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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

by *Shana Bennett*



I am delighted to welcome you to the 2023 Red & Black Magazine. Our Centenary Year, 2023 is certainly a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, come together, share stories and, ultimately, strengthen our Rostrevor community.

My first 18 months as Principal at Rostrevor College has given me numerous opportunities to connect with the many members that make up the wider community of Rostrevor – more so in 2023 as we've seen the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions! One thing that became obvious fairly quickly was the pride and ongoing interest that our Old Collegians have in the College. As I say at almost every enrolment interview, once you commence at Rostrevor you never really leave – you are a Rossi boy for life!

As we look back on the past century, I pay tribute to the educators, support staff, leaders and especially the Christian Brothers who committed themselves and their careers to Rostrevor College. This commitment, inspired by the vision of Edmund Rice, has provided education and formation for 100 years of Rostrevor boys and men.

Along with those who have served as Principal before me, I acknowledge and express gratitude for the support of the parent community, ROCA, the Foundation, Edmund Rice Education Australia, Catholic Education South Australia and the wider connected Rostrevor community. Each of these groups have played such a vital role in Rostrevor's history. It is through the contributions of so many that our school has been shaped into the respected College that it is today, a College in which every boy finds his place.

As we celebrate the milestone that is 100 years, we must also look to the future. We have a responsibility to continue to provide the young people at Rostrevor with an education, guided by the legacy of Edmund and all those who taught before us, to prepare them for their lives beyond school – lives where they can make a difference in the world, where they can truly be 'Men for Others', people for others.

It is my hope that, in partnership with the staff and with the continued support of the wider Rostrevor community, Rostrevor College will continue to see new generations of Rossi boys and families who are





proud to call themselves students, friends and Old Collegians.

We will continue to provide a Liberating Education, based on a Gospel Spirituality, within an Inclusive Community that is committed to Justice and Solidarity.

2023 College Prefects

It is my pleasure to introduce our Old Collegians' community to this year's student leaders. Head Prefect Lachlan Tripodi is an outstanding example of a humble yet courageous young leader who somehow manages to balance his studies, sporting pursuits, involvement with Eddie Rice Camps and ongoing leadership service to the College in a mature, friendly and very 'Rostrevor' manner.

This year, we are especially proud to have introduced a new Prefect role to the College's Prefect body: Prefect – Aboriginal Programs. Kalkadoon, Wanyi, Mamu and Gunggandji student Jasch Davis has been appointed to the role in 2023 and is working

in partnership with Che Murray, Aboriginal Program Coordinator, and the wider Prefect group and is shining in his leadership, his love of culture and his commitment to supporting and strengthening cultural awareness and recognition within the college.

- Head Prefect – Lachlan Tripodi
- Deputy Head Prefect – Charlie Crafter
- Head Boarder – Matthew Brown
- Aboriginal Programs – Jasch Davis
- Social Justice – Jack Haddad
- Community Activities – Isaac Kelly
- Internal Services – Harrison Lynch
- Barron House Captain – Damon Stepic
- Egan House Captain – Harrison Brock
- Gurr House Captain – Arnav Kothari
- Murphy House Captain – Darci Best
- O'Brien House Captain – Maxwell Bowman
- Webb House Captain – Felix Farmer

- 1 Shana Bennett and Patrick Murphy ('99) presenting Joe Cardone ('82) with 2nd place in the raffle at the ROCA Business Lunch 2023
- 2 2023 Prefects' Investiture
- 3 Egan wins Spirit Shield at 2023 Rostrevor Swimming Carnival

COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR'S WELCOME

by **Steve Olech ('91)**



As the recently appointed Chair of the College Advisory Council, it is an honour to be able to welcome you to the 2023 Red & Black Magazine.

As an Old Scholar, I am extremely proud and privileged to lead the Advisory Council in not just this year of centenary celebration but in contribution to the direction of the College into its next 100 years.

As a proud Rostrevor boy and on behalf of the College Advisory Council, we look forward to providing an environment of support and critical thinking in the direction of the College, providing a sounding board for our Principal Shana Bennett and College Leadership to continue on the growth journey we are now well and truly on, a place we rightfully should be.

I would like to take this chance to thank the former Chair, Dr Vin Thomas, on his contribution to the College over many years. His drive, energy and commitment to the direction of the College has been significant and greatly appreciated.

In this year of celebration, I extend an open invitation to get involved in the future of the College. Whether it be formally through Advisory Council or Foundation Board engagement or simply wanting to contribute on a case-by-case basis to key College initiatives, the line of communication is always open. I would love to hear from you, where I can expand on opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at various celebratory events this year as we say thank you to our College – a place that has given us so much more than an education, a connection for life.





- 1 Steve Olech and Chris Altman ('66) at the Sons and Grandsons of Rostrevor College Breakfast
- 2 Angelo Piantadosi ('82), Shana Bennett and Steve Olech at the Intercol First XI Cricket 2023

ROCA PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

by Angelo Piantadosi ('82)



Dear fellow ROCA members and broader Rossi community,

What a year so far! The College's centenary celebrations have been hectic in the first half of 2023. ROCA's Business Lunch a few weeks ago was our flagship event for 2023 and had almost 500 attendees. What a huge success that was! Thank you to our guest speakers, VIPs, sponsors, attendees and everyone else who made it a huge success.

It is pleasing and exciting to see the various arms of the Rossi community interact with each other and, in doing so, reinforce that ROCA is a significant conduit that allows Old Collegians to remain 'Connected for Life'. Through business and work, sport and life in general, the Rossi connection that ignites a conversation amongst old friends underlies the support, care and lifelong friendships that are formed whilst one is a student at the College.

To all existing ROCAs, thank you for your ongoing support. Your continued involvement in Rostrevor ensures that the red and black blood keeps flowing through your veins! Encourage your Old Scholar mates to connect with us on social media platforms and update their contact details with ROCA so they can stay abreast of what we're up to.

For Old Scholars that are unaware if they are ROCA Life Members or not, get in touch, ask the question and update your contact details. For current College parents wondering what ROCA can do or will mean for your son, ask a current ROCA member. For Old Scholars who may have disconnected for whatever reason, we would love you to reach out to ROCA.

The ROCA connection is not only about the College bond and networking. It's much deeper than that. It's about the Rossi community, your mates, caring for each other, looking out for each other, being proud of your sons, your grandsons and your own achievements. It's about *Palma Merenti*, the foundation that was laid when at the College and how that impacted and continues to impact on your life.

If you updated your contact details during the ROCA Centenary Year membership promotion, thank you. We had over 360 Old Scholars participate in the membership drive. If you missed out on the promotion, please get in touch with us at roca@rostrevor.sa.edu.au and let's have a chat.

As the latter part of the year comes into play, the College's Centenary Gala event will formally close out the centenary celebrations. You should also stay tuned for details about ROCA's informal after-work drinks and connection session to be held on Friday 27 October from 4.30 pm onwards at the Wolf Blass Community Centre, Norwood Football Club. All Old Scholars of any vintage and from any walk of life are encouraged to attend. Details will be announced on social media.

Please help us to make ROCA bigger and stronger and play your part in being one of the links that enables Old Scholars to remain connected. Feel free to send us stories and content that we can share with other Old Scholars. You are also welcome to give us a heads up regarding something that is Old Scholar related and we'll do our best to follow up, investigate and share the story.

Remember, ROCA = Connected for Life.

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- 1 Angelo Piantadosi and Darren Furst ('97) at the Sons and Grandsons of Rostrevor College Breakfast
- 2 Angelo Piantadosi and nephew Luca Piantadosi at the Sons and Grandsons of Rostrevor College Breakfast







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CENTENARY CALENDAR

01 **FEBRUARY**
OPENING
CEREMONY

03 **MARCH**
CENTENARY
LITURGY

10 **MARCH**
SONS &
GRANDSONS
BREAKFAST

24 **MARCH**
A NIGHT ON
THE LAWNS

05 **MAY**
“OLD BOYS”
LUNCH

29 **MAY**
ROSTREVOR
DAY

16 **JUNE**
ROCA
BUSINESS
LUNCH

02 **SEPTEMBER**
CENTENARY
GALA

OPENING CEREMONY



The 2023 Opening Ceremony was reported by attendees as one of the most emotive in memory.

Watched by their proud families and current students, boys new to the College in 2023 followed the bagpiper in a procession through the guard of Year 12s and around the Valley.

Following Indigenous student Laquell Banderson's Acknowledgement of Country, and after Br John Ahern had lit the centenary candle, Principal Shana Bennett welcomed all students – new and old – to school for Rostrevor's Centenary Year.

'It is my great pleasure to stand before you today and officially welcome you to the 2023 school year, the Centenary Year of Rostrevor College. As we gather as one community today in the Valley, the heart of the College, we proudly recall and celebrate a century of excellence and achievement, a century of learning, a century of friendship, a century of ups and downs but above all, a century of the Rostrevor spirit, a spirit that runs through the veins of those here and those who have stood here before us.'

There was singing from the Junior Years Choir and prayer, before Head Prefect Lachlan Tripodi and Br Ahern raised the new centenary-branded College flag to an erupting applause.

Newer Old Collegians will no doubt remember the charming moment that the year's incoming Reception students gaze up through the Valley to wave to the Year 12s, who, as ever, waved back with enthusiasm. This tradition of the Opening Ceremony unites the youngest and oldest students and, this year, shows the Receptions where they can endeavour to be in 2035!

The morning tea for new families following the ceremony is a time for them to meet and connect with those who will be sharing the journey as members of the Rossi community for life.

This event is always a special time for the Rostrevor community, setting the tone and generating excitement for the year that lies ahead – and with this year marking the College's 100th, the atmosphere was especially electric.



- 1 The bagpiper leads new students through the Valley
- 2 Looking up through the Valley
- 3 Maddix Lee leading the Junior Years Choir
- 4 Cristian Belperio
- 5 Head Prefect Lachlan Tripodi and Br John Ahern raise the Centenary flag
- 6 Reception and Year 12 students wave to each other across the Valley

CENTENARY LITURGY



The opening procession of the Rostrevor Centenary Liturgy sent a shiver down the spine of 1,000 staff, students and invited guests.

To the rhythm of a solo snare drum marched Br Ahern and four Year 6 students through the middle of Purton Hall, sporting uniforms from years gone by.

The historical artifacts on display drew the lingering gaze of all students at the event, an emotive reminder of those who came before them and the legacy they now carry for Rostrevor.

Head Prefect Lachlan Tripodi took to the stage to read a passage from the journal of one of the first students to walk through Rostrevor's gates on its opening day in 1923: 'We all went out on the tram to the Terminus and, with Brother Purton in the lead, and

carrying our bags, we walked up the hill to the top of Moules Road, singing songs and hymns and entered the gates of Rostrevor.'

Shannon Simpson then read a passage written by Old Scholar Peter Moore ('71): 'There are two Rostrevors. One is a place made of earth and water, stone and steel. The other is a spirit consisting of aims and beliefs, traditions and achievements. The place locates the spirit; the spirit distinguishes the place. Today, we celebrate both.'

Br Ahern shared information on the historic uniforms that decorated the stage. He spoke of how the black robe is comparable to those which were worn by the Brothers who founded and taught the first students of Rostrevor. The blazer featuring purple stripes is an



early Old Collegians' design combining the colours of Rostrevor and CBC and was worn by graduates from both schools. The College crest on the gold buttons is a design feature which has remained the same from 1923 until today.

Side-by-side photos of College life 'then and now' stirred excited chatter from the boys as they witnessed how life at Rostrevor has changed – and how it has not – over the past 100 years.

Rich with tradition, history and emotion, the Centenary Liturgy was a beautiful way for current students and staff to reflect upon Rostrevor College, its past and its present, and to imagine how it could evolve again in the next century.



- 1 Head Prefect Lachlan Tripodi and teacher Shannon Simpson
- 2 Br John Ahern shares the history of Rostrevor uniforms
- 3 Junior Years leaders and Br John Ahern place past uniforms on the stage
- 4 Prefect blazer and cap from 1945



SONS & GRANDSONS OF ROSTREVOR COLLEGE BREAKFAST

There was an air of nostalgia and fatherly pride as almost 90 current students filtered onto the front lawns with their Old Scholar fathers and grandfathers in tow in early March.

