972



Father Adrian Papworth SDB
1920-1994

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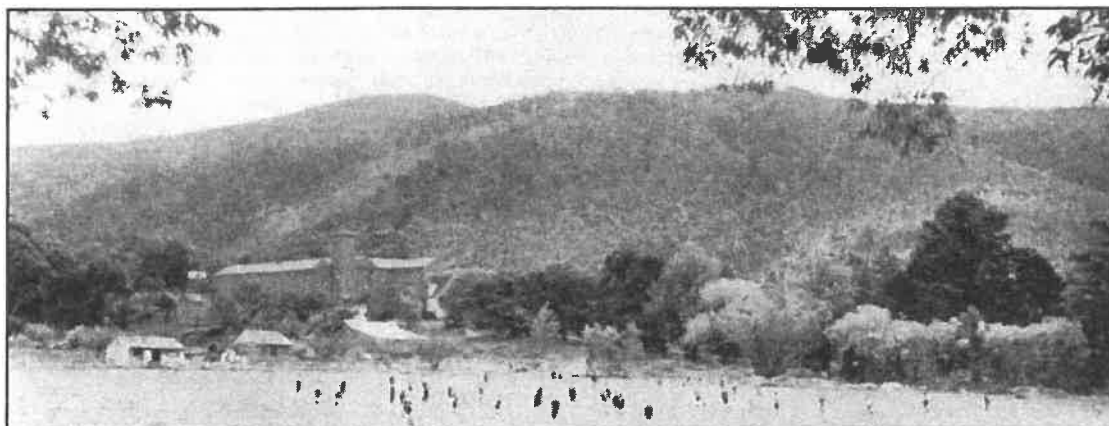
Let us now hear from some of those associated with Savio College, whose recollections fill in the gaps left by the sketchy account given above, particularly the decade of the 1960s.

Father Leo Heriot (1956-1959) remembers the Sunday evening instruction and Benediction, and Father Cole putting his hand over the 16 mm projector to censor certain parts of the film - these came from Metro Goldwyn Meyer, or were educational films. In classes, there were 30-35 boys whom the Salesians strove to educate to higher standards and to provide hope. Fr. Heriot recalls that there was a group of barbers from Hobart who cut the boys' hair; there were generous doctors who attended to medical needs without charging; there was a "Mama Margaret" type guild (Gaha, Newmans....) to darn socks and so forth. The Salesians would teach all day and also care for boarders: no day boys before 1956 (Savio). The day scholars added a new aspect to the work. Buses came from Moonah and New Town and the college uniform was grey, shirt, maroon jacket and cap. Fr. Heriot also remembers the British boys: "English kids did excellent at sport. They could sing all day. Learnt Australian Rules Football very fast..."¹⁶

Father Thaddeus Murray (1954-1962) notes that some thought Savio College was Xavier College! There were extra classrooms put up between the "Red Elephant" (new building) and the creek. Three extra classrooms parallel to the chapel were erected, then the shelter shed, so the kids could go in there when it rained. Fr. Murray says that Fr O'Sullivan's family were dairy farmers, and Father Adrian Papworth was keen on the dairy (there was a dairy contract with a Catholic orphanage). If they had Fresians it would not cost lots of money to feed: high quality butterfat could earn money for Savio. It was a small scale version of Salesian College Sunbury (Vic.), about 10-12 pure bred Fresians. This led to an emphasis on dairy farming in the curriculum - an Agriculture course in the outer suburbs! They also harvested for hay, and had an apple orchard. The apple shed was down the hill. When the apple supply declined, it was used for drama. Br Celesine had a garden near the milk shed, where vegetables eg. potatoes grew for domestic consumption. He had a special barrow. The farming era ended when Fr. O'Sullivan was moved for Ferntree Gully (1967). The freak accident occurred (1961-1962?)

Parallel to the chapel, [Charlie] Dunn was trying to put power in, he put in a compressor. It was left over the weekend with the ignition key in. The inevitable happened. One of the big fellows turned the key, another pressed the starter. The compressor was one unit with the tractor. It hit the tyre/concrete [which held up a pole on which a net was attached], bounced off the tyre, went in a 90 degree direction...headed straight for the new classrooms. We had taken over the classrooms. We couldn't get insurance because we'd taken it over! The tractor waited there for the assessors. Lots of visitors came. We couldn't find the correct shade of brick. So a different shade. People ask why? We told the story....¹⁷

Father Murray recalls Archbishop Young who was wrapped in "Liturgy". He wrote circulars to be read out and made changes to Catholic worship (some of these were later corrected eg. the tabernacle moved back). Dr. Young was ahead of his times. There was a conference when Fr J.O'Day was there. Questions were asked about Don Bosco, the boys, the rosary. Archbishop Young was horrified about anyone saying the rosary in mass. The changes were already coming in: the 3 Hail Marys were deleted, so was the Prayer for the Conversion of Russia and the Final Gospel. The Creed was in English. It should be noted that Fr. Murray was the Catechist, whose role was "the health of the brethren, to admonish the Rector if the need arose, and religious knowledge." The catechism kept changing: the "Dutch" catechism was the 'last word' where you got modern ideas from.



Savio
College

Father Stephen Dubovsky (1960-1965) trained at Hobart Technical College and taught science in the old White House with Fr J.O'Day. The fireplace was used for the fume cupboard. He thinks we were one of the first Catholic schools to get a grant for a science laboratory. Also, the boys were keen to have Mass in the vernacular, so keen in fact that Fr.Papworth said to go ahead. The change was well received. What about being lost in Mount Wellington?

August, I was with [Fr.] Adrian Papworth, waiting for students' 'smoko', went down. There was no footpath. Let's go back, it's getting dark. The fuss! The papers were happy, they had a story. Went up in a bus. Suppose to walk down. Problems with kids running, slowed down others. Getting dark. Not even half way. My group reached the road. The Police got them after 10 pm. [Br.] Joe Ellul's group's injury slowed them down, a sprained ankle. Made fires to keep warm. In the morning they were back. Only found then, despite the fires.¹⁸

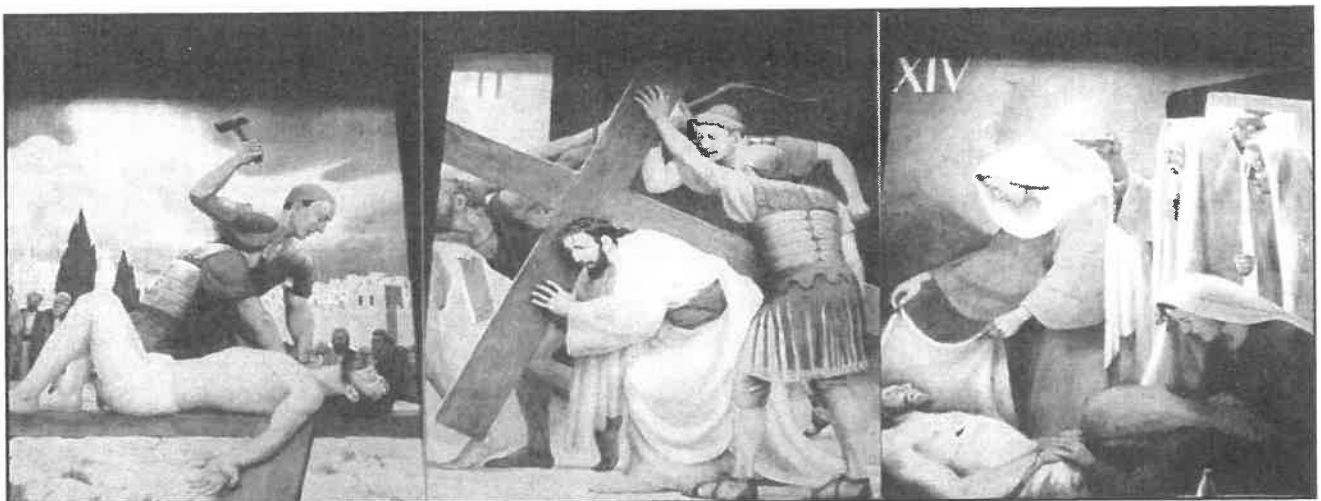
No building was done while Fr.Dubovksy was there, though one hut was demolished - the first part was a store-room. Father Stettmayer taught Grades 4-6 and had them well organised. The blowing of the dam near the creek took place because of lots of 'goings-on'. It was not used after the Hobart/New Norfolk floods. When the tip was transferred, they blew it then.

