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## **Media Release – Daniel Renfrey**

### **Rostrevor College bolsters Redlegs ranks**

Developing camaraderie and cohesion on and off the field should be no problem at Norwood this season with 12 of its senior squad members hailing from the same school.

Rostrevor College has long been a breeding ground for emerging Redlegs thanks to some great local talent as well as a strong contingent of boarding students from the Eyre Peninsula – part of Norwood's recruitment zone.

Rostrevor graduates spanning 13 years from 2008 to 2021 have bolstered the side, including a recent crop of Eyre Peninsula players who have found a home at Norwood following stints at Geelong.

The recent AFL experience will put Cameron Taheny, Ben Jarvis and Jacob Kennerley in good stead as they line up alongside Norwood stalwarts such as former captain Matthew Panos and Pierce Seymour.

Taheny said the 12 players were "pretty proud to represent the school as old scholars at this level".

"It's nice to see a large group of us competing at the highest level behind AFL," he said.

"I, personally, take a lot of pride in seeing so many of us reach this level and, of course, it's always nice to have school mates around the club!"

Taheny said the strong connection and history between the players brought benefits to the playing group as well.

"Having strong bonds already makes transitioning into Norwood a lot of easier on a social and performance level for sure," he said.

"For example, when Jacob Kennerley or Stef Lanzoni have the ball, I know their habits and strengths and already have a connection and chemistry that was formed during our schooling years.

"In terms of connecting with the larger group at Norwood, it's always much easier to have a few familiar faces to begin with."

Taheny said Rostrevor had a particularly good "three-year-patch" of footballers from 2019 to 2021 at First XVIII level really wanting to achieve success at school and beyond.

"This allowed us to push each other and compete at a high standard, shaping us into the footballers we are now but, more importantly, the people we are off the field."

Xavier Tranfa was the 2020 Gosse Medalist, which is presented to the Fairest and Best Player in the Open A1 AFL Competition, in his final year at Rostrevor College.

Stefan Lanzoni wasn't content with impressing on Rostrevor's football field, but also won the College's highest Cricket Accolade – the Jake Brown Medal for Most Valuable Player (twice) - and held the Deputy Head Prefect role in 2019, providing student leadership for the school of 900.

Another Rostrevor/Norwood talent, Alastair Lord, may well have boosted the number at Norwood to 13 had he not been drafted to Essendon in the 2021 Draft.

The Norwood – Rostrevor connection has been strengthened even further in recent years with the 2020 appointment of 2014 Norwood Premiership Player James Allan as Rostrevor’s Football Director and Head Coach of the First XVIII.

In his prior role as Norwood’s U18 Coach, “Jimmy” Allan – a three-time Magarey Medalist – helped shape some of Rostrevor and Norwood’s emerging talents including Taheny, Tranfa, Matthew Dnistriansky, Charles Kemp and Ned Carey (not pictured).

“It’s good to see Jimmy investing his time in the footy program at the College to give more Rossi boys the opportunity we have at Norwood. The more the merrier!” Taheny said.

In addition to Allan, Taheny credits former Woodville Warriors Premiership player and South Adelaide SANFL Coach Ron Fuller for the “hard-nosed” style of footy he instilled in his players when he was Rostrevor College’s First XVIII coach.



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Caption left to right:

**Rostrevor Norwood 3:** Cameron Taheny, Charles Kemp, Pierce Seymour, Xavier Tranfa, Ben Jarvis, Matthew Panos, Jacob Kennerley, Matthew Dnistriansky, Stefan Lanzoni, Josh Richards and Cameron Ball.

**Rostrevor Norwood 2:** Matthew Dnistriansky, Cameron Taheny, Cameron Ball, Stefan Lanzoni, Xavier Tranfa, Ben Jarvis, Jacob Kennerley, Matthew Panos, Pierce Seymour, Charles Kemp, Josh Richards

**Rostrevor Norwood 1:**

Back: Cameron Taheny, Pierce Seymour, Ben Jarvis, Charles Kemp, Matthew Panos, Jacob Kennerley, Cameron Ball

Front: Charles Kemp, Xavier Tranfa, Josh Richards and Stefan Lanzoni.

Ned Carey is part of the squad, but was not present for the group photo.



Matthew Dnistriansky, Ned Carey and Xavier Tranfa in their final year at Rostrevor with First XVIII Coach James Allan.