Reunions between old friends and anecdotes told to sons were common but heartwarming sights as the men, both the young and not so young, enjoyed croissants and coffee.

Many families chose to mark the special occasion with a photo before trying their luck at the raffle. The day's lucky winners were Gerald Coughlin ('63), Ben Pfeiffer ('98) and Marco Di Pietro ('88).

The event was a truly special way to gather as an Old Scholar community and a fantastic visual representation of the strong connection between past and present students and the College.



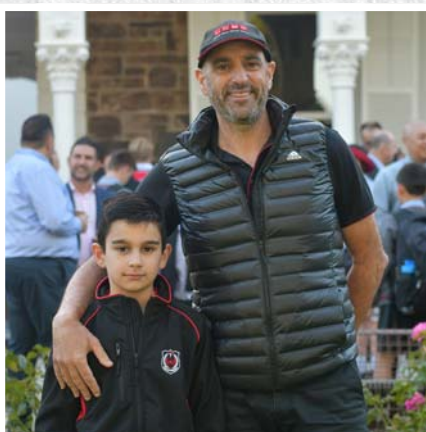
Ben ('97) and Joseph Tirri, Derek ('97) and Zach Seret, Kristian ('97) and Riley Holling



Nicholas ('96) and Josh Marotti



Damian ('98) and Alex Donato



James and Marco Di Pietro ('88)



Angus and Alexander Hehir ('94)



Carlen, Jordan, Mark ('84) and Mitchell Becker



Antonio ('98) and Sebastian Calabrese



Ignatius, David ('92), James and Elias Leonard



Vincenzo and Nicki Scalzi ('90)



Frank ('96), Luca, Pasquale ('74) and Alessio Fantasia



Orlando, Michael ('00) and Dante Pastore



Harry ('93) and John John



Nicolas and Christian Di Lorenzo ('93)



Peter ('70), Matthew ('93), Liam and Noah Coyle



Lucas, Mark ('94) and Hamish Di Blasio



Thomas, Darren ('97) and Nicholas Furst



Chris Altman ('66), Jed and Josh Steinberger



Gerald Coughlin ('63), Jack and Matt Haddad ('89) and Br Michael 'Cogs' Coughlin ('60)



Eugene ('95), Ash and Zai Ng and Jaden, Jesse and Justin Chung ('94)



A NIGHT ON THE LAWNS

Music has been an integral part of Rostrevor's culture and curriculum since the College's foundation.

Whether they pursue a career in the music industry or simply enjoy belting out the 'Eddie Rice song', each student who walks through the gates is encouraged to connect with music in their own way.

Rostrevor's deep connection to music was put on display in late March at A Night on the Lawns. The evening began with a tear-jerking rendition of *I Am Australian* from the Junior Years Choir, with verses sung in both English and Kaurna, the local Indigenous language.

Following this, the audience was treated to performances from Rostrevor's Jazz, Rock and Big Band ensembles before Emanuel Auciello ('13) took to the stage.

Emanuel has a Masters in Classical Guitar, specialising in percussive effects. He has toured South Korea, England and New Zealand, performing as both a soloist and part of the Adelaide Guitar Ensemble.

The Old Scholar Vocal Group sang a haunting a cappella version of *Somebody That I Used to Know* before the Old Scholar Band performed an array of well-known songs from the past 100 years. The Old Scholar Band comprises of graduates from 1976 to 2021 alongside Peter Waterman, Marnie Tiggemann and Greg Osman – three teachers who have been at Rostrevor for a combined 81 years.

Rostrevor's current student choir members joined the band on stage for their final song, *Dancing in the Street*. Those sitting close to the stage could

overhear the band being bombarded with eager questions from the younger students as they were introduced before their performance.

Cosmo Thundercat, a band described by triple j Unearthed as having a 'raw and honest personality' finished out the night with a set of original and covered songs. Anthony Callisto ('05), Sam Bruno ('05) and David Mazzarelli ('05) commented on how special it was to once again be performing at Rostrevor.

A Night on the Lawns was an evening of celebration and community, facilitating connections between families and friends, with an amazing soundscape and the red glow of Rostrevor House to accompany it.



OLD BOYS' LUNCH 2023

On a very wet Friday in early May, Rostrevor played host to over 70 Old Scholars from the Classes of 1972 and earlier.

Twenty of our Old Boys who were feeling particularly nostalgic arrived early for a College tour. Led by Frank Ranaldo ('82 and Deputy Principal), Annemarie Mein (College Registrar) and some of the 2023 Prefects, the men strolled through their old stomping ground, often remarking on aspects of the College that have changed or memories they associate with those areas that have not changed.

These Old Boys were also welcomed to the Edmund Rice Day whole school Mass, one of the biggest on Rostrevor's calendar. At the conclusion of Mass, they were invited to exit Purton Hall before current students made a stampede for the doors. As they made their way through the middle of almost 1,000 current students, the room filled with an erupting and spontaneous applause. The cheers grew louder again as some of the Old Scholars acknowledged the crowd with triumphant fist pumps. There wasn't a soul present who wasn't smiling from ear to ear, warmed by the Rossi camaraderie which bridged the more than 50-year gap between current and past students.

After this, Old Scholars from all over the country gathered in the Pavilion for the Old Boys' Lunch. The wet weather couldn't dampen the jovial atmosphere as lifelong friends spent the afternoon catching up and reminiscing about their years at Rostrevor over a two-course meal and drinks. Notably, the 1965 First XVIII Football team was reunited, with some players travelling from interstate for the event.

One attendee, David Hogan ('65), had been in contact with the College in the lead up to the lunch to enquire as to whether his 200 m sprinting record set in his graduating year still stood. This record had, in fact, been broken by Year 11 student Thomas Griffiths the month before. Thomas was excited to meet his record-holding predecessor during the lunch, where the two posed for a photo. David was gracious in his defeat, and Thomas left the Pavilion with one more



supporter as he makes his mark on the First XVIII Football team this year.

The most senior Old Scholar in attendance on the day was John Doherty ('51), whose sprightly and humorous spirit made it clear that he does not feel his age. Perhaps it was the return to the place where they spent their youth which brought about the energy displayed by all 70 Old Scholars, or maybe it was just something in the water. Either way, the day was a great success and a wonderful return of the Old Boys' Lunch event after its COVID-19 hiatus.

1 Thomas Griffiths and David Hogan ('65)

2 John Doherty ('51)



ROSTREVOR DAY

In true Adelaide Hills fashion, the skies opened on Rostrevor's official 100th birthday, throwing a spanner in the works of what was a meticulously planned day. Despite the unrelenting rain, Rostrevor's current students and staff were unwavering in their celebrations.

The day began with an early morning trip to Callan Hall for the whole school photo which will be added to Rostrevor's Centenary Book. Students then broke into their Houses or Junior Years classes, where they were greeted with copious amounts of chocolate birthday cake.

Every student was then given a small card with a writing or drawing prompt. These will be placed in a centenary time capsule to be unearthed by future generations who will see how Rostrevor looked or felt to students in 2023.

The Years 4 and 5 classes were treated to a special presentation from Rostrevor's second-longest-serving staff member, Michael Hingston, about the history



of the College. After the presentation, Year 4 student Alistair West was reunited with 'Ross' and 'Trevor', the teddy bears made by his grandmother decades ago, during his father's (Simon West, '96) time at the College.



1 Alistair West with Ross and Trevor

2 Nicholas Totagiancaspro and
Francesco Cavallaro



UNEARTHING THE 1983 TIME CAPSULE

On the morning of 1 July, Principal Shana Bennett, the Prefects and some members of staff were fortunate to witness the Rostrevor grounds staff unearthing the 1983 time capsule, originally buried by the Parents & Friends Association 40 years prior.

After breaking through what was a much sturdier concrete slab than expected, they were greeted by an

array of Rostrevor memorabilia. The truly special moment was made even more so when Br Ahern recognised a much younger version of himself in one of the newspaper clippings from his time working at the Christian Brothers College. The time capsule was in the garden outside the front of the Chapel, marked by a plaque.





ROCA BUSINESS LUNCH 2023



On 16 June, almost 500 Old Collegians and extended community members gathered at the Adelaide Oval for the 2023 ROCA Business Lunch.

The day was a resounding success, with networking and catching up with old friends being the focus. In the Ian McLachlan Room overlooking the oval and the iconic scoreboard which read 'Welcome to the 2023 ROCA Business Lunch, Choomalakal', guests were treated to a two-course meal and drinks as they settled in for the afternoon.

Among the honoured guests was Fr David Wilkie, an Old Scholar from the Class of '43. At 95 years old, Fr David is among ROCA's oldest known members, with the oldest known Old Scholar, Laurie Gillespie ('41), an apology for the day.

After an address from ROCA President Angelo Piantadosi ('82), Anthony Medhurst ('99) took to the stage to interview guest speakers Luke Darcy ('92) and John Aloisi ('92). The two sporting greats and their interviewer had the crowd in stitches as they reminisced on their time at Rostrevor and discussed their successful careers in AFL and soccer

respectively. Their celebrity status wasn't enough to prevent friendly heckling from their former classmates, cementing the interview as a highlight for all attendees. Among the photos shown of the pair was their Year 3 class photo, which was taken the year Luke and John first met.

Oliver Totani ('03) put his auctioneering skills on display, selling all nine auction items to eager bidders. Congratulations to the many raffle and auction item winners, particularly Larry Piscioneri ('93) who walked away from the lunch \$5,000 richer after winning the raffle.

The merriment continued after the event with a reported 250 attendees gathering at The British Hotel, owned by Matt Kelly ('90) and Luke Kelly ('00).

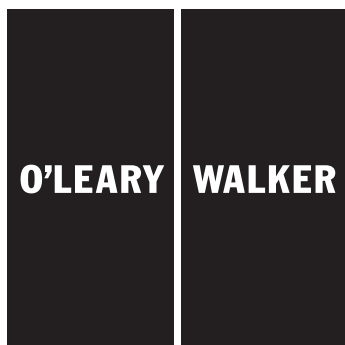
ROCA would like to formally acknowledge and thank the many sponsors, without whom the event could not have been such a success. Their ongoing support of ROCA and Rostrevor College is greatly appreciated. Rostrevor community members are encouraged to support the businesses listed on the opposite page.

1 Steve Olech ('91), John Aloisi ('92), Angelo Piantadosi ('82), Fr David Wilkie ('43), Luke Darcy ('92) and Frank Ranaldo ('82)



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CENTENARY BOOK

Keep an eye out for the Launch of Rostrevor's Centenary Book later this year.

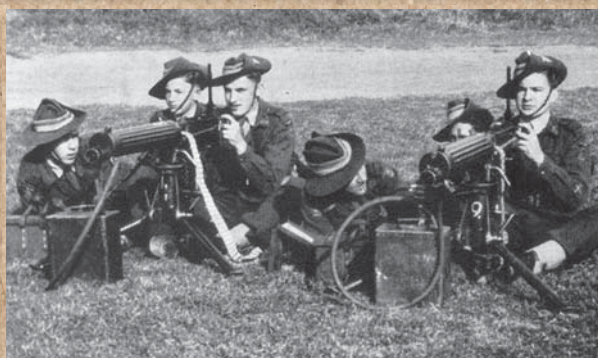
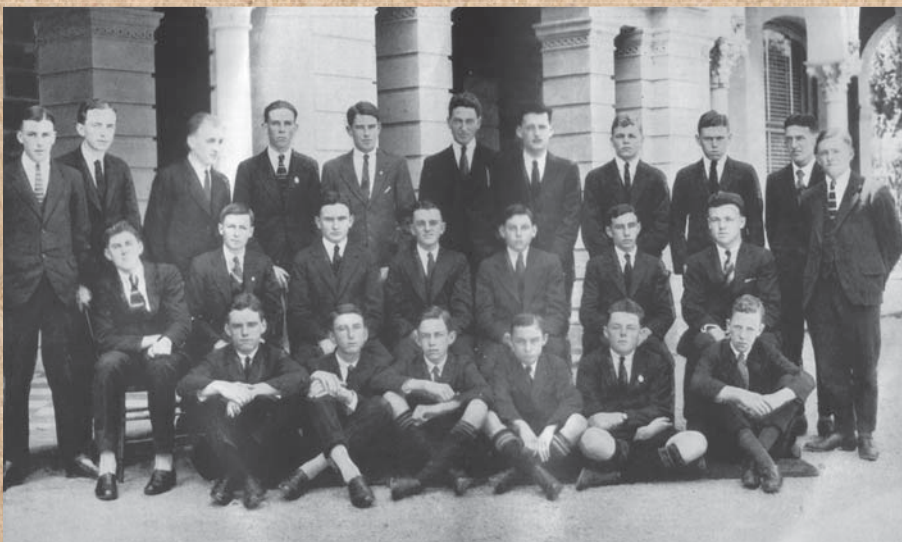
The book encompasses the important aspects of the College's rich 100-year history, diving into the people and culture which have made it the proud College that we know today.