Taking over the metal work teaching, Brother Joe Ellul (1961-1966) was another Salesian who taught science. He helped Fr.O'Sullivan milk cows. Br. Ellul recalls there was no lab, but a dormitory was changed eventually to a laboratory (above dining room). Br Denis Halliday took over Chemistry when Br.Ellul left, Br Peter Varengo took over Biology, and Br Peter Dezani took his technical subjects. Brother Ellul had a top gymnastics group and recalls being one of the first to be on television. In fact, there was a second time - the incident of being lost on the mountain. The details are similar to the above, but the injured student had fallen off a rock and was hurt badly. A stretcher was made from sticks off the tree and clothes. "I was afraid he hurt himself badly. There were no torches", so a fire was lit.¹⁹ He also remembers being in and out due to night school attendance. He would also get up early for Mass, milk cows, take the study, and use a free period to sell milk to the Sisters of St Joseph in the city, then come back for classes.

Father Daniel O'Sullivan replaced Fr.Kevin O'Leary as Prefect of Studies mid-1954. Fr O'Sullivan recalls the increase in boarders during Fr.Neale's time (1957-1959), plus

The beautiful Middle School Chapel with its Apline sloping roof was erected... The striking Stations of the Cross were painted on silk by a Presbyterian artist from Melbourne and attached to the glass windows by a special adhesive. Fr.Neale also erected the four primary classrooms on the upper playground parallel to the Chapel and running at right angles to the library which was built later. After a stay of three years Fr.Neale became rector at Brooklyn Park. He was replaced by Fr Adrian Papworth in 1960...Fr Elio Proietto became Prefect of Studies in 1961 and held the position until the end of 1965 when he became Headmaster of the new boys' primary school; he was replaced by Fr. Breen who became Prefect of Studies of the secondary sector in 1966. Fr Papworth finished his term of office at the end of 1965 and was replaced by Fr. K.O'Leary. Bro Peter Dezani came to Glenorchy with Fr O'Leary in 1966.²⁰

Father O'Sullivan also recalls how the farm was modernised: milking machines, new shelter areas for animals during cold weather, electric paddock fences, watering troughs, refrigeration for milk. The farm was important to the life, health, income and education of the Salesians and students, eg. many of the boys gained employment on farms. The early students were rostered for milking and general farm duty - tractor driving, using ploughs, mowers and so forth.



Stations of the Cross from the Savio College Chapel

Further memories come from old scholars such as Harry Rezek (1952-1963). He tells of a time when the creek used to run at the base of the hill, where lots of weeping willows and

we used to jump off these into a mud hole to swim. Jackie Peebles had false teeth and on one jump he lost his false teeth. He offered £10 to anyone who found them. To date they are still in the creek...I was the first and probably only kid to break a tile on the new chapel.²¹ ‡

Peter Fox (1966-1974) recalls Br Julian Fox's work in music, camps, choral groups; Bro Hannabery for his sport; Fr Breen the disciplinarian; Bro Peter's woodworking accidents and old scholars work. He says one year which stood out was when the girls came - Savio to Dominic - to some it was a good thing - to others not so - we had to behave! A funny thing happened too

Final day of 4th Year high - let off early so down to the pavillion (Tolosa St) for some drinks, then move on to the reservoir reserve so we wouldn't get caught drinking. Back in time to catch the school bus - but Malcolm Rutherford decided to use the trampoline pis-d - Fr Breen attempted to reconcile with Malcolm only to be sprayed all down the front given Malcolm's intolerance to the alcoholic beverage - Malcolm was duly whisked away and assisted in sobriety. Fr Breen did see the funny side of it.²²

On the Primary School side, Father Michael Jackson was asked by the Provincial, Fr Cornell, to be Headmaster to the Bowden St Savio Primary School, across the road from another Parish Primary School but Savio only catered for boys in Grade 4-6. It was a rather daunting task as "I had no training or previous experience of such a task. In those days though, one learnt 'on the job' so to speak. Believe me, I learnt fast." There were some Primary School boarders who were transported by a couple of small buses, to and from Bowden St to the "Top School" (Savio Secondary College). Fr Jackson taught Grade 6 most of the day with a couple of periods off when the specialist teacher took his class of Physical Education. Fr Stettmayer taught Grade 4; Grade 5 had Bro John Murphy and Bro Frank de Dood (1970-1973). Apart from teaching,

I had a sports team representing Savio Primary, to look after, both in Soccer and Australian Rules, although I did have help from generous people who gave of their time to do coaching. One man in particular, Mr Kevin Sharp, took a bedraggled team of kids and made them into champions within two years, so much so, the team had the joy of taking the coveted Catholic Primary School cup for Aussie Rules, from the prestigious St Virgils College. it is to be noted that the same team went right through the College as Premiers. Being in charge of teams meant running from one venue to another, Saturday mornings and often on Sunday afternoons, that is if I did not have a Mass supply. It was hard work but I loved it, because it gave me the best contact with the boys, outside class, that I could have and many friendships sprang up between players and parents, that still last today. Another source of contact was looking after the grounds of the Primary School, gardening, mowing the lawns etc. where some boys came along to give me a hand. The place looked a picture in a very short time.²⁴

Diane Byrne (nee Cerritelli) started in 1962 at St John's Primary and completed Year 12 at Dominic, 1973. The girls wore hats and gloves outside the school grounds. The nuns would greet students, check uniform upon entering and leaving. Sr Pamela Davis and Sr Frances Mary would measure skirt lengths: school policy was that they should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee when kneeling down: "this was in the days of 'mini-skirts'! As you can imagine, this task kept them very busy."²⁵



Soccer Savio Primary: Lightning
Premiership 1972



Archbishop Guilford Young presents trophy
to Diane Cerritelli and winners of Catholic
Combined Athletics Carnival 1967

We now reach the early-mid 1970s, the era of Dominic College had been ushered in by the period of *Co-instruction* and eventual *amalgamation* of the Savio and Holy Name schools. A new era of education develops, the era of Dominic College.

ENDNOTES

- 1 It is useful to note here that the Education Act required all children to attend school until the age of 16 years, unless written exemption was granted by the Department; and that a £10 penalty was imposed on anyone employing a child under 16 who had not been granted the exemption.
- 2 *The Salesian Bulletin*, April 1, 1957 p.14
- 3 John H. Neale SDB, Rector, written notes
- 4 Plus the loyal trio, Mr. McCann, Dr. Gaha, and Mr. Morgan. Senator Cole was unable to attend; parliamentarians invited were: Mr. C. W. J. Falkinder, MHR; Mr. P. Crawford MLA, Mr. Virgil Morgan; Warden J. E. Percey;
- 5 John H. Neale SDB, *copy of application for Secondary registration of Savio College*, 31 July 1958. The subjects listed were: religious knowledge, English, Latin, French, Social Studies, Mathematics, General Science, Art, Woodwork, Physical Education, Music. The standard ranged from Grade 6 to 3rd Year (Schools Board Matriculation planned). Seven classrooms with their dimensions were listed.
- 6 Prefect of Studies Report 1958 delivered on the occasion of annual prizegiving night
- 7 Teachers and Schools Registration Board, Tasmania, Certificate of Registration of a School, dated 13th July 1959. Registration was dated 23 April 1959. The Head Teacher of Savio College was Rev. Father J. H. Neale
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- 9 "The school has a chapel for daily Mass, and the boys receive full foundation-training for their after-school life. Great care is given to the correct rendering of Gregorian Chant and to the boys in turn devoutly serving at the altar during the various liturgical functions." *Savio College Prospectus (undated)*
- 10 *ibid.*
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- 15 The Boys' Town Community, Father Adrian Papworth SDB (1920-1994) - Mortuary Letter
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Chapter 3 - 1973-1997

DOMINIC COLLEGE

THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES

The marks of a fine institution are surely its inspiration, foundation and traditions, plus its capacity to respond to the needs of the day; this was how the new Dominic College came into being. The Salesians in the early 1970s were undergoing "Redimensioning", a true effort at renewal, setting goals, and reassessing. The thinking of that time helps us appreciate the changes that took place. Let us hear what they were saying.¹

	As it was (up to 1972)	As it is (1972-1974)
OUR WORK AS A WHOLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The work was established by invitation of the Archbishop to care for orphans and needy boys. + The Boys' Town years remain the pride of our work, resulting as far as we can judge in the formation of a group of Christians who are loyal and who have turned out to be good, honest citizens. + With the decline of English migrant numbers (welfare children moving into foster homes), aspects of the former work became redundant. With the approval of the Archbishop a secondary school was added to the primary. + Savio College offered a comprehensive course of academic and technological studies. The enrolment exceeded 300 + H.S.C. classes of Savio College and Holy Name combined (1967). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The formation of Dominic College was a response by the Province to a life-or-death situation for Catholic education in the Glenorchy area. + The uniqueness of Dominic College is not its co-educational aspect, but that for the first time two 'Order' schools and a parish primary school combined in a rich and rewarding partnership + Dominic College is not Diocesan owned, nor is it a regional school. + It is governed by a Council made up of Parents, students, teachers, Salesians, Dominicans and Parish Priest. + The College with its present enrolment of 856 pupils has caused a much wider Salesian influence, and the insertion of our work in the local Church.
THE BOARDING SECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + "Boys' Town" provided accommodation for young migrant boys from England and to answer the requirements of the local church by offering lodging and education to Catholic boys from the country. + We catered for about 120 boarders who remained at Boys' Town until they were able to take up an apprenticeship + The numbers declined, after the flow of English boys stopped. After 1955 the boarders were mainly orphans, welfare boys and students from the country and outlying "hydro towns". By 1970 the number dropped to about 49 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + We still cater for country and welfare boys. + The number of boarders has dropped to 14 + We have attempted to provide a more homely atmosphere by re-arranging the dormitory and living area. Lounge facilities, cheerful wallpaper, curtains and bedspreads, T.V., and a 'supper-corner' have been incorporated + During the 3rd term of 1974 one Salesian has been appointed to be fully responsible for the boarders.
RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + We were pleased with the relatively small number of seven vocations (4 Salesian, 3 Diocesan). This is not surprising considering the type of boy we were dealing with, and the scope of work in earlier years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + From the class of '72 one student entered the Salesian novitiate and another commence study at Corpus Christi. + A vocation camp was conducted at Swansea for about 20 boys. + This year the Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, himself an Old Scholar, conducted a retreat for the junior secondary students and addressed the Senior Students on the topic of priestly and religious vocations.
SALESIAN CO-OPERATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A group of wonderful friends always supported the work of the Salesians here. + The Cooperators, considered from today's standpoint were perhaps were "benefactors". + Nevertheless, there were still people who shared fully in our educational work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A number of loyal friends remain from the days when the Salesian Cooperators had a different emphasis. + We are engaged in regrouping and retraining these Cooperators and adding to their number. The group has met on five occasions in 1974 for Mass with the community and for some guidance and deepening of their understanding of their role.

	As it was (up to 1972)	As it is (1972-1974)
THE OLD SCHOLARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + We were unable to obtain definite information about the history of the Old Boys, prior to 1966. + It appears that well before this time they had rented quarters in a nearby suburb for their meetings. + In 1966 the Association was set up on a firm footing, its publication "Glenews" was registered, and has continued to today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + When the College became co-educational in 1972, the S.O.B.A. amalgamated with Holy Name Past Pupil Association. Initially both committee functioned, taking part in monthly meetings. + Membership reached 250. In 1974 an Old Scholar was elected National President, another National Secretary, a third was a national committee-man. + Teams fielded: cricket, netball, tennis. Many well-attended functions are held, eg. annual dinner, Swansea Camp, reunion day, preceded by Annual Mass, football match, committee discussion etc.
SWANSEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + From the earliest years of the work a summer camp was in existence on Bruny Island. It catered mainly for boarders. + After the purchase of the historic Schouten House the scope of the summer camps was widened to include day students. + In 1972 the third camp was made available for underprivileged boys. + The camp has been of great assistance of the local Catholic community by providing a priest on every possible occasion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Two summer camps were held in 1973, 30 free places being divided between the two camps. + While we plan to increase the utilization of Swansea, the P. and F. Association, College sport teams, and apostolic and leadership groups.

"A VIBRANT DECADE OF GROWTH"

This was the fitting description of the 1982 Rector/Principal Fr John Papworth after the first ten years of Dominic College. He said that gardeners know that plants need to be separated, re-potted or transplanted sometimes: exactly what happened a decade back.

At the conclusion of this final decade of the College we must pay tribute to all those who shared in bringing a vision into reality. Such faith and courage must always be the underlying foundation for the continued life of the College....Those who launched Dominic College were certainly imbued with trust in God and a courageous sense of abandonment to His Will. This rich character expressed in generous dedication must continue to typify Dominic College.²

After the first ten years the student enrolment was approximately 320 in the Primary School (Deputy Principal Mr. A.J.Webb); 460 in the Middle School (Deputy: Fr L.Moate SDB); and 230 in the Senior School (Sr. Margaret Mary Brown OP - Deputy). Two feastdays honoured the College Patrons, St. Dominic Savio and St. Dominic Guzman. October 1982 also saw the long-awaited transfer into the new wing at the Middle School. Many other things happened, normal for a busy school: welcoming new faces, farewelling students and staff, people passing on, special visitors and so forth. The Parents and Friends Association continued its fine work. This Association was incorporated in 1973, formed from the Savio, St John's and Holy Name Parents and Friends' Association. The objectives were "[a] to promote the cause of Christian Education, uniting Parents, Friends, Pupils and Staff of the College in fruitful co-operation; [b] to foster and develop a spirit of educational awareness among Religious, Teachers and Members; [c] to act at all times in a spirit of mutual goodwill, and provide material and financial support for the College.³ In 1982, they were amongst other activities investigating a school clothing store.



Saint Dominic Guzman
Statue at Senior Campus
(Bowden Street)

Saint Dominic Savio
Statue at Middle Campus
(Upper Tolosa Street)



DOMINIC COLLEGE CONTINUES....

Prior to Fr.Papworth's term as Rector/Principal (1982-1989) and succeeding Fr.Proietto (1972-1977) was Father Frank Bertagnolli (1978-1981). Besides reporting on the improvements and changes, Fr.Bertagnolli kept the ethos of the College ever before those associated with Dominic

A recent comparative study of several schools in Britain pointed out that the most important single factor in education is not the curriculum, or the physical facilities or the intellectual level of the students, or the qualifications of the teachers, but the *ATMOSPHERE* of the school. It is indeed difficult, if not impossible to define this. But the basic ingredients of the atmosphere of a Catholic school are found in the Gospel. They are admirably summed up in the model of the Good Shepherd and the three concepts of Don Bosco's educational approach: Reason, Religion, and Kindness. I am happy to say that many visitors to Dominic College during the year commented in word and in writing on the relaxed and friendly atmosphere they experience here.⁴

Although lay people assisted with the work, the *teaching staff* were originally all Salesians, but this was not the case as history unfolded. Many dedicated lay teachers participated fully, as they still do, in the Christian education of young people. These teachers, who comprise the majority of Dominic College educators, have experienced and internalised the ethos of the Salesians and by so doing, continue in the fifty year tradition.⁵ Other at the helm were Father Edward Cooper Rector from 1990-1991 while Fr. Gregory Chambers was the Principal. In 1992, Fr.Chambers also assumed the role of Rector (1992-1994). Then in 1995, Father Robert Bossini was appointed Rector and the Principal's role was taken on by Fr. Bernard Graham.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS - THE RE-STRUCTURING

After twenty years of Dominic College's existence, further changes were afoot, which followed in a tradition of growth and adaptation right back as far as 1946. Plans were completed for large-scale restructuring of Southern Tasmanian Catholic Secondary Education. This affected all Catholic schools in the South in large and small ways. It affected Dominic College in that: the Senior Campus became a campus of the new Catholic Year 11 and 12 institute, Guildford Young College; the Year 10 students were relocated to the Middle Campus and new facilities were constructed for them; the Salesian Community were relocated, together with the closure of the boarding section at the college by the end of 1994; the relocating of other areas such as Library, Uniform Shop, Administration areas and so forth. The Rector/Principal, Fr.Chambers, viewed such changes as radical as it was in 1973 when the amalgamation took place. He believed that though the twenty years were happy and successful, it was time for a change and to start again,

...with the same spirit of enterprise, enthusiasm and adventure which characterised Dominic's original foundation. The years ahead will certainly be exciting and challenging ones, doubtlessly punctuated by high points and low points, triumphs and difficulties. Yet, any problems and setbacks experienced in the period of giving birth will be well and truly worth it, for the Dominic College leading to the year 2000 and beyond will be a modern, unified and well integrated Preparatory to Year 10 Catholic Co-educational School which will be truly second to none and a tremendous source of pride and joy to all those associated with Dominic College - past, present and to come!⁶

The educational tradition continues today, a future-looking vision which can rest assuredly on firm foundations and history.



Fr. Elio Proietto,
Archbishop
Young and
Mr. Eric
Reece -
Opening of
new
Library.



Fr. Frank Bertagnolli and students.