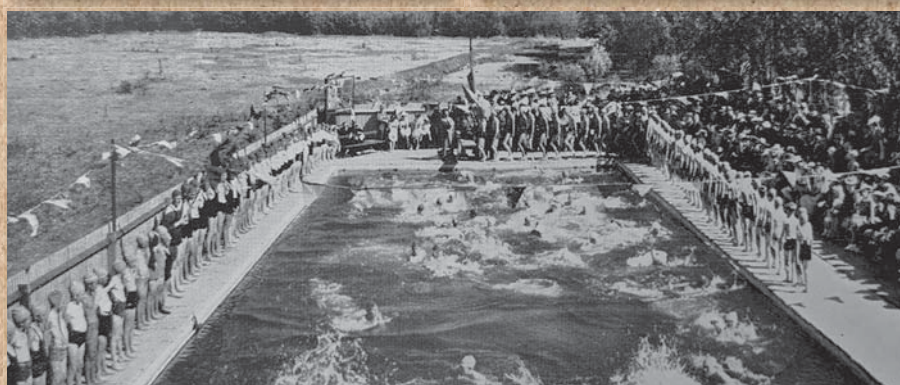
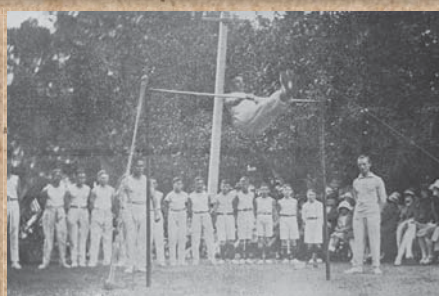
The College would like to thank the many Old Scholars and Rostrevor community members who have contributed to the book and, in particular, acknowledge and thank Greg Hay ('73 and former staff member) and Leanne Craig (former staff member) for their tireless and essential work in spearheading this project and collating the book.



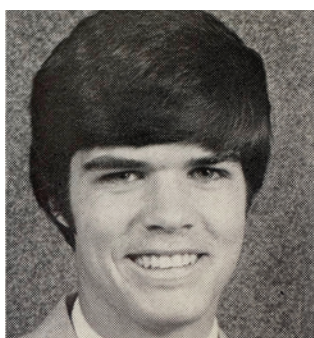


OUT OF THE VAULT...





FOUR DECADES OF SHAPING ROSTREVOR MEN



Tony Purvis

Tony Purvis started as a teacher at Rostrevor at the beginning of 1983.

His memories of Rossi boys exhibiting a keen competitive spirit when he would play them in inter-college matches, combined with Rostrevor's vast grounds, was what initially attracted him to the role.

'When I first started under Headmaster Br Marks, most of the staff were male and the class sizes were large. I had 40 students in the Demo Room for Year 11 Economics in my first year, and this was considered a small class by teachers who could recall the '50s, '60s and '70s,' Tony recalled.

He believes that the aspect of College life that has changed the most since his commencement has been the technology.

'Gone are the chalk, the dusters, spirit duplicators, slide rulers, logarithm tables, overhead projectors and land line rotary phones, and in have come mobiles, laptops, graphics calculators, social media and ChatGPT,' he said.

Tony contends that the Rostrevor community is what has kept him here for so long. He describes teaching as being a privilege, with the highs generally outweighing the lows.

He has taught many father-son students in his time. 'This brings me particular joy, to tap into the two generations and see what path a once-teenage boy has taken and the values imparted to the next generation through his son,' Tony expressed.

As would be expected, Tony has amassed many an anecdote over his four decades at Rostrevor.

'In the days before OH&S, the ground staff and PE teachers used to play games against each other in the hot weather, usually involving water balloons or buckets of water chucked at each other from hiding spots. At least the overspray used to water the gardens,' he joked.

'Back in the old days, at swimming carnivals, we used to pinch other Houses' best swimmers and hold them

for ransom. There were lots of things that we did in the old days that we can't do anymore.

'One interaction that will always stick with me is from years ago. The boys were chatting away in class, talking about life, as they do. I overheard one boy say to another, "Do you know that girls don't fart?" The second boy turned to the first and said, "That's not true, my mum farts all the time." The following week, we had parent-teacher interviews and in comes this mum of the second boy. It was really hard to keep a straight face, because all I could think about was that kid's conversation throughout the whole interview. They say some funny things sometimes,' he said.

'My wife used to teach here. That's how we met. She was the Music teacher. She had a Year 8 classroom, and I had another Year 8 classroom. Not long after she started, this boy in my class said, "I've got a crush on Miss Medlan." I said, "Oh, do you?" and he said, "Yeah, I think she's really nice and really cute", etcetera. As luck would have it, Trish and I started going out. We were walking up the mall, hand in hand, and who should walk by but this same kid who'd just confessed to me that he liked her.'

Outside of work, you can find Tony in his garden. 'I like growing things and being out in nature. That's also why I like Rostrevor so much; it's got so much vegetation and it's really quiet – when the kids aren't around. Gardening gives me something to do that's peaceful and completely different to teaching. It's the Yin to the Yang of teaching,' Tony contended.

After his eventual retirement, Tony looks forward to spending more quality time with his energetic two-year-old grandson, Sebastian, the son of his daughter, Catherine, and Rostrevor Old Scholar Brad Manuel ('04). Sebastian is reported to love spending time with his 'Poppy'.

'I am particularly thankful to the wonderful people we have in the community, be they parents, students, staff or visitors, who bring me back to the core of education: to have boys who are critical thinkers and global citizens with a high level of moral intelligence;

the boys who become men that make the world a better place for their living in it.'

Tony looks forward to catching up with his old students at the Rostrevor Centenary Gala in September.

Michael Hingston

Born and raised in Sydney, and originally employed at Xavier College in Melbourne, Michael followed his wife, Sue, back to her hometown of Adelaide where he began teaching at Rostrevor in 1984.

'I applied for two jobs, one at Rostrevor and one at Blackfriars. Sue's family all went to Rostrevor, including her father back in the '40s. So, I really had no choice. I had to come to Rostrevor,' Michael explained.

'The place is always changing, so I've been in the same job in the same place but with everything around me changing, it's always new. When I started here, it was very different to what it is today. We've got brand new buildings now, all new facilities. As far as teaching goes, everything is pretty different. Expectations of the boys are changing, and generally the whole dynamic of the place has changed over the years – in a good way!'

Rostrevor is a change in scenery from where Michael went to school. In his later schooling years, he was able to look out of the windows of his St Aloysius' College classrooms to watch the Sydney Opera House being built. Michael remembered that it was very distracting but was a great view!

Like Tony, Michael has also had the good fortune of teaching many father-son students, such as those from the Dnistriansky and Cerracchio families.

'When you're teaching multiple generations of families, you start to get well known in the community. They'll see me and say, "There's Mr Hingston!" They still call me Mr Hingston years after they graduate. I went out for lunch at the Alma on Saturday and saw some Old Scholars and they all called me sir. I always tell them that it's ok for them to just call me Michael,' he said.

'Back in the day, there used to be two cleaners – the only two in the College – Jock and Henry. Henry was a mad Welshman and Jock was a little Irishman, both of whom you could hardly understand. In the old Brickfield House, where the Junior School staff room used to be, the front room was a Secretary's office. For some reason, the air wasn't going up through the fireplace, and Jock and Henry decided to fix it.

'They climbed up onto the roof and saw that there was a possum in the chimney. So, Jock had the great idea of lighting a fire to smoke out the possum hoping it would run out the top. But, of course, the possum didn't run out the top, it ran out the bottom. It caught its tail on fire and started running around the office,

setting all the curtains on fire. When we got to school, all we could see was this black smoke coming out of Brickfield House and Jock and Henry standing outside with black faces. The possum was fine afterwards!' Michael recalled.

In addition to teaching, Michael continues to throw himself into the co-curricular elements of College life, from participating in the student-teacher swimming race this year to coaching the Primary A Football team in the '80s.

'I remember one time I was coaching the Primary A footy team, probably in about 1985, and the umpire failed to turn up. So, in my nice suit and shoes, I had to umpire on the muddy Bungalow football field. As I went to throw the ball up to start the game, I absolutely stacked it. So, I had to umpire the rest of the game covered head to toe in mud. The dads in the goal square were having a great laugh as they passed their flask around, as they did in those days,' he laughed.

Michael's efforts both in and out of the classroom have not gone unacknowledged.

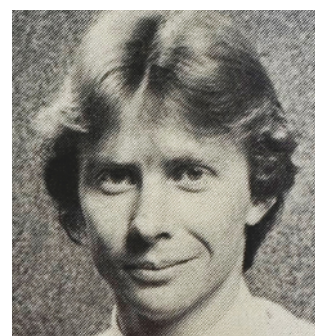
'My proudest achievement was back in 2019, winning the Teacher of the Year Award through Channel 7 and Bendigo Bank. I've still got the certificate up in the classroom. That was a very proud moment, but a very scary moment, when I was teaching and got a knock on the door, and all of a sudden camera crews and the Hon. John Gardner MP (then Minister for Education) rock in, and I was thinking *Oh no, what have I done? I must have done something bad,*' he remembered.

In the next few years, Michael, being a keen outdoorsman, hopes to travel Australia in his retirement with Sue and their son, Simon.

'That's the dream, but whether it becomes reality, we'll have to see. We've got to find a campervan and campsites that have space to fit my son's wheelchair. We think it should be achievable because last year we took Simon on a trip to Port Douglas for three weeks, and it was perfect!' Michael recalled.

'Overall, I really enjoy teaching. I was very grateful for the way the Brothers welcomed me, back in 1984. It was a very tumultuous time for me as my father had just passed away. The Brothers looked after my family, the choir boys came to sing at his funeral and my whole Year 6 class came out as well. A year after that, my son was born very prematurely, and the Rostrevor family just wrapped their arms around my wife and I and made sure we were fine.'

Michael contends that the best part about being a teacher – and the reason he's dedicated the past 40 years to the profession – is the relationship he forms with his students and their families. He looks forward keenly to seeing his past students at the Rostrevor Centenary Gala later this year.







Luca Faraonio, Tony Purvis,
Jack Plasente and
Michael Hingston

OUTSTANDING SACE RESULTS IN 2022

by **Nicole Laube, Deputy Principal – Head of School**
Kerry Hodkinson, Director – Teaching and Learning



We congratulate all our Year 12 students on their achievement of completing their final year of schooling, particularly as most of our students and families have worked through the challenges of the pandemic in the last few years.

To the young men of 2022, we are in awe of all that you have achieved and your ongoing commitment to enjoy the wide range of learning experiences in spiritual, social, emotional and academic domains.

Our outstanding results, where 21% of the eligible cohort achieved an ATAR of 95 or above and 7.3% an ATAR of 99 or above, demonstrated the importance of close monitoring, teachers ensuring high standards can be displayed in moderation, targeted assessment design and excellent course counselling to ensure our boys are set up for success.

In addition, 38 students received an ATAR of 90 or more – that's 40% of the eligible Year 12 cohort (cf. 25.7% in 2021, 24% in 2020 and 23.1% in 2019). This is an outstanding achievement and continues our tradition of strong academic excellence. Furthermore, 56% achieved an ATAR of 80 or above (cf. 38% of 2021, 47% in 2020, 45.2% in 2019 and 41% in 2018).