DOMINIC SAVIO AND DOMINIC GUZMAN: SALESIANS AND DOMINICANS

Father Egidio Viganó, the Rector Major of the Salesians at that time, visited Australia and in so doing, gave a Conference to the Glenorchy Community about the two Saint Dominics. Fr. Viganó said that he had never found, as he travelled, a school where the Dominican Sisters and the Salesian worked together. He noted that there was the opportunity to analyse one aspect of the Salesian vocation

I believe you are in a wonderful position to delve into, at a deep level, what is really meant by the Salesian Spirit not so much as to criticize others but to discover our own identity since Dominic Savio is, in fact, the exemplar in whom the entire Salesian spirit is realized. We say the Salesian spirit has its concrete form in the Preventive System and that Dominic Savio is the finest fruit of that System. You should not so much compare Dominic Savio with Dominic Guzman so much as the efficacy of the Salesian spirit when you compare it with other spirits. So this is why I think you have a better opportunity, nay a responsibility, than the other confreres living out the Salesian spirit...⁷

Fr. Viganó encouraged the Community to interpret Don Bosco and charged them to produce another Dominic Savio. "How many vocations have come from this school? [Two to the Salesians, several earlier but they have left and two diocesan priests]. Any vocations among the girls? [Not yet but there are some in the making]."⁸ The collaboration would prove to be a fruitful and cooperative partnership, all for the benefit of the young entrusted to their care.

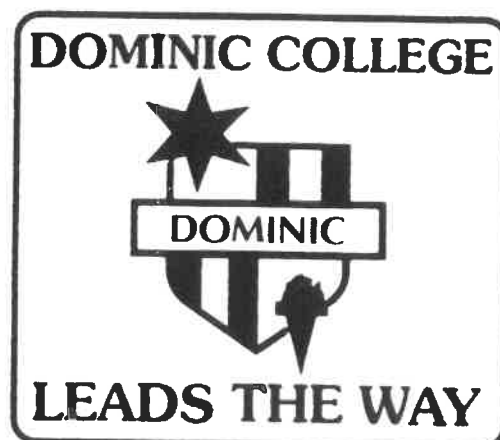
THE CLOSURE OF BOARDING AT DOMINIC

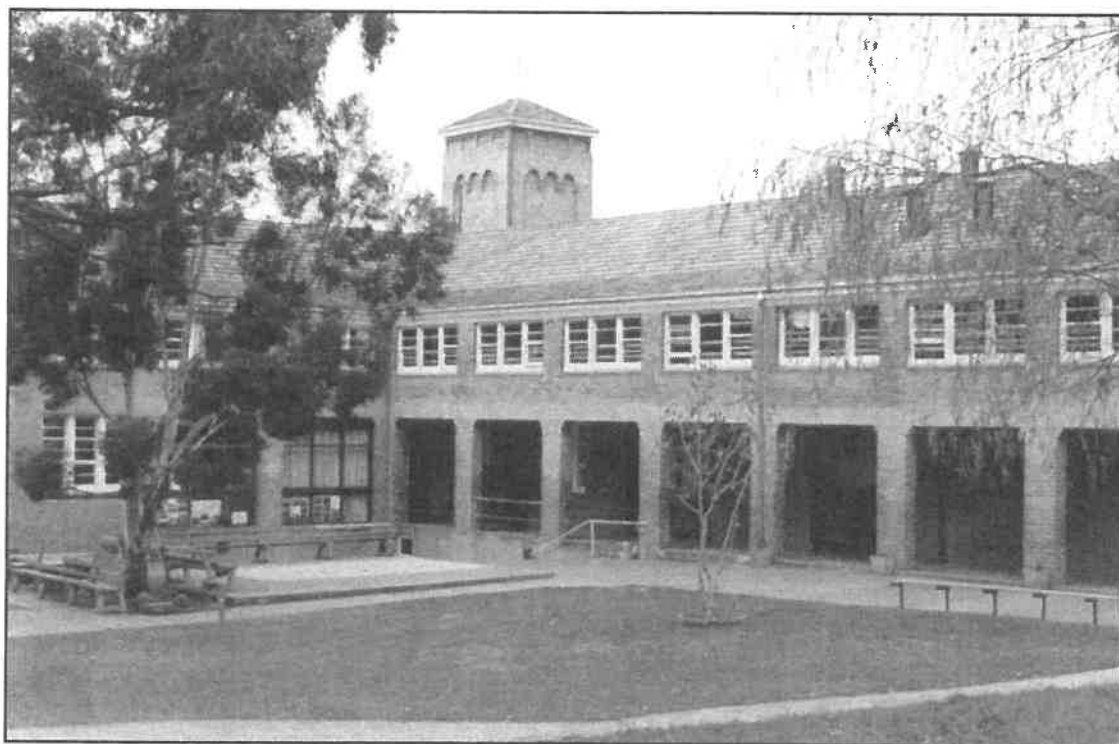
The Salesian work commenced back in 1946 with the residential care and education of youth, and this gradually built up a tradition of boarding students and only later came the day students. Dominic College continued to accommodate and look after boys who sought to be boarders. Father Nicholas Castelyns was the boarding master for many years, assisted by Salesians and lay staff. However as mentioned earlier on, on-site boarding facilities ended in 1994 when the dormitories were converted for the extra classrooms needed to house Year 10. The last Boarding Master was Brother John Larkins who arrived in 1988. He reflects

Most of the boarders were from country Tasmania. Some came off farms whilst others had parents working in the Hydro Electric stations, others were teachers in country schools and many families had established a business. I got to know and understand the boys well as I toured around the Island visiting these families and seeing where they came from. Boarding families were always very supportive, they would attend working bees at the college or boarding house and "work" was no stranger to them all....The 'White House' as it was formerly known, was in need of a good point and some repairs to rotting weatherboards on the sides of the house. The boarding families suggested they would be prepared to hop in and do the job - so after four working bees the house was looking like a new one...This year [1997] saw the opening and blessing of a new hostel on property owned by the Archdiocese of Hobart at Old Beach. The hostel has accommodation for at least 20 boarders...the hostel is a credit to the hard work of those parents and present houseparents who fought to provide a home for those people who have to move to the city of Hobart for their education.⁹

SYMBOL OF DOMINIC COLLEGE - "LIVE BY THE TRUTH"

The Coat of Arms of the College is made up of a Shield and a Motto, "Live by the truth". This is a quotation from the Third Letter of Saint John the Apostle. "It should be the ambition of every Christian student to live by the truth as personified by Christ, our model. This idea is strengthened by the Shield, where the Torch symbolizes the light of Truth that will guide us to our start, Christ."¹⁰ A school song, based on these ideas was composed by Primary School teacher Mrs Helen Beha, is used regularly. In 1990, the torch and star on the Coat of Arms was enlarged and the whole symbol became a bumper sticker, with the slogan "Dominic College leads the way".





Upper Photograph: Saturday morning football. Winning the Premiership. Primary "A" Team 1973 or 1974.
Lower Photograph: View of Dominic College today

MEMORIES OF THOSE TIMES

To add colour to the brief sketch of the Dominic College era, we rely upon the memories of those who were there. Diane Byrne (nee Cerritelli) 1962-1973 gives an insight into first year

My year at Dominic College in 1973 saw a major restructure with the amalgamation of St. John's Primary, Savio College and Holy name Convent. The process of adjusting to co-ed from single sex education appeared to flow very smoothly. Everyone connected with the formation of Dominic College worked together as they could foresee a better future in Catholic education for its students. The curriculum range of subjects saw a rapid increase throughout this year - no longer was Home Economics considered a girls subject, nor was Woodwork or Technical Drawing considered for boys only. The College offered equal opportunities and participation for boys and girls.¹¹

Diane recalls being very privileged to have been the only student studying Italian (1973 Matriculation). The teacher was Fr. Elio Proietto with classes held in his office, accompanied quite often with a cup of real Italian coffee! She was also one of only two students taking Music in Year 12. Specialised attention was provided by two very talented musicians, Sr Marie Ferrari and Sr Mary Domenica. Another one remembered was Bro. Peter who was always seen around the College during breaks, handing out DOSA News to its future members.

While reflecting back over the years, it does make you realise just how dedicated the Salesians and Dominicans are towards its pupils. They really do show their care, concern and devotion: we at Dominic are very fortunate... Since my time at Dominic College I have watched the College grow from strength to strength. It is a place of high achievements in all areas of College life. Dominic Old Scholars Association has the largest growing participation rate of all colleges in Tasmania - old scholars are always keen to revisit their college where they feel a sense of belonging.¹²

- Diane Byrne (nee Cerritelli)

Father Michael Jackson taught in the Middle School 1984-1985. He writes

Teaching girls and boys proved no problem but there were some kids in.....who made teaching life a bit more than a chore. On the whole though, I got on with most of my students, especially on the sports field. Once again, I had a couple of teams to look after and even coach. I think it was because of having to be on the ball re fitness etc. that I took up running very seriously and did up to five kms around the oval almost every day, despite the swooping attacks of the spur-winged plovers, who seemed to think they owned the place. Another field that helped me to gain some of the students' confidence was my Electronic class held during the Friday afternoon Elective lesson, i.e. students could choose their preferred activity and join that group each week. We had lots of fun building all sorts of gadgets, even an FM radio receiver. Another activity looked forward to was my involvement with Dominic Primary. I was able to help out as confessor for the various grades, especially those preparing for sacraments. I was asked to give little talks to some of the upper grades.¹³

- Fr Michael Jackson SDB

Fr. Jackson also recalls going on regular mass supply to the Upper Derwent Valley: Maydeena, Westerway, Ellendale. He enjoyed the experiences here but found it got very cold in winter. Father D.O'Sullivan returned in 1977 to teach in the Senior School after ten years

Fr Proietto was Principal. During those ten years more developments had taken place. It had become co-educational; an amalgamation had taken place with the Dominican Holy Name convent school; the name Savio was changed to Dominic. The boys' primary school was united with the Dominican primary, the former becoming part of the Dominic senior school where technical subjects were taught... Fr. Bertagnoli did a lot of extension work at the Senior Campus. He also began an impressive development programme at the Middle School campus. He was a very able administrator. However, he did not see the conclusion of the works he had initiated for at the end of 1981 he was appointed Provincial. He began that office in 1982... I was also transferred to Sunbury.¹⁴

- Fr Daniel O'Sullivan SDB

Louise Shaddock (nee Bratt) 1974-1978 has memories of a typical day at Dominic College as: assembly, classes, got together with friends at lunch time, played sport then on some days or sat around and talked; more classes, went home and did homework. Louise found Fr. Moate memorable - strict, fair and very likeable; Mrs Shudnat (Art Teacher) always had a laugh in her class but a very good teacher; Bro. Hannabery was always prepared to have a basketball game or something else. The year which stood out was Grade 9 science with Fr. Varengo

We had to go from our classroom to the Science Lab and he gave us a minute or so to get there. Some of us would walk really slowly we would get locked out - this happened on numerous occasions - of course we thought it was funny, of course he didn't.¹⁵

Asked for a short anecdote or humorous incident Louise told the story

Once in grade 8 our teacher Mr Woolford went out of the room for a few minutes and someone suggested that when he came back in one person should cough and everyone follow one by one; everyone agreed so this happened and Mr Woolford said, "whoever participated in this stand up". Only 3 of us stood up - me included and owned up - he sent us outside - talked to us about disrupting the class but realised there were more involved and that at least we owned up about it.... I enjoyed my time at Dominic very much.¹⁶

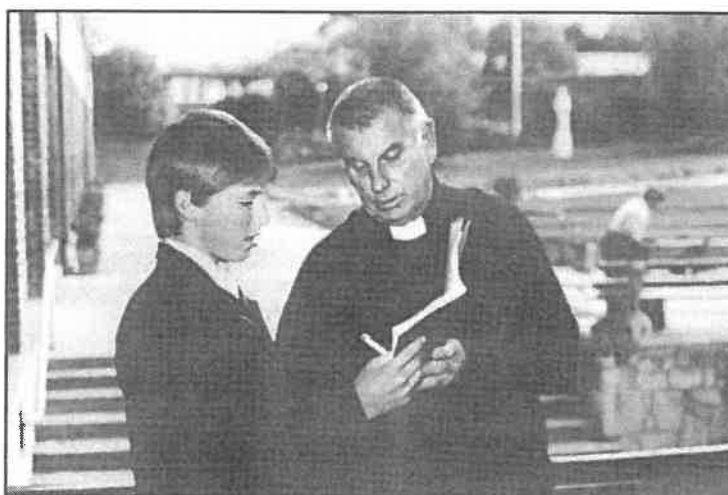
- Louise Shaddock (nee Bratt)

Kimbra Burke (1983-1990) recalls Primary school days as: lining up outside the rooms each before school, after recess, lunch; trekking down to music in the senior school campus. For extraordinary events, Kimbra writes of Father O'Mara who left school and later passed away (1989); and Mrs Smith - "Wow! What a lady. The English

Revolution will never be forgotten, 'make sure your heading is 2 lines tall, picture 25 cm in from the margin' - I think the exact measurements are fading from memory."¹⁷ The people who were memorable were the teachers: dedicated and generally supportive, plus the Blackgammon Drama Group, due to the talents of Michael Lowenstein & Co, John Sharpe, Julian Lange, Michael Westall etc. "At times had our year group (and others) in stitches!! For Kimbra the year which stood out was Grade 9 with Mr Woolford and Mrs Harvey - because "the sense of class unity was outstanding, especially the rivalry with 9 Gold." Asked for a short anecdote, Kimbra wrote

Girls P.E. during winter at the Middle School was always a hoot! If you were unlucky enough to strike P.E. in the morning, we did it in fog and frost, we faced the "dreaded" run! In winter this involved running up the change rooms, through the staff carpark, beside the chapel and around Tolosa dam, down Tolosa Street and across the bottom oval. Unfortunately for the teacher the fog was so thick we used to deviate from the intended path - always shorter of course!!¹⁸

- Kimbra Burke



Above: Fr. Kevin O'Mara counsels a student.

Below: View of Mt. Wellington from Secondary Campus.