The number of A grades was 44% in 2022 (cf. 38.6% in 2021, 39% in 2020, 38% in 2019, 34% in 2018 and 32.4% in 2017). In addition, a total of 44 Merits were attained (cf. 29 in 2021 and 2020, 31 in 2019, 26 in 2018 and 18 in 2017).

Dux and Proxime Accessit

Congratulations to Dux for 2022, Cameron Tunno (ATAR 99.95), and Proxime Accessit Ridheypreet Grover (99.90). Both young men, alongside fellow Year 12 student Taylem Stubbs, were awarded SA Governor's Excellence Awards.

Cameron was awarded the Governor of South Australia Commendation – Excellence Award, demonstrating extensive understanding in all seven SACE capabilities. Cameron's incredible support of all Rostrevor students and his commitment to the Music program, coaching junior Soccer and numerous



Social Justice and mental health initiatives make him highly worthy of the prestigious award.

Ridheypreet has been recognised with the Governor of South Australia Commendation – Excellence Award for his outstanding academic results of six Merits. In the state, there were just six students who received the prestigious academic Governor's commendation. Ridheypreet achieved six subject Merits.

Taylem was also a successful recipient of the Governor of South Australia Commendation – Excellence Award. Taylem joined the Rostrevor community as a boarder from Larapinta in the Northern Territory. He has contributed to our holistic programs as a mentor, an advocate for younger students and part of our Football, Basketball and Volleyball programs, while also balancing his studies to achieve high academic success. He achieved outstanding results in the Literacy capability with a Merit in Essential English.

It is the fourth year in a row that Rostrevor graduates have received a Governor's commendation and follows awards to Manish Augustine in 2021, Giovanni Elias and Gianni Bergamin in 2020 and Archer Newton in 2019.

1 Taylem Stubbs

2 Above 90 ATAR and Merits 2022

3 Ridheypreet Grover and
Cameron Tunno



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DUX ASSEMBLY SPEECH 2023

by Cameron Tunno, 2022 College Dux



Good morning Principal Shana Bennett, esteemed College guests, parents and peers.

It is truly humbling to address you today as the College Dux of 2022.

It was a foreboding Monday morning in the early months of 2018. I sat gingerly in a small chair in the corner of the transportable classrooms, trying to attract as little attention as possible as nerves got the better of me. To my left were three strangers, all of whom were there for the same reason – we were all successful in our recent testing to take part in an accelerated maths class.

A meek, moustached man entered our classroom, inspecting us, as if coldly calculating the exact number of strands of mathematically geared DNA we each possessed. If it need be said, this man was Mr McManus. He looked disappointed, which did not bode well as we had only yet performed the act of sitting down. We desperately hoped it would not betoken things to come. Beginning a riveting module in Financial Maths, I recall the first lesson setting the pace. With the big Year 9s confidently throwing their

hands in the air, answering capably as Neil did his worst with loans and commission, we felt as though we had bitten off more than we could chew as it was clear we did not possess the same familiarity with the content.

After our first lesson, I went home and began planning. Except I wasn't planning any study strategies, nor to improve upon my ability to calculate compound interest, but planning my escape from the clutches of this mathematical madman. In conference with my parents, I was already planning for comfort. 'If I get a B in this test,' I said, 'I'll go back to Year 8 Maths'.

When I look back at these cognitions and cognitions like these, four or five years later, I've come to realise one crucial trend. The fear that has always compelled me to formulate contingency plans in preparation for the worst-case scenario has never really subsided. Only now I have realised I never became less fearful but I did become braver.

If you're scared, do it scared.

The three I sat beside quickly became four, who, including me, made five. Ridheypreet Grover, Lorenzo Moffa, Sebastian Rapuano, Anton Tharakan and myself. As five snivelling nerds trying to flex our cerebral fortitude at any available opportunity we grew very close.

We held each other accountable, often scheduling phone calls to quiz each other on upcoming Maths, Chemistry, Physics or Biology tests or simply to check in on how each other were travelling. It was for this very simple system, held together by a genuine desire for all of us to achieve our goals, that I stand before you today. Those of you who have paid attention to last year's academic results may recognise that this core group occupied the top five positions in the academic poll, 'Show me your friends, and I will show you your future'.

It would be disingenuous of me, however, to pretend as though my academic life has been entirely smooth sailing. For example, I failed my Specialist





Mathematics exam with a D- grade in 2021. I vividly recall laughing to myself, partially in disbelief, partially in disappointment, in the middle of the exam, as I stared vacantly into the paper beneath me.

All of this to say I am extremely fallible, as are we all. I didn't do it alone, and I wouldn't recommend trying to. I was fortunate to have a terrific core group of friends which extend beyond those I have mentioned today and

a wildly talented corpus of teachers who all wanted to the best for me. Help yourself by accepting their help in spades. I honestly don't believe there is a school around that fosters a sense of community like Rostrevor, a familiarity among one another that extends beyond mere acquaintance. Use this familiarity as your crutch to get the best out of everybody around you. One thing I'm often asked is something along the lines of,

'Where do you find the motivation?' After a lot of thought, because fundamentally I think it is an important question, I've realised that motivation, my friends, is little more than an ephemeral flicker in your mind's eye. It is a caffeine hit after a sleepless night. The sudden motivational forays that strike you at two in the morning after a seven-hour YouTube binge are unfortunately, in my experience, pretty unreliable. You cannot permanently rely on coffee to account for a poor night's sleep.

All this said, whilst words matter, there is only one voice that you ought to pay attention to. I can stand before you and offer little piths of wisdom, tell stories and provide fragments of concrete advice like 'Invest in your ability to write', 'Build a strong rapport with your teachers' and 'Relish opportunities to lead', but I promise you that is not where the rubber hits the road. Until you learn to take responsibility, someone else runs your life. There's a little man in the back seat who's smarter than you give him credit for; let him into the driver's seat when traversing roads both treacherous and tame.

Enter the belly of the beast and sleep there. Do the things you know you ought to be doing and failure will become an impossibility.

But I get all of this sounds fairly serious. Try and do all of it in the spirit of play. There is no need to wake up at 4:30 am each morning, go for a run, come back and master your chi whilst meditating on a bed of hot coals, but some semblance of order can help you give solidity to the chaos you will undoubtedly contend with throughout your time both as a student and beyond. Rostrevor has all the elements needed to cultivate the modern-day Renaissance man. Take some time to study and assemble them. You will surprise yourself with how little you need to sacrifice in order to maximise your successes in every facet of life.

In closing, I must thank a few important people. Foremost, thank you Mum and Dad, Kate and Dan Tunno, for allowing me to realise my potential and supporting me through both smooth seas and perilous waters.

Thank you to both my longstanding friends and the ones I have made along the way. Thank you teachers and supporting staff – it is true to say that I would not be giving this address if it were not for your tireless efforts in and out the College confines.

Men, be gentle but fierce in everything you do, and hold yourself to the highest standards. Shoot for the stars and who knows, you might just make it there.

Be safe, thank you and good luck.



LIFE AT DUGGAN HOUSE

by **Michael Vickery, Director – Boarding**



Following the major refurbishment to Duggan House completed in mid-2021, the boarding program at Rostrevor has continued to evolve.

As ever, our aim is to make boarding as home-like as possible; a place where all boarders feel safe, comfortable and can build meaningful friendships while they engage in a Rostrevor education.

Last year's COVID-19 regulations demanded we 'cohort' the boarders to minimise any contagion – quite a challenge when our new facilities were designed to promote social interaction and community building. The boarders approached this with their characteristic can-do attitude, displaying resilience and tenacity we are all proud of.

Supporting the boys through lockdown were the dedicated and caring staff of Duggan House, who went above and beyond to create social opportunities and activities that pitted the different 'tribes' against each other in tasks that could be recorded and shared online for points. It was great to see our community making the best of a situation beyond our control.

We have since returned to business as usual, with boarders back to making significant contributions to the College. Boarders maintain their long tradition of making up a considerable proportion of our senior Australian Rules Football and Cricket teams, as well

as being well represented in student leadership at the College. A significant highlight was the appointment of Darcy McKenny ('22, Naracoorte) as Rostrevor Head Prefect and Vice-Captain of the First XVIII Football team for 2022, alongside Prefect Head Boarder Luke Homan ('22, Naracoorte) who was captain of the First XI Cricket side. This year, our Prefect Head Boarder and First XVIII Football Deputy Vice-Captain is Matthew Brown (Year 12, Orange), and Jackson Petty (Year 12, Wudinna) is the First XI Cricket Captain – the fourth consecutive year a boarder has held this role!

A positive boarding experience is not possible without staff who operate with the best interests of the boys at the centre of what they do. Over the past year, we farewellled a number of staff who have made a significant contribution to boarding over many years. While we are sad to lose such high-calibre people, we congratulate these staff and wish them well for their future endeavours.

- Linda Haynes retired after 13 years of service to the boarders and their families as housemother. Linda's calm, caring manner and wisdom in dealing with all kinds of issues was greatly appreciated by the boys and their families.
- Having served as Deputy Director of Boarding and Acting Director of Boarding, David Walker has accepted a new role as Head of House for 2023. David's leadership and support for change has been significant and appreciated by the boarders.
- Supervisors Daniel Torode, Connor McLaughlin and Theo Pezos ('15) have all completed their teaching studies and will continue their Rostrevor journey teaching in the senior school.

With our many Year 12s graduating at the end of the year, Duggan House will have a number of rooms available for new students to commence in 2024. As always, enrolment priority is given to family members of Old Scholars and current students.

If any Old Scholars are interested in visiting Duggan House for a tour, please contact the College at enrolments@rostrrevor.sa.edu.au.

1 Michael Vickery with Prefects Jasch Davis (Darwin), Matthew Brown (Orange), Darci Best (Wallala)



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FROM THE ABORIGINAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

by Che Murray



Prior to undertaking the role of Aboriginal Program Coordinator at Rostrevor College, I was working at Clontarf Foundation – a program that partners with schools and communities to engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in education and to move into meaningful work or study post-school.

The role was fundamental in cementing my passion for working within Indigenous communities, building relationships with families and students and supporting young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men to be the best version of themselves. I especially find meaning in walking alongside these men as they prepare for post-school endeavours.

I have a strong belief that relationships are the fundamental building block to a successful educational journey. I am currently working with students and families to build and strengthen these relationships and ensure that goals and personal outcomes, both in and out of school, are achieved.

Rostrevor College has a proud history of working with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, both as day students and boarders. It is exciting to see

traditions such as the Rostrevor Sorry Day football game and events during Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week play such a big part at the College.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and foundations that staff members prior to me have put into place towards building the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program here at Rostrevor College. The support they have provided these students has not gone unnoticed, and I look forward to continuing the strong legacy of support for these young men, their families and our community.

Through 2023 and beyond, I am aiming to facilitate more regular meetings of our First Nations communities, involving both past and present students and families, as well as celebrating First Nations cultures at every opportunity. As many of our students are boarders, holding online gatherings to connect, yarn and share ideas and visions for the College will be an invaluable way to grow, learn and develop as a College community.

I'm excited about the opportunities that present themselves for the students at Rostrevor. Since I've started here, students have been involved in a variety of excursions, including attendance at Closing the Gap Day and the Loretto College Indigenous gathering. Both opportunities allowed our students to connect with other young First Nations students from a variety of schools. We have also engaged Shane Cook to work with our young men to design a piece of art which appears on Rostrevor's Indigenous round co-curricular uniforms. The back of the uniform features influential Old Scholar Elkin Reilly ('56) who played professional football for the Victorian Football League and worked extensively as an Indigenous health ambassador throughout his life.

Moving forward, my vision includes taking our students on camps to connect with each other and their own culture. I would like them to build deep and lasting relationships with staff and community members. Giving students access to local health services to ensure they are on top of their physical and mental health, as well as providing leadership

- 1 Shane Cook designing the 2023 National Reconciliation Round artwork
- 2 Cooper Shaw and Cooper Pedler
- 3 First XI Indigenous Round Soccer
- 4 First XVIII Indigenous Round Football
- 5 Shana Bennett, Che Murray, Jasch Davies and Shane Cook
- 6 National Reconciliation Week



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opportunities at school and in the community, are other areas I would like to grow in the near future. I'm looking forward to working with our students through in-class support, as well as providing our staff with resources and professional development to build upon their knowledge and understanding of incorporating First Nations perspectives into curriculum design and planning.

My long-term goal is to make Rostrevor College a destination school for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men from across the country, a place where our young men feel supported, connected and safe. I am confident that the incredible group of young Indigenous men currently at Rostrevor will be wonderful role models for those who come to the College in the future.





ROSTREVOR COLLEGE INDIGENOUS ARTWORK DESIGN

DESIGNED BY
**SHANE COOK IN COLLABORATION
WITH ROSTREVOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS**



IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE ARTWORK, STUDENTS HAVE INCLUDED A MEETING PLACE. IT SYMBOLISES THE COLLEGE AT THE CENTRE OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE DOTS AROUND THE MEETING PLACE REPRESENT THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE PART OF THE WIDER ROSTREVOR COMMUNITY. IT PAYS RESPECT TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.



THE THREE BOOMERANGS ARE A SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATION OF OUR CULTURAL ENDURANCE AND ARE LINKED TO OUR PAST, DATING BACK 60,000 YEARS. BOOMERANGS WERE SPECIALISED THROWING TOOLS, DESIGNED TO STRIKE THE TARGET AND FALL TO THE GROUND, THEY FEATURE ON OUR CHEST AS A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AS WE TAKE ON OUR OPPOSITION.



IN THE CENTRE OF EACH OF THE BOOMERANGS STANDS THE GUMTREES - REPRESENTED BY MEETING PLACES. THESE TREES ARE LOCATED IN THE VALLEY AT ROSTREVOR - THE HEART OF THE COLLEGE. FROM THE OVAL, THEY CAN BE SEEN TO BE STANDING IN A LINE, REPRESENTED BY THE SYMMETRY OF THE BOOMERANGS ON THE ARTWORK. THEY ARE LARGE AND STRONG, WITH ROOTS THAT REACH DEEP INTO THE GROUND, GIVING US STRENGTH.

ON EACH OF THE BOOMERANGS, STUDENTS HAVE INCLUDED THEIR OWN STORIES IN THE FORM OF TRACKS. THE TRACKS REPRESENT THE JOURNEYS OF WHERE THEY HAVE COME FROM, WHERE THEY ARE GOING, MEETING PLACES THAT ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR FAMILIES, WHO THEY BELONG TO, AND THE TRACKS THAT THEY MAKE ON THE EARTH AS THEY CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEYS.

AROUND EACH OF THE BOOMERANGS ARE DOTS TO REPRESENT PEOPLE THAT ARE PRESENT WITHIN OUR LIVES AND WHO REMAIN BY OUR SIDE.



THE RED CIRCLE LINES ACROSS THE BOTTOM OF THE ARTWORK REPRESENT EACH OF OUR INDIGENOUS BOYS' STORIES - THE LINES AND DIRECTION WERE INDIVIDUALLY DRAWN BY EACH OF THE STUDENTS AND REPLICATED ON THE ARTWORK.



MEETING PLACES ARE REPRESENTED ACROSS THE ARTWORK - REPRESENTING OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO MEET TO SHARE STORIES, CULTURE, HISTORY, IDEAS, LEARNINGS, AND ASPIRATIONS.

THE ABORIGINAL FLAG IS A PROMINENT FEATURE ON THE ARTWORK DESIGN. IT REPRESENTS STRENGTH, COURAGE AND CONNECTION WITH THE LAND. THE TOP HALF OF THE FLAG IS BLACK TO SYMBOLISE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE. THE RED IN THE LOWER HALF REPRESENTS THE EARTH AND THE COLOUR OF OCHRE, WHICH HAS CEREMONIAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE CIRCLE OF YELLOW IN THE CENTRE OF THE FLAG REPRESENTS THE SUN - THE GIVER OF LIFE.



THE TRACKS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN REPRESENT OUR INDIVIDUAL JOURNEYS. THEY INTERSECT AND WALK ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER THROUGHOUT THE DESIGN. AS A COMMUNITY, WE ARE ALL ON DIFFERENT JOURNEYS, BUT AT THE CENTRE OF IT ALL, IS OUR COLLEGE.

THE SILHOUETTE FIGURE ON THE BACK IS ELKIN REILLY, AN INDIGENOUS MAN THAT ATTENDED ROSTREVOR COLLEGE IN THE 1950S AND PLAYED AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL FOR SOUTH MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY SWANS. THE STUDENTS FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PAY RESPECT TO SUCH A PROMINENT FIGURE AND INCLUDE HIM AS A REPRESENTATION OF WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM, AND A WAY TO REMEMBER HOW WE CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT SIGN OF STRENGTH FOR OUR COMMUNITY.



YEAR 10 STEPPING UP PROGRAM

A true highlight of the Year 10 calendar, the Stepping Up program was once again a fun and heartwarming event this year.

The program saw the boys spend a day with their father or other significant male role model, where they were given space to have open and meaningful conversations which might otherwise not occur.

Each boy was encouraged to spend

time discussing aspects of life which impact their emotional health and development, including the growing responsibilities and the importance of entering their senior schooling years.

And, of course, there were also many fun team-bonding activities to be shared. The groups tried their hand at problem-solving, were put through their paces during a fitness training session and showed their craftiness at the raft building competition.



MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL SCHOOL AT ROSTREVOR COLLEGE



FOOTBALL SCHOOL



In early 2022, the Manchester City Football Club reached out to schools across Australia with an opportunity to host a world-class Football School. Rostrevor was one of three schools successful in becoming a Manchester City Football School, alongside Parade College in Melbourne and St Laurence's College in Brisbane.

Rostrevor's partnership with Man City brings a wealth of new knowledge to the already flourishing Soccer program, building talent at the College to new heights in years to come.

Heading the program at Rostrevor is Man City coach Jamie Lee. Originally from Manchester, Jamie has taught the program in countries all over the world, with Australia being the sixth. Jamie is passionate about sport and ensuring accessibility for all children and young people through football. He has immediately settled into life in Adelaide and is universally loved by his pupils.

Of our Year 7 students, 41 have been successful in securing a place in the exclusive program at Rostrevor for 2023. Sporting the famous Man City sky blue, they are participating in weekly sessions to develop their soccer skills and are on track to become Rostrevor's next generation of Soccer stars.

Going forward, Man City will be working towards offering the program to other year levels to further enhance the Soccer culture at Rostrevor.

Making the most of the Man City partnership, an extension of the program is also open to students from the wider community during the school holidays. These three-day or five-day intensive training sessions bring in boys and girls from a wide range of age groups and abilities.

Rostrevor is looking forward to our partnership with Man City for years to come and is excited to have Jamie on board for the ride!





ADELAIDE 36ERS PROGRAM AT ROSTREVOR



Rostrevor is working alongside the Adelaide 36ers to launch the High-Performance Program in 2023. The program is exclusive to Rostrevor, Woodville High School and Sacred Heart College, after being launched previously at Pulteney Grammar School.

Adelaide 36ers General Manager of Social Impact & Community Ross Wait said the High-Performance Program is an outstanding opportunity for the three schools to get a professional sporting club linked with their learning outcomes.

‘The High-Performance Program is a great tool for the

schools involved to connect with the club and use our skills and connections to improve their basketball and education programs,’ Ross said.

The club will provide the three new schools and participants exclusive access to coaches, training sessions, coach education, leadership engagements, match day experiences and clinics.

Principal, Shana Bennett said the College was thrilled to partner with the Adelaide 36ers with the recent growth in Basketball.

‘The program will complement the strong focus we have on providing opportunities for students of all ages and abilities to enjoy the sport and develop skills,’ Shana said.

‘Our staff and students are excited by the opportunities and experiences that will open up from this partnership, which will have a holistic focus that aligns with our values of developing all aspects of young people through sport.’

Ross said the Adelaide 36ers High-Performance Program is an addition to Pulteney Grammar School signing as the club’s Official High-Performance Academy partner earlier this year.

‘The club partnered with Pulteney Grammar at the start of this year to be an Academy School for the next generation. This High-Performance Program is another project the club is excited about,’ Ross said.

The High-Performance Program commenced at the start of Term 2 and Ross stated the schools have options on how they use the specialist basketball coaching program.

‘We will work with the schools to support their High-Performance Program, which could range from our coaches leading their teams to mentoring the school’s basketball coaches,’ Ross said.





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SOCCER AT ROSTREVOR 2022-23

by Daniel Mullen, Coordinator – Soccer Program



It was a momentous year in 2022 for Soccer at Rostrevor with the Manchester City Football School partnership being announced, as well as the introduction of the Specialist Soccer program.

In addition to this, the First XI team had arguably the greatest season in Rostrevor's history. A total of four trophies were won, including the Intercol, Division 1, Interstate Independent School's Cup and the State Final. This special group went the whole season undefeated, a feat never before seen at the College. There were standout performances in almost every match during the season, such as penalty kick heroics from Ryan Borzillo (Year 12) and Alessio Principe (Year 12).

Our First XI Captain David Preka ('22) was awarded the Division 1 Player of the Season award. Sebastian Rapuano ('22) and David Preka were also named in the Team of the Year. To cap things off, Terry Frangakis was, unsurprisingly, awarded the Coach of the Year. The most pleasing aspect of the whole season was the group's ability to overcome adversity and rise up when they were presented with challenging moments. All our important matches either finished with a one-goal win or we were forced to play extra time and penalties. To win in these circumstances on every occasion showed the mental toughness and resilience these boys possessed.

In 2023, Rostrevor has almost 250 boys playing Soccer during the winter Co-Curricular season. A



total of 13 teams in the Senior Years and another six in the Junior Years have cemented Soccer as a sport synonymous with Rostrevor's sporting prowess. While winning is important, it is the values and behaviour we are seeing that is most pleasing. Winning with humility and losing with grace are becoming trademarks of the way we play the game at Rostrevor. This school has deep roots connected with Soccer and a proud history. It is going to be an exciting journey over the coming years.



INTERCOL FIRST XVIII FOOTBALL 2022

by James Allan, First XVIII Coach

When the final siren sounded, players, coaches and supporters didn't know whether to laugh or cry. After the best possible 100-minute advertisement for the rivalry between Rostrevor and Sacred Heart College, the combatants couldn't be split on the scoreboard.

Rostrevor entered the clash as the rank underdog, facing a team that had just been crowned champions of College Australian Rules Football for season 2022. The Red and Black had already come up short against its fierce rival twice during the year, the most recent defeat only three weeks earlier to the tune of 54 points.

Perfect conditions and a bumper crowd greeted the teams at Sacred Heart's War Memorial Oval and, despite our recent record at the ground, the team was optimistic that its best footy was good enough to at least ask some questions of the opposition.

The first half felt like we were watching a movie we'd seen before – a competitive Rostrevor outfit who just couldn't capitalise on its opportunities and was made to pay, at the other end, for any errors and lapses in concentration. The 18-point margin at the main break seemed significant but there was real belief within the group that the tide was turning and the match was up for grabs.

The third quarter saw Rostrevor undoubtedly play its best footy of the season, kicking four goals to two, to close to within six points at the final change. The two teams traded blows for the final 25 minutes and, ultimately, neither team could find that solitary behind necessary to finish on top.

Noah Hyde ('22) put an exclamation mark on his outstanding season, which saw him win the Best & Fairest, claiming the Intercol Medal for his best-on-field performance. The contribution by Jackson Thomas ('22) in defence kept us in the game, while moving Matthew Brown (Year 12) to attack paid handsome dividends. Wyatt Pisani ('22) and Jacob Newton (Year 11) led the way with their attack on the ball, while Brandon Jackson-Martin ('22) provided plenty of spark at full forward.





INTERCOL FIRST V BASKETBALL 2022

By Carla Saponari, First V Coach



We had 40 minutes to achieve our season goal. We had 40 minutes to play our best standard of Basketball and represent the College with pride.

The game ended at 40–40. This certainly was not our goal. This did not define our season and the progress made throughout the year. This one game was a small fraction of our overall success.

We entered the game as underdogs and chasing a dream to end a streak of losses and draws. Sacred Heart was stacked with club-trained players. We had a team that had never played together before. With an earlier loss to Sacred Heart during the season, the boys were ready to prove a point.