ENDNOTES

- 1 Glenorchy Salesian Community, *Redimensioning Programme of the Salesian Community Glenorchy Tasmania*, typed notes. The process required development of authentic Salesian personal and community spiritual life in the new physical environment, reassessment of the work by the criteria of apostolicity and Salesianity, and setting of goals for the future in the late seventies and early eighties which makes the response to such times truly Salesian and evangelical.
- 2 Fr John F. Papworth, *Dominic College 1982, Our First Ten Years*, College Yearbook, p.1. After 10 years, the 1982 school staff consisted of SENIOR SCHOOL: Fr.R.Cau, Mrs.T.McIntyre, Mr.B.Brennan, Mr.P.McNaughtin, Mrs.R.Hey, Mrs.H.Woodhouse, Mrs.J.Bowes, Mrs.P.Berkery, Mr.G.Gaffney, Mr.T.Green, Mrs.I.Costa, Miss I.Lowe, Mrs.M.Derrick, Mr.J.Gatt, Fr.J.Papworth, Sr.Margaret Mary Brown, OP {Deputy Principal}, Mr.D.Foreshaw, Mr.P.Bowes, Mrs.B.Court, Mrs.N.Fish. The MIDDLE SCHOOL: Miss S.Hendricks, Mr.S.Azzopardi, Bro.P.Hannabery, Mr.M.Woolford, Mr.C.Hatch, Mrs.H.Quilty, Mr.P.Baker, Mr.D.Carey, Miss T.McIntyre, Fr.K.O'Mara, Mr.G.O'Keefe, Mrs.M.Sims, Mr.J.Grace, Sr.Athanasius OP, Mrs.I.Costa, Mrs.N.Shudnat, Mr.R.Blucher, Miss R.Grahame, Bro.P.Dezani, Fr.G.Remie, Mr.Greg O'Keefe, Mrs.J.Smith, Mr.M.Carbone, Mrs.L.McCreary, Fr.N.Castelyns, Fr.L.Moate {Deputy Principal}, Fr.J.Papworth, Sr.M.O'Regan OP, Mrs.J.Bratt, Mrs.S.McKean, Mrs.M.O'Brien, Sr.P.Barrett OP. The PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mrs.R.Ransley, Mrs.P.Smith, Bro.G.McMahon, Mr.R.Carroll, Mrs.E.Jameson, Mrs.J.Gibbens, Sr. Mary Finbar OP, Mrs.V.Ygossee, Mrs.Be.Elkhorne, Mrs..J.Roberts, Mrs.M.Foley, Sr.J.Gerathy, Mr.A.Webb {Deputy Principal}, Mrs.S.Pullen, Sr.Elizabeth Anne Smith OP. GENERAL OFFICE STAFF: Mrs V.Imlach, Mrs J.Reynolds, Mr. B.Fox, Mrs C.Larkin, Mr G.Fielding, Mr D.McHugo. MAINTENANCE STAFF: Mr F.Monk, Mr D.Bantick, Mr A.Hansch, Mr A.Fagan, Mr D.Lonergan, Mr D.Watson. BOARDING: Norma (cook and part-time mum), Mrs McCreary (Sunday cook and mum), 'Nan' Barr, Mrs Larkin, Mrs Boscott, Mrs Verwey, Mrs Direen, Mrs Hogett, Fr.Castelyns, Br.McMahon, K.George. PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION President Kevin Westcott. DOSA President Mark Geeves.
- 3 Kevin Westcott, President of the Parents and Friends Association, *ibid.*, p.12
- 4 Fr Frank Bertagnoli, *Dominic College Yearbook 1979*, p.1
- 5 The 1993 Dominic College Yearbook contained a photograph of seven members for staff who had served the College for many years: Mrs E.Jameson (21 years), Mr J.Grace (19), Mr M.Woolford (18), Mr G.O'Keefe (21), Miss R.Grahame (18), Mrs J.Smith (21), Br P.Dezani (21).
- 6 Fr Greg Chambers, *Dominic 1993, College Yearbook*, p.3. "Adieu" to long time members of staff such as Sr A.Condon, Mrs J.Smith, Mr J.Grace, Mrs J.Bratt and Sr M.Thomas (the last two of happy memory). 20 years after Dominic College began, the PRIMARY CAMPUS STAFF were: Mrs R.Street, Miss C.Montgomery, Mr P.Kirkham, Mr C.Fagan, Mrs C.Donnelly, Mrs A.Sharman, Fr R.Curni, Mrs E.Sorella, Mrs M.Foley, Mrs E.Jameson, Mrs J.Gibbens, Miss K.Andrikonis, Mrs S.Ransley, Mrs V.Ygossee, Mrs K.Pullen, Mrs G.Thompson, Mrs N.Harris {Deputy}, Mrs J.Hecker, Mrs C.Carnevale, Mrs P.Mahoney. MIDDLE CAMPUS STAFF were: Mr N.Woods, Mr P.Williams, Miss N.Jones, Mr D.Reinbach, Mr D.Carey, Mrs J.Conboy, Br J.Larkins, Miss R.Grahame, Mr G.Doig, Mr G.O'Keefe, Mr J.Grace, Mrs L.Williams, Mr R.Mangione, Mrs E.Jackson, Br S.De Lai, Mr M.Chambers, Mrs D.Smith, Mrs S.Whyte, Mrs J.Bratt, Mrs L.Fisher, Mrs J.Smith, Mrs G.MacFarlane, Mr E.Ng, Mrs M.O'Brien, Mrs D.Harvey, Miss A.Wyld, Miss F.Humphrey, Fr B.Graham {Deputy}, Mr M.Woolford, Miss L.Norton, Miss L.Bryne, Mrs J.Reynolds, Mr P.Kirkham, Mr D.New, Miss G.Spencer. SENIOR CAMPUS STAFF: Mrs B.Court, Mr B.Stephenson, Mr P.Coreless, Mr T.Warwarek, Mr W.Cardamatis, Mr D.Zehmeister, Mr B.Brennan, Mr D.New, Mr C.Hatch, Mr G.Davis, Mrs C.Fielding, Mr P.Ford, Mrs H.Cosentino, Mrs M.Gray, Mr P.Bowes, Mr P.Baker, Mr R.Clear, Mr G.Singleton, Mr M.LoBasso, Mr G.McShane, Mrs R.Hey, Mrs C.Forshaw, Mrs M.Ryan, Mrs E.Peters, Mrs R.Comas, Sr M.McAvoy OP {Deputy}, Miss D.James, Miss L.Rigozzi, Mr A.Croser, Miss R.Hutcheon, Mrs L.Reid. ADMINISTRATION AND ANCILLARY STAFF: Mr A.McCarthy, Mr C.Baker, Mr J.Mormon, Mr J.Taylor, Mrs M.Hunn, Mrs J.Reynolds, Mrs R.Street, Mrs C.Fielding, Mrs B.Stefanowski, Mr D.Bantick, Mr .Watson, Mr J.Grubb, Mr B.Donagy, Mr D.Lonergan, Mr C.Blight. BOARDING: Br J.Larkins, Br S.De Lai, Mr Gamble, Brendan and Peter (cooks). PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION President Gabrielle Fraser. DOSA President Peter Verwey
- 7 *The words of Don Vigano in Australia*, p.34.
- 8 *ibid.*, p.34
- 9 Brother John Larkins, *Reflections on Boarding (Dominic College) 1988 - 1995*, written notes. The decision to close the boarding section did disappoint some. Br.John was a member of a committee which investigated funding for a new hostel. An intense effort and a like submission to Canberra began the process which resulted in the new hostel.
- 10 As explained in College yearbook, *Dominic 1985*, inside front cover
- 11 Diane Byrne (nee Cerritelli), Survey Response, January 1997
- 12 *ibid.*
- 13 Father Michael Jackson, Palmerston NT, written recollections kindly sent to author, January 1997
- 14 Father Daniel O'Sullivan, Bairnsdale Vic, written recollections kindly sent to author, January 1997
- 15 Louise Shaddock (nee Bratt), Survey Response, January 1997
- 16 *ibid.*
- 17 Kimbra Burke, Survey Response, January 1997
- 18 *ibid.*

AFTERWORD

This work commenced with an initial gaze upon the early history, but later the focus was widened in light of the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival and presence of the Salesians in Tasmania. A retrospective look at what has unfolded and where it has lead is certainly an involved though fascinating project. The following are some notions which come to mind when one glances back at the history using a bird's-eye view.

Is fifty years enough to establish or identify a tradition or do we need to have been around for much longer? I believe we can name certain traits and traditions of the work at Glenorchy which are distinctive, yet may also be characteristic of other similar institutions. The pioneering communities **cared for and educated disadvantaged young people**, with just the White House, ex-army huts and a farm. The work began modestly, humbly yet with optimism. Then things really moved because of **fundraising and building**. The expansion of the work came about through the erection of new facilities. The association of **benefactors and other helpers** with the place was a real bonus for all there. For the many years the work featured **agriculture**, for sustenance and for other things.

All throughout the 50 years, there is tradition of the **care of youth and education**. The Salesian mission is summed up in the phrases which describe our aim: to form "honest citizens and good Christians". This goal has been a constant. It has been faithfully followed by generations of Salesian priests and brothers, and later the lay people who work alongside them. Many students **achieved in school and because of school**. Allied with this is a concern to prepare students for **life outside school**. Archbishop Tweedy in the foundation days envisaged full technical facilities being made available; more so, he sought an education to suit the needs of every boy. This tradition is carried on today. Another noticeable trait is that of **boarding**: continuous on-site residential care for most of the time. Salesians and their lay helpers and volunteers, men and women, have contributed over many years to a caring, homely environment for the boarders.

Sport, recreation, camps, the visual and performing arts, student interest groups, are also another rich element of the tradition and the Salesian way of educating overall. Concerts were prepared for even in the St John Bosco Boys' Town days. Savio College was involved in sports and culture. As Dominic College grew so did the number and kind of sports expand; and with the introduction of **co-education**, the potential for diverse participation in sport developed.

What would be the **truly significant landmarks** in the unfolding story? I would select these as defining moments: the invitation to, negotiation with, and eventual arrival of the Salesians in December 1946; the erection and opening of the "New Building" in 1951; the addition of boys from Britain from 1952 plus day boys, to those already there; the change of name to *Savio College* in 1956; the building of the Chapel dedicated to Saint Dominic Savio in 1957; the arrival of the Dominican Sisters in 1959 whose presence would lead to the period of *Co-instruction* and eventual Amalgamation; the beginning of *Dominic College* in 1973; further building in the ensuing period; and the Restructuring of Southern Tasmanian Catholic schools affecting Dominic College in 1995. Readers naturally will add their own or disagree with this choice.

The present work does not attempt to be a complete history. Not every happening, nor significant person, nor date could receive the space it probably deserves. Not everyone has been named. There is always more that could be told. I apologise for any errors or omissions.

The title of this work comes from a lady who had to reconcile life with her inability to see, speak or hear. It may seem irreconcilable, namely that a desire to recognise the labours of all cannot co-exist that with the attempt to name a select few, but the whole enterprise as I see it, is the tallying up of each individual person's contribution. Let me conclude with what she says,

*"The world is not moved only by the mighty shoves of the heroes
but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."*

- Helen Keller

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been one of those who worked at Glenorchy. I am sure many others are as well.

Joseph Lee SDB
Salesian Residence
Port Pirie SA
September 1997

TIME LINE OF SOME SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS

1945 Archdiocese of Hobart purchases old apple orchard property in Upper Tolosa Street
May 13 - St. John's Boy's Home founded, run by Missionaries of the Sacred Heart: Fr Paul Diedrichs MSC, Brother John MSC and Brother Bernard MSC

1946 FATHER JOHN BRENNAN and FATHER FRANCIS DROHAN arrive 29 November
Official transfer to Salesians on 8 December

1947 SAINT JOHN BOSCO BOYS' HOME

Classes begin February 7th

1948 Cardinal Norman Gilroy visits

1951 1 November - Archbishop Tweedy blesses NEW red brick building: offices, chapel, assembly hall and concert stage, dormitories, confreres rooms. Opened 4 November

1952 First migrant boys from Britain arrive on June 6. Party of 10. Another 29 boys arrive 27th September

1953 FATHER WILLIAM COLE succeeds Father John Brennan as RECTOR

1955 New Archbishop of Hobart: Most Rev. Guildford Young

1956 SAVIO COLLEGE

Day boys attend the school for the first time
SAVIO OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION formed: President - Stan Howell. Spiritual Directors - Fr. William Cole and Br. Reginald Newport First meeting held 29 November
Glenorchy becomes separate Catholic parish - first resident Parish Priest: Fr John Wallis

1957 FATHER JOHN NEALE becomes the RECTOR
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION hold inaugural meeting 28 July
Archbishop Guildford Young opens and blesses the new CHAPEL on November 24

1959 Three new CLASSROOMS opened by Archbishop Young on 1st November
Secondary school registration granted
First Dominican Sisters arrive in Hobart

1960 FATHER ADRIAN PAPWORTH begins as RECTOR
St John's Primary School opened in March

1962 Holy Name School has first secondary class in remodelled Barn - twenty Year 7s

1965 First Tuckshop opened at Savio College
23 July: old scholar Denis Allen ordained Priest for the Archdiocese of Hobart

1966 FATHER KEVIN O'LEARY succeeds Fr Adrian Papworth as RECTOR
Savio College included in the High Schools Football Association
21 June: New SAVIO PRIMARY SCHOOL (Mill Lane property) commences with 160 boys enrolled in Grades 4, 5 and 6 with Father Elio Proietto as Headmaster
New Holy Name School blessed and opened 21 August

1967 Beginning of some Matriculation *Co-instruction* classes comprised of girls from Holy Name Secondary School and boys from Savio College
7 February "Black Tuesday" worst fires in Southern Tasmania

1968 Savio College invited to join the Tasmanian Independent Schools Sports Association

1969 Savio College becomes a member of the Independent Schools in Tasmania
Full integration of Higher School Certificate students into a co-ed class of 46

1970 Father Kevin O'Leary appointed to the Schools Board of Tasmania

1971 Classes commence in the newly completed science block of classrooms
Archbishop Young and Mr E.D.Gardiner officiate at the inauguration of new science facilities and
Creative Work Centre 4th April
All Holy Name and co-educational matriculation classes transferred to Savio College
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL OF SALESIANS IN TASMANIA

1972 FATHER ELIO PROIETTO succeeds Fr Kevin O'Leary as RECTOR
April "Glen News" No.1
7 December - old scholar Julian Fox ordained a Priest for the Salesians of Don Bosco

1973

DOMINIC COLLEGE

amalgamated from Savio College, Holy Name Secondary School for Girls, Savio Primary and St. John's Primary Schools. Full CO-EDUCATION throughout. Principal Fr.Proietto, Deputies: Sr.Pamela Davis, Fr L.Moate, Fr M.Jackson.

Success in tennis, table tennis, soccer, football. HSC students Andrew Mahoney and Ian McShane awarded American Field Scholarships to study in the United States

SRC and Middle School Senate formed. New House structure: Simmonds, Young, Tweedy and McKillop. New school badge adopted
15 November - "DOSA News" No.2

1974 St Dominic's Days, Schouten House camp (June), College Ball, Central Australia trip (boys), Canberra and Sydney trip (girls). Sr Pauline Riley, Deputy Principal of Senior School.
Visits from Salesian and Dominican superiors - Fr.Jennings, Fr O'Leary, Sr Diana Woods

1975 6 July - New Middle School library and classrooms officially blessed by Archbishop Young and opened by Mr Eric Reese. Br Bill Nolan - Deputy Principal of Primary School.
"Basement" upgraded as youth recreation and Old Scholars centre.
Success for girls at Southern independent schools titles

1976 August: Bishop Robert Kerketta SDB and Sister Louise Marie Welbourne OP visit
Sr Valerie Grimson takes over as Deputy Principal of the Senior School
Most successful effort at Provincial Carnival Melbourne for Dominic College: football shield, senior and junior debating, second in netball and table tennis
Open football team win Southern premiership

1977 Fr.Peter Kerin, Br Jim Acreman and Bro.Greg Chambers conduct Grade 9 retreats. Fr.Denis Allen, Fr.Peter Woodruff, Sr. Angela LCM, Sr.Margaret OP, Fr Murphy SDB conduct Vocation Days
Open football team's State premiership. Table tennis team represented Tasmania; Under 15 Rowing crew won Southern and Island Head of the River
Sr Marie Therese elected to Dominican Provincial Council N.S.W.

1978 FATHER FRANK BERTAGNOLLI succeeds Fr Elio Proietto as RECTOR
Fr George Williams SDB from Rome, and Provincial Fr.Cornell, visit
A group of Grade 7 students plus staff represent Dominic at 48th Eucharistic Congress Melbourne
Under 16 eight won State and Southern Head of the River; Southern Premierships won by Open Football and Open Cricket teams; premierships to Under 15 Football, Under 13 and Under 14 Soccer, Under 13 Boys Hockey; Under 14 Netball and Softball 2nds were State premiers. The best results for the College yet

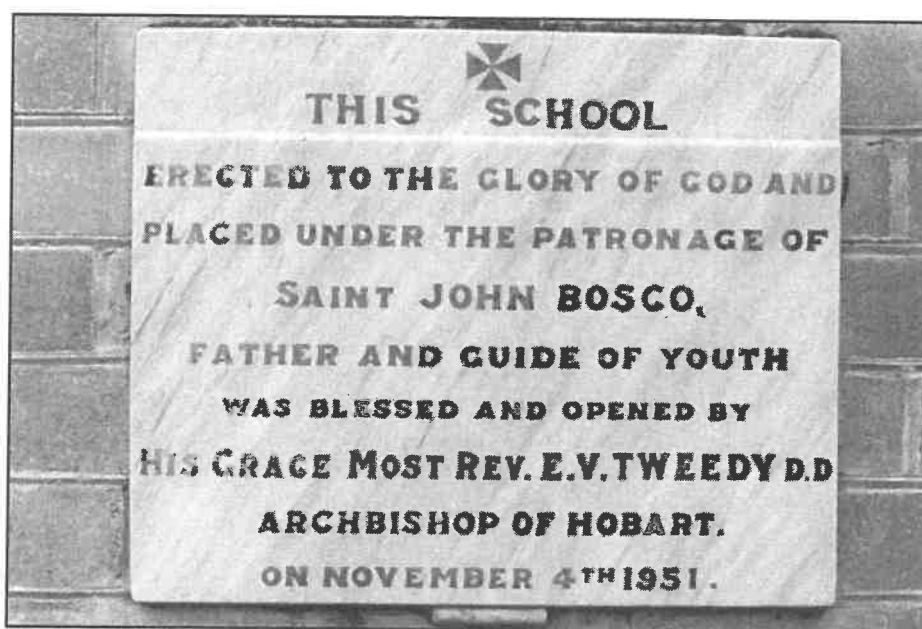
1979 25th Anniversary of canonisation of one of the college patrons, St. Dominic Savio
Building of 3 new classrooms and staff room at Middle School and Technical Wing at
Fr Dan O'Sullivan and Sister M. Gabriel new Deputy Principals.
880 students, 57 teaching staff. Home Economics (Mrs.Berkery), Manual Arts (Mr.Smith) and Music (Mr.Carbone) introduced.