It was a tough first half on both the offensive and defensive ends. We were struggling with execution, finishing at the rim and rebounding. The margin reflected our efforts on both ends of the floor. But in true Rostrevor spirit, we fought back and dug deep.

Possession by possession, we started to string everything together. Our Captain Darcy McNamara ('22) displayed elite shooting abilities and started to find his rhythm after being out with a shoulder injury prior to the game. His aggression on the offensive end



produced opportunities for everyone. The boys started to get stops on the defensive end. Luke Thoday ('22) worked hard battling for boards against an oversized Sacred Heart team. Michael Banelis (Year 12), Noah Coyle (Year 11) and Noah Sampson (Year 10) played their roles defensively and offensively. Michael brought much needed composure and poise on the offensive end.

We interchanged between three different sets to create some disruption and stop their momentum. In turn, their scoring slowed down in the second half. Darcy hit some big three-point shots after time out, levelling the scores.

Ultimately, the 40 minutes of basketball had ended and neither team finished victorious. A lot can happen in 40 minutes of basketball. However, a lot more can happen in a season, and the boys overachieved with fantastic results. The future of Basketball at Rostrevor College has never looked brighter.



INTERCOL FIRST XI CRICKET 2023

by Josh Clarke, Cricket Coordinator



The 100th Intercol Cricket match started with the national anthem, acknowledgment of country and a special guest for the coin toss: Jamie Guerra ('87), sporting his Rostrevor blazer.

Jamie captained the First XI during his time at Rostrevor. There were many Old Scholars, friends and family there on Day 1, creating a buzz of excitement. Rostrevor won the coin toss and elected to bowl first.

Day 1 saw Sacred Heart 8/90 halfway through the second session and then all out for 166, a strong tail wag from the double blues. The Sacred Heart strength continued when Rostrevor was on a mere 28 after the eighth wicket fell, but somewhat recovered and finished the day 8/60.

Day 2 began with a hiccup. The overnight rain seemed to only affect one end of the pitch and saw the Rostrevor grounds staff spend over two hours with leaf blowers desperately trying to dry the area, along with sawdust and excessive rolling. Through these tireless efforts, only the first session was lost.

Rostrevor then lost the last wicket and finished the innings on 88, 78 runs behind Sacred Heart. Sacred



Heart's total began to blow out, with their second innings getting off to a blistering start, showing 2/118 on the scorecard. Once the third partnership was broken, the wickets began to fall, and Rostrevor finished the day off by taking 8/62 and halting the visitor's lead to 258.

With 259 to win off 90 overs, the game was now in the balance on Day 3. A strong start from Sacred Heart saw the first wicket come before the first run and Rostrevor was at a dire 1/0. Lunch came and the score was 5/129, exactly halfway through the wickets and halfway through the runs, it was turning out to be a nail-biter. Sacred Heart then proved too strong and bowled out Rostrevor for 169. Winning the 2023 Intercollegiate match by 78 runs and retaining the O'Connor Perpetual Trophy for the fourth straight year, the Sacred Heart First XI returned home victorious. Our 100th Cricket Intercol saw a game where respect trumped rivalry, with both being ever-present.

The Rostrevor medallist for the game was Year 11 Alexander Clark who scored an impressive nine wickets.



ONES TO WATCH



Fabian Talladira

Year 12 student Fabian Talladira soared to new heights in 2023, beginning with his selection for the Under 17 Joeys soccer team.

Fabian was flown to Türkiye in February, alongside the other 22 best under 17 soccer players from across Australia, where he played in all three of the Joeys' games at the 2023 Antalya Youth Cup.

He played a full game against Czechia, which ended in a 0-0 draw. He then played 20 minutes of the Australia v Morocco match, where the Joeys came away with a 2-1 win. The team's final game of the cup was lost to Uzbekistan 2-1. However, Fabian was named as Man of the Match for the Australian side.

More recently, Fabian flew to Thailand to represent Australia at the Under 17 Asia Cup as part of the

Subway Joeys National Under 17 Soccer team, where he was chosen for the squad's leadership team.

To say that his family, friends and extended College community are proud of his achievements would be an understatement. Playing a high level of soccer has been Fabian's ambition for many years. If he continues on his current trajectory, the College community can expect to see great things from Fabian in the coming years.



Thomas Griffiths

Year 11 student Thomas Griffiths has ensured his place in Rostrevor's history books, becoming the fastest student over 100 m and 200 m in the College's history.

Currently holding 10 school records, Thomas became the College's fastest 100 m runner in October 2022 at the VIVA SA All Schools Games, running an impressive 10.98 seconds. This time was the first recorded by a Rostrevor student to be under 11.0 seconds.

Thomas' results at this event qualified him to represent SA at the Australian All Schools Championships in December 2022, where he backed up his previous run with a time of 10.99 seconds, winning silver.

Thomas took home his first national gold medal at this event in the Under 17 200 m, running a huge personal best time of 21.51 seconds which was 0.06 off the Australian meet record. He also helped the SA Under 18 4 x 100 m relay team pick up a bronze at the event.

In March 2023, Thomas broke his personal best yet again, running the 100 m in a staggering 10.89 seconds at the SA State Track & Field Championships. He won gold in both the 100 m and 200 m races on the day.



In April, Thomas represented Rostrevor at the SA Interschool Athletics competition where he once again made College history, running the 200 m in 22.39 seconds, placing first in the Open category. Although this was not his personal best, Thomas was representing Rostrevor, meaning the time could be recorded as beating David Hogan's previous 200 m record from the 1960s.



As well as being a star of Rostrevor's Athletics squad, Thomas is a standout player in the First XVIII Football team. We are keenly looking forward to seeing how Thomas' sprinting progresses as he enters his final year at Rostrevor in 2024.

Tom Braunack

Rostrevor's current fastest swimmer is Year 11 student Tom Braunack. Tom currently holds College records for breaststroke in the Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 age groups. He has also won the Rostrevor College 100 m Invitational Freestyle Champion trophy two years in a row (2022 and 2023). All things going to plan, Tom is setting his sights on a three-peat!

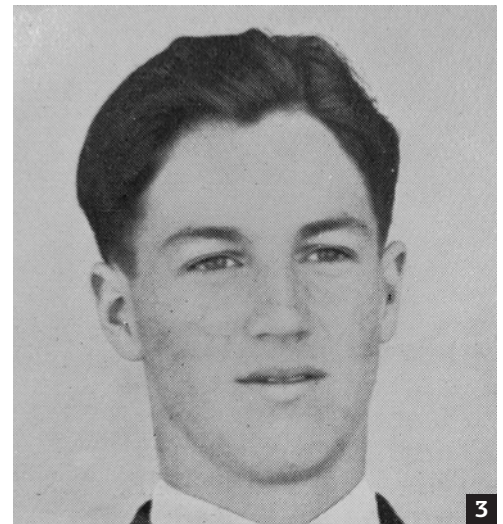
Outside of school, Tom trains at and competes for Norwood Swimming Club. In March of this year, he swam at the South Australian Age Championships, bringing home two gold medals in the 100 m (1:13.00) and 200 m (2:38.30) breaststroke, one silver medal in the 50 m breaststroke and two bronze medals in the 100 m and 200 m freestyle.

Tom reports that his best competition result was at the National Age Championships on the Gold Coast this year, where he finished 13th out of 60 competitors in the 50 m breaststroke, cutting 0.56 seconds off his personal best to achieve a time of 31.67 seconds. Rostrevor is looking forward to seeing what Tom achieves in his final year of schooling in 2024.





ROSTREVOR'S OLDEST KNOWN OLD SCHOLAR



Laurie Gillespie ('41) was born in December of 1923 and is Rostrevor's oldest known Old Scholar at time of publishing. The soon-to-be 100-year-old started his early education at St John the Baptist Catholic School in Thebarton.

Later, Laurie attended Christian Brothers College on Wakefield Street, and from there he moved to Rostrevor College in 1940 as a boarder for his final two years of schooling. At the time, the cost of boarding per term was £24.

During his time at Rostrevor, Laurie was a keen sportsman, excelling in Athletics, coming second in the Senior Athletics Cup in 1941. He was also the Vice-Captain of the 1941 First XVIII Football team. An excerpt from the 1941 Annual states that Laurie 'was our centreman, and hardly ever played a poor game. His high flying was a treat to watch. Improved his kicking toward the end of the season'.

On top of his sporting achievements, Laurie was also among the 1941 Prefects. He has many good memories from his time as a Rossi boy, in particular the lifelong friendships he formed. Laurie also had great respect for all the Brothers who mentored and encouraged him through his schooling years.

On graduating from Rostrevor, Laurie, like so many of his contemporaries, enrolled in the Australian Imperial Force where he served for five years, including time in the Northern Territory and two years in Papua New Guinea.

After being discharged from the Army, Laurie entered the automotive industry where he spent his working life in many varied roles until he retired in 1985.

In May 2013, Laurie addressed the Rostrevor College assembly as guest speaker during the 90th Anniversary celebrations.

After being very independent up until 96 years of age, Laurie currently resides in an aged care facility and is unable to attend Rostrevor's 100-year-anniversary celebrations but wishes the College community all the best.

1 Laurie Gillespie

2 1940 Athletics – second from right

3 Laurie Gillespie in his final year of schooling – 1941

4 Combined Athletics Team – centre front row

5 1941 Prefects – Standing second from left

6 Vice Captain of the First XVIII Football Team – seated third from right



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2022 REUNIONS





UPCOMING REUNIONS AND EVENTS

For further information and latest details regarding ROCA reunions and events, visit www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au/reunions-and-events

Class of 2018 5-Year Reunion

For further details contact
Josh Piantadosi at
joshpiantadosi@gmail.com.

Class of 2013 10-Year Reunion

Convenors Wanted!

Contact
development@rostrevor.sa.edu.au.

ROCA Gathering

> **SAVE THE DATE**
Friday 27 October 2023

Class of 1983 40-Year Reunion

Saturday 21 October 2023

1.30pm
The Bath Hotel

For further details contact Tony Cattrall at
tonycattrall@cornestoyota.com.au or visit
www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au/reunions-and-events to RSVP.

Class of 2003 20-Year Reunion

Friday 3 November 2023

6.00pm
The Historian Hotel

For further details contact Christopher Sale at csale@enee.com.au
or visit www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au/reunions-and-events to RSVP.

Class of 1993 30-Year Reunion

Friday 13 October 2023

6.30pm
Victoria Park Social Club

For further details contact Nick Lux at Nick.Lux@wottonkearney.com.au
or visit www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au/reunions-and-events to RSVP.

Class of 1973 50-Year Reunion

Friday 24 & Saturday 25
November 2023

For further details contact Simon
Cobiac at scobiac@gmail.com.

ROCA Business Lunch

> **SAVE THE DATE**
Friday 14 June 2024

Class of 1960, 61, 62 (60+) Year Reunion

For further details contact Michael Beerworth
at mjbeerworth@gmail.com.



1965 SPORTSMEN - 58 YEARS ON

From the 1965 Annual

In the latter half of the year, on November 13th, four Rostrevor College Athletes, Vincent Coffey (Lake View), Peter Mullins (Broken Hill), John Hoban (Glynde), and David Hogan (Port Augusta), smashed the Australian Junior 4 x 400 Meters Relay record at the Kensington Sports Arena, while competing in the Inter-club Competitions.

The Rostrevor team clipped 6.3 seconds off the Australian record, and set a new time of 3 minutes 25 seconds. This was a unique effort, as Australian athletics

records have not been set by schoolboys, and the record is the first established by South Australian schoolboys. The times run by two of the athletes – John Hoban (49.9 secs.) and David Hogan (47.7 secs.) – were faster than times recorded by most of the State's top Senior 400 Meters runners. Peter Mullins clocked 52.2 secs., and Vin Coffey 53.2 secs. Each runner improved his previous time by at least one second.

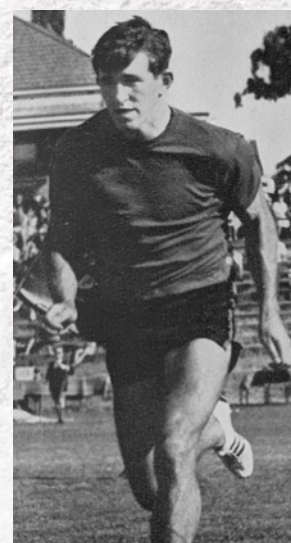
A large crowd of Rostrevor supporters cheered the team on to victory over St. Peter's Collegians, and the performance by the Rostrevor athletes was widely acclaimed by both public and press.



1965 4 x 400 m team: Peter Mullins, David Hogan and Vincent Coffey



1965 First XVIII Football Team: Ralph Bleechmore, David Hogan, Tom Reynolds (Advisor), Bronte Ryan, Paul Urban, Giuliano Ursini, Lou Flint, Jack Bailey (Captain), Mario Tieli, Wally Hearn, John Muldoon (Vice-Captain) and Richard Num (Timekeeper)



David Hogan 4 x 100m



First XVIII – 1965 BACK ROW: H. Baccanello, P. Brown, B. Ryan, L. Byass (Trainer), J. O'Halloran (Boundary Umpire), R. Num (Timekeeper), G. Ursini, R. Bleechmore, C. Altman **SECOND ROW:** Rev. Br. J. J. Faulkner (Coach), G. Wheeler, G. Power, L. Flint, R. Rakowski, M. Tieli, P. Urban, S. Lavis (Goal Umpire) **FRONT ROW:** J. Muldoon (Vice-Captain), D. Hogan, W. Hearn, P. Sullivan, J. Bailey (Captain), J. Hoban, J. Toole, P. Marker, P. Adey

AFL SUCCESS FOR MAX MICHALANNEY

Max Michalanney ('21) is soaring to great heights in his new career in the AFL. The 19-year-old was drafted at number 17 into the Adelaide Football Club in 2022 and is already making waves.

Max has played every game so far for the 2023 AFL season at time of publishing, averaging 10.5 disposals, 2.3 intercept marks and 3.7 tackles per game which is above the average. Notably, he delivered an impressive five tackles in the round 3 showdown against Port Adelaide.

AFL heavyweight Nathan Buckley has predicted that Max will go on to achieve AFL stardom: 'He's only a handful of games into his career and I think that he's going to be an excellent player.' This sentiment is shared by the league as Max is the AFL's NAB Rising Star nominee for round 5.

Many Old Collegians will remember that Max's father, Jim Michalanney ('72), was a prominent name at Norwood FC, accruing 211 games for the side. As the Crows pre-1990 history stems from Norwood, Max has become the Crows' first father-son selection. His father's involvement with the club has also meant that Max has always been an avid Crows supporter, making their counteroffer against the Sydney Swans' original draft offer irresistible.

Max was a star of Rostrevor's Football program and First XVIII team during his senior years at the College. With his status elevated from peer to celebrity amongst current students, he has become a role model for the boys, who now follow his career with a sense of pride – perhaps none more so than Max's little brother, Jack (Year 11), who also plays in the First XVIII team for Rostrevor.



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RIDE 4 CANCER



Michael Boffa ('08), James Butterworth ('08), Anthony Guiducci ('07), Jordan Lyons ('07) and Luke Manuel ('07) have all had family and loved ones affected by cancer. In 2021, Luke, Michael and Scott Gilbert ('07) raised money for various cancer charities through their fundraiser 'Walk 4 Cancer' – a one-day, 62 km walk from Adelaide to Sellicks Beach.

In March of this year, after two years of planning, the expanded group built on the previous fundraiser by riding 761 km over seven days from the Adelaide Oval to the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The idea behind these physically gruelling fundraisers is that they would put their bodies through something challenging to, in a small way, mimic what somebody battling cancer might go through.

Setting off in the early morning to fanfare from family, friends and the 2023 Rostrevor Prefects, the Old Scholars had a comparatively short ride on Day 1, stopping at Murray Bridge after struggling through the Adelaide Hills.

Over the next six days, the group braved unfavourable weather, dodging road trains and wildlife before

getting some well-deserved rest in Keith, Nhill, St Arnaud, Maldon and Woodend.

They were supported along the way by friendly South Australian and Victorian locals who never hesitated to provide a hearty meal.

Thanks to support from the Leukemia Foundation, the group was even featured as a 'good news' story on Channel 9 News during their trip!

The five riders were greeted at the Shane Warne statue outside the MCG on Day 7 by their family and friends. Their amazing achievement was marked by an enthusiastic champagne celebration to the bemusement of local work-goers.

Following the riders in a van kindly donated for the week by Northpoint Toyota was Jay Moyes ('08), who captured these amazing photos of the journey.

The over \$40,000 raised by this fundraiser was split three ways between the Leukemia Foundation, the Cancer Council and the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Although they will need some time to recover, there is talk of making Ride 4 Cancer an annual event.





MODERN HISTORY MEDALLIST 2022

Anton Piotto ('22) has been awarded the highest award attainable for students undertaking SACE Stage 2 Modern History – the Annie Montgomerie Martin Prize. This medal is only given to the top achieving student completing the SACE subject each year.

Pictured alongside Tom Hodgkinson, an incredibly proud past teacher of his, Anton visited the College in April this year to celebrate his success with his old teachers and field questions about his achievement and Stage 2 Modern History from a Year 10 History class.

Currently, Anton is studying a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging) at the University of South Australia, with aspirations to be a medical

radiographer. While this seems like a far cry from Modern History, Anton states that he gained many transferrable skills from the subject.

‘Through analysing historical events and sources, I have honed my ability to assess the validity and reliability of information, synthesise complex ideas and draw logical conclusions. These critical thinking skills have prepared me well for university, where I will be required to conduct independent research, solve problems and use evidence to formulate sound arguments.

‘As well as broadening my depth of historical knowledge and intercultural understanding, studying Modern History has enhanced my ability to empathise with different perspectives and values, an essential skill as a radiographer working with people of diverse backgrounds.

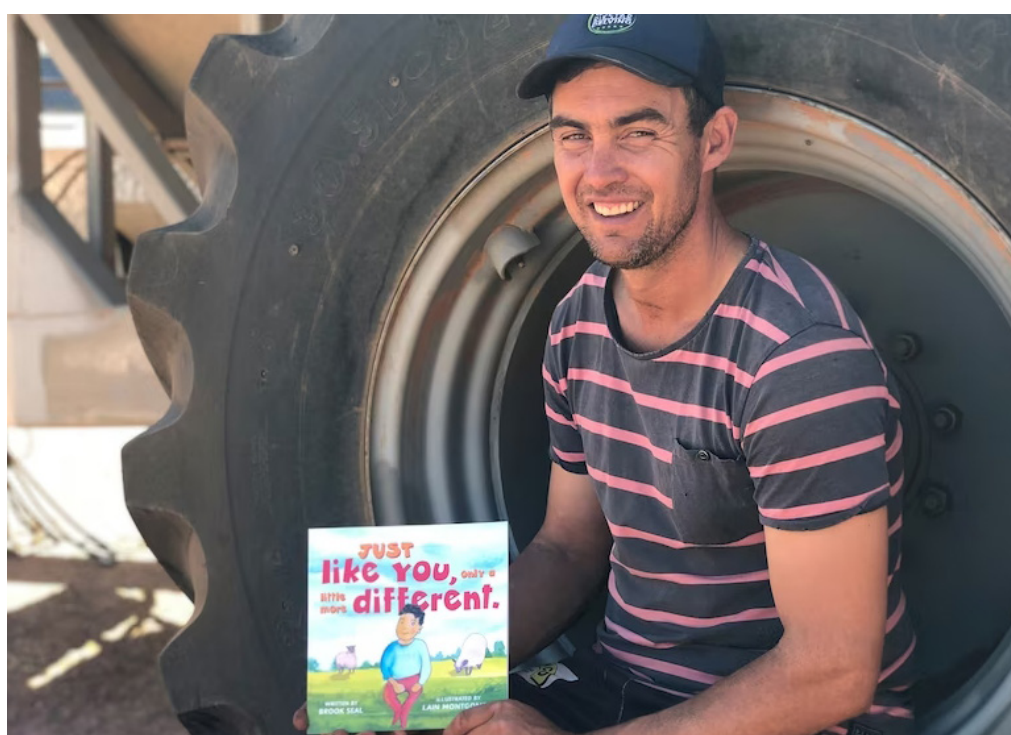
‘Through composing various written and oral assessments throughout the Modern History course, I have refined my ability to express my ideas and arguments in a clear, coherent and persuasive manner. Such communication skills will be highly useful for university assignments, job interviews and even daily tasks like writing emails.

‘I would highly recommend Modern History for other students as it is an interesting and engaging subject that covers many topics, offers students extensive freedom in choosing their focused areas of research and encompasses a diversity of assessment types which will set them up for success.’

The College is proud of Anton's academic success and wishes him all the best in his current pursuits.



JUST LIKE YOU, ONLY A LITTLE MORE DIFFERENT



Just like you, I like to play. I love playing outdoors. I love listening to music. I love going to kindy to be with all my friends. I love playing with the wool from our sheep on our farm.

These words are part of the story of seven-year-old Ziggy, who has had his young life and experiences immortalised by his father, Brook Seal ('02). Ziggy has a brain injury, so Brook put together a storybook as a tribute to his son and to explain to his new classmates that just as they were all different, Ziggy was too.

The book *Just Like You, Only a Little More Different* has now been published and has already sold thousands of copies around Australia, with profits going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

"Ziggy has some amazing friends and I thought, well, some might be scared, some wouldn't be scared, some

wouldn't know if they could ask questions and some would," Brook said.

"A lot of the time, people think someone with a brain injury, they think there's a million things wrong with them, but there's actually only ever really one and it's their brain."

Brook said, after sharing Ziggy's story, the students were more responsive in the classroom and in the playground.

After graduating from Rostrevor, Brook turned his hand to farming, and he also became father to five children. The idea for the book came to him over many hours on the tractor in his paddocks.

"It was a lot of fun, and I just love seeing the kids and people who are reading it and enjoying the pictures and the message in the book," Brook explained, "but I don't think I will be leaving the farm for a book tour anytime soon."

DEXTER'S ONCE IN A LIFETIME TRIP



Antarctica is a place of extreme beauty which many people dream of exploring, but few are able to make it a reality.

Dexter Han Xiang Ho ('09) had been planning for six long years to make the journey, and finally, in 2022, he was able to set foot on the icy landscape. His three weeks of exploring took him camping and kayaking through no-man's-land, seeing plenty of wildlife along the way.

Dexter had been living in Australia since 2007 and became an Australian citizen in 2021. He contends that his dream of visiting Antarctica would not be possible without the support of his friends and family.

Dexter recounts his trip with fondness. 'As I journeyed to Antarctica, I carried with me a deep sense of gratitude for friends and for the opportunities that life had presented to me. I marvelled at the stunning landscape around me, the vast expanse of ice and snow that seemed to go on forever. I also felt the weight of the responsibility that came with exploring such a fragile and pristine environment, knowing

that we must take care to minimise our impact and preserve its natural beauty for future generations.'

'As I returned home from my journey, I couldn't help but reflect on the incredible experience I was lucky to have. I knew that I had been given a unique opportunity, and I was grateful for every moment of it. But most of all, I was grateful for the support of the friends who had helped make this dream a reality. I know that I can always count on my community of people, no matter where my next adventure might take me.'



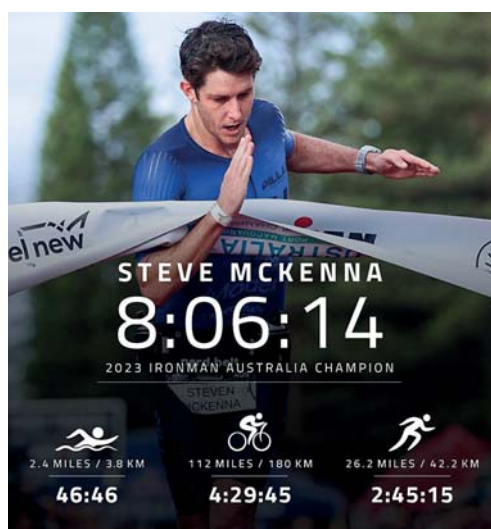
IRONMAN RECORD

In early May, Old Scholar and former Rostrevor Old Collegians' Football Club (ROCFC) player Steve McKenna ('09) achieved an amazing feat, winning the Port Macquarie Ironman and setting a new course record, crossing the line with his now infamous 'robot' celebration.