Fr. Frank Freeman departs as Rector at Port Pirie

- 1980** 23 March: Blessing and Opening of Primary School library, classrooms and tuckshop
"New" chapel at Senior School - converted from portable building
Opening of new Technical block - converted from old Primary School building
Old scholar Brian Nichols ordained a Priest for the Archdiocese of Hobart, 27 August
- 1981** Old Scholar Marc Barry makes final profession; Fr. Kevin O'Mara celebrates Silver Jubilee of Ordination
- 1982** FATHER JOHN PAPWORTH becomes RECTOR; Fr Bertagnolli appointed PROVINCIAL of Australian Salesian Province
Sr. Margaret Mary Brown and Mr A.J. Webb, new Deputy Principals
28 November: new Middles School extension opened: Central Office, Staff Room, Art, Technical Drawing, Music, Cooking, Needlework, Typing, Metalwork and Technology
Fr. Egidio Vigano, Rector Major of Salesian Society, visits Dominic College
Dominic College completes ten years
- 1983** Opening of Extensions to Senior School: Technical Block and Art facilities
- 1984** Dominican Sisters celebrate Silver Jubilee
Br. P. Hannabery passes away
45 girls travel to Queensland for holidays. Leader of group: Margaret Derrick
- 1985** Extensions to the Senior School
IYY - International Year of Youth
Girls First Grade Netball and Boys Under 16 Hockey Premierships
Performances of "Oliver", "The Wizard of Oz", "Under Milkwood"
Pre-Vocation Course continues
- 1986** Opens and Under 16 Boys win Southern Tasmanian Independent Schools Basketball Premierships
- 1987** Brother Michael Lynch appointed Principal of St. John Fisher College, University of Tasmania
22 February: Opening of Administration Block and Chapel at Senior School by Archbishop Young
23 August: 100th Edition of "Dosa News"
- 1988** Father Julian Fox, old scholar, appointed PROVINCIAL of Australian Salesian Province
Don Bosco Centennial 1888-1988
16 March Archbishop Sir Guildford Young dies
Fr. Kevin O'Mara finishes as Deputy Principal of Middle School
The Year We Won the Head of the River. First Grade Netball: Southern and State Premiers
24 October Bishop Eric D'Arcy of Sale {Vic.} appointed next Archbishop of Hobart
- 1989** Father Edward Cooper - Assistant Parish Priest at St. John's Glenorchy
Sr. Kim Maree Goodwin makes her Final Profession
French language introduced to the school
Primary School "Big Band" begun
Senior School Formal held for first time in several years
- 1990** FATHER EDWARD COOPER appointed RECTOR - FATHER GREGORY CHAMBERS appointed PRINCIPAL. Bronze statue of one of the patrons St Dominic Guzman is completed and blessed at the Senior School. Fr. Peter Carroll - Deputy Principal of Middle School
"Dominic College Leads the Way" - new slogan and sticker prepared by publicity team
The Last Great Copper Coin Line at the Middle Campus raises \$1061.00 (1350 m)
- 1991** Brother Peter Dezani's 25th year of service to Salesian work in Tasmania
Dominic College wins TTTFM School Spirit Competition. Other projects: Fashion Parade, Fun Runs, Coles "Apples for the Students" Program, Worldbook Readathon
Open Girls' Rowing Crew won back-to-back Heads of the River. Senior Football Team win State Seconds Premiership

Sr Maura McAvoy - Deputy Principal of Senior Campus
Paul Curtin and committee spearhead planning of Tolosa Youth and Community Project
Caplice Drive upgraded

- 1992** FATHER GREGORY CHAMBERS assumes the added role of RECTOR
Dominic Longo, old scholar, Vice-Captain of Australian Olympic Soccer Team
David Fitzpatrick wins Metro's Bus Design Competition, Michael Mickham wins Commonwealth Bank Art Competition, Sonia Tegg's victory in Canon Australia's 'Young Writers of the Year'.
15 November Tolosa Youth and Community Centre *Brother Hannabery Pavilion* opened
Primary Campus Production "Hansel and Gretel"
- 1993** 20th Anniversary of Dominic College. Finalisation of plans for large-scale restructuring of Catholic Secondary Schooling in Southern Tasmania. Fr. Bernie Graham - Deputy Principal of Middle Campus. Ten Year Master Plan for Dominic College
- 1994** 23-25 April Salesian Community relocates to new residence, "De Sales"
1 July: old scholar Mark McGuiness MSC ordained Priest for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
12 August: old scholar Patrick Fox ordained a Priest for the Salesians of Don Bosco
Final year of on-site boarding section of Dominic College
- 1995** **DOMINIC COLLEGE CONTINUES**
FATHER BERNARD GRAHAM becomes PRINCIPAL
FATHER ROBERT BOSSINI appointed RECTOR
Major renovations: Year 10 classrooms, staff and library facilities. Business administration moved to "Grantleigh" [White House]. Now a Preparatory to Year 10 school on 2 campuses: P-6, 7-10
The former Senior Campus becomes a part of the new Guildford Young College
Boarders accommodated in West Moonah.
- 1996** 18 February: DOSA News 150th Edition
29 November: 50 YEARS since the first Salesians arrived in Tasmania
Fiona Taylor, old scholar (1986-1991), named "Tasmanian of the Year"
John Fisher (1959-1966) flew his 1942 Tiger Moth plane from England to Sydney raising \$20,000 for Can Teen and cancer care charities
Dominic College Inc. on the Internet <http://www.dominic.tas.edu.au>
- 1997** 50TH ANNIVERSARY continues



Foundation stone of New Building near steps

GLENORCHY SALESIAN COMMUNITIES 1946-1997

YEAR	CONFRERES IN THE COMMUNITY
SAINT JOHN BOSCO BOYS' TOWN	
First	Fr J. Brennan [R], Br J. Brophy, Fr W. Cole, Br R. Downey, Br. H. Horne, Br T. Supple
1947	Fr J. Brennan [R], Fr W. Cole [HM], Br J. Brophy, Br R. Downey, Br H. Horne, Fr P. Neyens, Br T. Supple
1948	Fr J. Brennan [R], Fr W. Cole [HM], Br J. Brophy, Br R. Downey, Br H. Horne, Fr P. Neyens, Br T. Supple
1949	Fr J. Brennan [R], Fr W. Cole [HM], Br R. Downey, Br T. Murray, Fr P. Zolin
1950	Fr J. Brennan [R], Fr W. Cole [HM], Br R. Downey, Br J. Mileto, Br T. Murray, Fr P. Zolin
1951	Fr J. Brennan [R], Fr W. Cole [HM], Br J. Ayers, Br R. Curmi, Br J. Mileto, Fr P. Zolin
1952	Fr J. Brennan [R], Fr W. Cole [HM], Br C. Acerni, Br J. Ayers, Br R. Newport, Fr K. O'Leary, Fr P. Zolin
1953	Fr W. Cole [R], Fr K. O'Leary [HM], Br C. Acerni, Fr J. Chiste, Br V. Maniscalco, Br R. Newport, Br A. Papworth, Fr P. Zolin
1954	Fr W. Cole [R], Fr K. O'Leary [HM], Br C. Acerni, Br V. Maniscalco, Br A. Moester, Br R. Newport, Fr A. Papworth, Br E. Proietto, Fr J. Rutkowski, Fr P. Zolin
1955	Fr W. Cole [R], Fr D. O'Sullivan [HM], Br C. Acerni, Br A. Moester, Fr T. Murray, Br R. Newport, Fr A. Papworth, Br E. Proietto
SAVIO COLLEGE	
1956	Fr W. Cole [R], Fr D. O'Sullivan [HM], Br C. Acerni, Br F. Freeman, Br L. Heriot, Br A. Moester, Fr T. Murray, Br R. Newport
1957	Fr J. Neale [R], Fr D. O'Sullivan [HM], Br L. Heriot, Fr T. Murray, Br R. Newport, Fr J. O'Day, Fr E. Stettmayer
1958	Fr J. Neale [R], Fr J. Chiste [VR/B], Br L. Heriot, Fr T. Murray, Br R. Newport, Fr J. O'Day, Fr D. O'Sullivan [HM], Br J. Scarpato, Fr E. Stettmayer, Br T. Supple
1959	Fr J. Neale [R], Fr J. Chiste [VR/B], Br F. De Michelis, Br L. Heriot, Fr T. Murray, Br R. Newport, Fr J. O'Day, Fr D. O'Sullivan [HM], Br J. Scarpato, Fr E. Stettmayer
1960	Fr A. Papworth [R], Fr J. Chiste [VR/B], Fr S. Dubovsky, Br J. Ellul, Fr T. Murray, Br R. Newport, Fr J. O'Day, Fr D. O'Sullivan [HM], Br J. Scarpato, Fr E. Stettmayer
1961	Fr A. Papworth [R], Fr D. O'Sullivan [VR/B], Fr J. Chiste, Fr S. Dubovsky, Br J. Ellul, Fr T. Murray, Fr J. O'Day, Br L. Pavanello, Fr E. Proietto [HM], Br G. Scarpato, Fr E. Stettmayer
1962	Fr A. Papworth [R], Fr D. O'Sullivan [VR/B], Br A. Defendini, Fr S. Dubovsky, Br J. Ellul, Fr T. Murray, Fr J. O'Day, Fr E. Proietto [HM], Fr E. Stettmayer [VR/B]
1963	Fr A. Papworth [R], Fr E. Stettmayer [VR/B], Br B. Doran, Fr S. Dubovsky, Br J. Ellul, Fr D. O'Sullivan, Fr E. Proietto [HM], Fr J. Pulis
1964	Fr A. Papworth [R], Br B. Doran, Fr S. Dubovsky, Br J. Ellul, Fr D. O'Sullivan, Fr E. Proietto, Fr J. Pulis, Fr E. Stettmayer
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