An Ironman race consists of a 3.8 km swim, 180 km ride and a 42.2 km run. Amongst the leading group of four competitors following the bike ride, Steve managed to pull ahead in the final 10 km of the race, finishing with a 2 hr 45 min marathon run.

Steve was a prominent player for the ROCFC from 2010–2014 but, unfortunately, in his 50th game for the club, he broke his leg. Following this injury, Steve started cycling to keep fit and, having always been a great runner, competed in his first triathlon in 2015.

Since then, Steve has gone from strength to strength in the sport. He now ranks 46th in the world and will be travelling overseas later in the year to compete against the world's best athletes.



ROTTNEST CHANNEL SWIM

by Jack Myers ('19)

The Rottnest Channel Swim is an annual event held on the last Saturday in February. I found out about the Rottnest Channel Swim about five years ago.

I don't remember where I saw it but the concept of swimming such a great distance was something that had me hooked. In swimming, 10 km is the accepted distance for marathon swimming as it takes under two hours for the elite, which mirrors the time for running.



The Rottnest Channel Swim is 19.7 km, so it's almost up into the ultramarathon category. Because of this, I wanted to compete in it as a way of challenging my body's capabilities and mental strength, both in the race but also with all the associated training in the lead up.

For me, the swim was a great success, thankfully! For the 24 months in the lead up, I'd had the goal that I wished to finish within the top 10 male participants. However, I was sceptical I could achieve this when I saw that the list of swimmers included Australian and Australian junior open water representatives, as well as one swimmer who had already qualified for the Tokyo Olympics.

With that in mind, a goal time of under five hours was also on my wish list. Thankfully, the conditions were perfect, and I finished ninth in the males and thirteenth overall, with a time of 4 hr 35 min and 58 sec. It was a great result which I couldn't have achieved without an amazing support team to make sure I swam the shortest distance across (which ended up as 19.85 km).

During my time at Rostrevor, I was on the school swim team from when I started in Year 7 through to Year 12. Back when I was swimming, Mr O'Brien was still coaching and managing the team – a name many Old Scholars would remember. The team was going through a lull after a very strong phase of swimmers in the years before me, but I remember having a number of strong swimmers in the team during my time, especially in my year level, which was great!

I remember as a young swimmer going to training and being in awe of swimmers like Charles ('12) and James Jordon ('09). I also remember keeping up with Chris Deegan ('13), being an open water swimmer who I looked up to when I was first being introduced to the sport, and the opportunities the sport provided distance swimmers like me.

Rostrevor Chapel Weddings

Old Collegians married in
the Chapel of St Joseph in 2022 and 2023

2022

Anthony Mauriello ('10) and Chanel Saleh
Julian Carosi ('12) and Emily Votino
Jonathon Pandeli ('11) and Daniella Monda
Michael Ciaramella ('07) and Lauren Gentilcore
Serafino Leombruno ('12) and Julia Ruggiero
Samuel Yong ('05) and Seo Young Park
Andrew O'Connor ('07) and Amy Uern
Aaron Frolow ('07) and Amy Forman
Anthony Carlesso ('10) and Wendy Lou
Steven Sangermano ('07) and Kerry Apergis
Jesse Cupkovic ('13) and Daniella Lamparelli
Anthony De Vita ('10) and Elle Stavrides
Matthew Amato ('10) and Monique Rennie

2023

Joseph Pipicella ('14) and Daniella Barilla
Vittorio De Ionno ('12) and Sofia Borrillo
Sam Crugnale ('12) and Jessica Gerardis
Giovanni (Johnny) Rocca ('03) and Bianca Cece
Matthew Furina ('14) and Claudia Fantarella
Joel Beatie ('11) and Chloe Brake
Mark D'Angelica ('04) and Jessica Trotta
Kristian Ricci ('10) and Nicole Goddard
Anthony Ielasi ('08) and Julia Lomardo



BRIAN NICHOLSON DALZELL ('48)

25/08/1931 – 19/03/2023

BRIAN DALZELL was born on 25 August 1931, in the middle of the third biggest flood on record. He was the middle of five children born to John and Irene Dalzell.

According to Brian, he had an idyllic childhood growing up in Cadell, with it being more-or-less one big family where everyone knew each other. He remembered it as the prettiest place he had ever known, roaming the streets and swimming across the river with his best friend Peter Priest at the age of six.

Brian went to Cadell Primary School, which had an enrolment of about 50 students, until he was 11 years old. He then spent six years boarding at Rostrevor College in Adelaide, described as the second great love of his life, where he attended alongside his brother David ('46). The highlight of Brian's time at Rostrevor was in 1948 when he played in the First XVIII and defeated every school in Adelaide and the top school in Victoria. He claimed it was the best team in Australia, which was probably true.

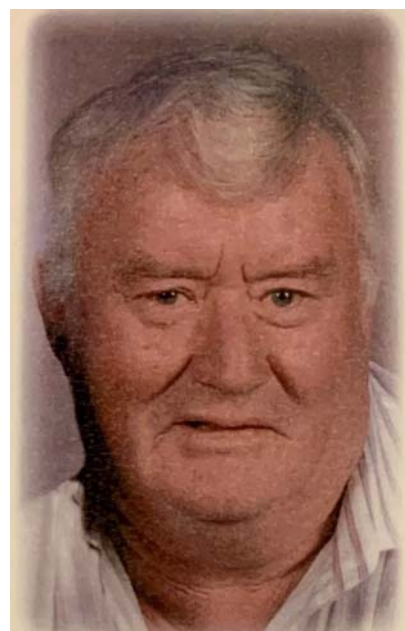
Following school, after a very short, unsuccessful time studying pharmacy, Brian returned to Cadell. He worked for his father, growing oranges for seven years until he saw a fruit block in Loxton advertised in the Murray Pioneer. In July 1956, during the biggest flood on record, Brian drove up with his dad to check it out and decided to buy it without even getting out of the car because it was raining.

Sport was a huge part of Brian's life. As well as football, he loved cricket and represented the Murray Districts at South Australian cricket carnivals on a number of occasions. When Brian played cricket for Loxton, a highlight was taking eight wickets in a match against Barmera, and he would have bowled out the whole team if two catches had not been dropped.

Brian's marriage to the love of his life, local primary

school teacher Beverly O'Dea, lasted 61 years. He said that as soon as he saw her at church, he knew that she was the one. The pair had five children together, including Old Scholar Daniel Dalzell ('93).

Brian is described by his children as a wonderful father who always displayed generosity and acceptance of others. Above all, he will be remembered for his outstanding sense of humour. There wasn't much Brian couldn't laugh about. He kept his sense of humour right to the end, pretending to run into people with his walker and having a wink and a laugh with the nurses. In later years, Brian found new joy in the arrival of grandchildren, who absolutely loved his sense of humour.



MICHAEL QUEAIN MAHAR ('63)

20/07/1946 – 11/03/2023

MICHAEL MAHAR attended Minlaton Primary and Minlaton High School before going to Adelaide and attending Rostrevor College in 1962 and 1963.

Michael wasn't the sporty type. He played just two games of Football in a year. They were both against Sacred Heart as they were the only other school that fielded a fifth XVIII. Michael did however enjoy attending AFL matches at Football Park. It wasn't so much about the match being played but more about the barbecues and drinks before and after the games.

Michael returned to the farm in 1964. In August 1965, his Uncle Kevin died, and just six weeks later, his father, Eugene, died. At the time, Michael was just 19 years of age. His brother David came home on the farm in 1966 and they both farmed with Uncle Gerald until Gerald passed away in September 1972.

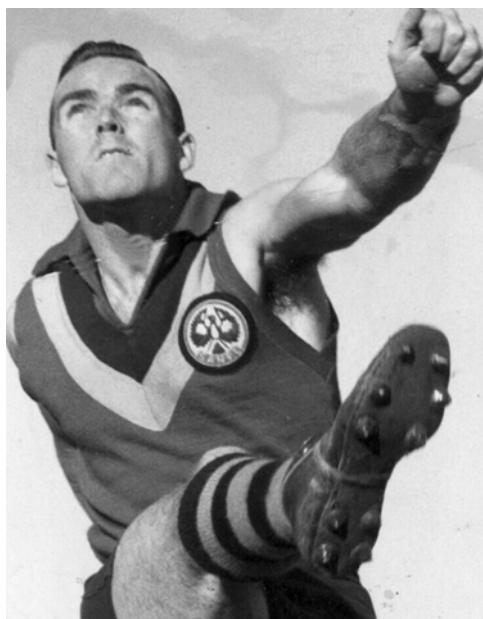
On Michael's coffin there was a photo he'd taken of the family's shearing shed framed by a rainbow. His son, Edward Mahar ('92), said, 'It's a great photo of a beautiful piece of workmanship and history. The only time Dad liked being in the shearing shed was for a

party; Tash's 18th or Teeny's or my 21st. He didn't like working in the shed. I'm sure Chris Mahar will vouch for that. Dad was the drover. He brought them in and took them away. His temperament was not ideally suited to working with sheep. Up until the last 12 months, Dad was the drafter. He had a name for nearly every sheep. Dopey so and so, Effin stupid, Bloody this, Bloody that etc. I seriously thought on occasions that Dad was going to die drafting sheep. A Fitbit may have provided some interesting stats on his heart rate.'

Port Vincent always held a place in Michael's heart after he spent his teenage years there sailing 505s with Jonny Correll. Michael made many friends from far and wide. He loved a good time and suffered from FOMO – fear of missing out. His friends varied in age from young to old. He would talk to anyone and did not have any enemies. He rarely complained, and if he did it was only about the state of local roads.

'In closing I would like to quote an Irishman that Dad met on one of his numerous trips abroad. "You must cover the earth, before the earth covers you." I think Dad lived by this motto pretty well,' Edward said at his father's funeral.

Michael is survived by his wife, Heather; his three children, Natasha, Christina and Edward; and many grandchildren.



NEIL KERLEY ('53)

20/02/1934 – 29/06/2022

Born DONALD NEIL KERLEY in the Riverland town of Barmera in 1934, Neil attended Rostrevor for only a short time in 1947.

Neil was remembered as a 'remarkable and wonderful man' and a 'country boy at heart' who not only loved football but also fishing, yabbing, hunting, outback adventuring, golf, red wine and playing bocce at his home on the Murray with family and friends.

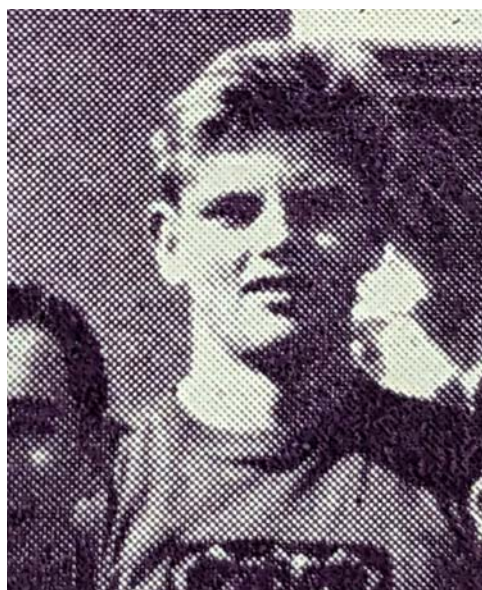
Neil was described at his state funeral as a man 'born to lead'. His childhood was tough; he lost his dad at 11, left school at 14, left home at 16 and, by the time he was 19, was coaching men in Woomera.

Debuting in 1957 for West Adelaide, Neil left his indelible mark at five SANFL clubs over five decades, winning two premierships (West Adelaide 1961, and South Adelaide 1964) as captain/coach, and two as coach (Glenelg 1973, and West Adelaide 1983).

Across a 276-game playing career and a three-decade-long coaching career, Neil's extensive list of achievements included 32 games for South Australia (6 as captain), coaching South Australia and Origin teams, winning 5 best-and-fairest awards (West Adelaide – 4, Glenelg – 1), becoming All-Australian Vice-Captain (1961), and being inducted into the Australian, South Australian and West Adelaide Halls of Fame.

Neil was also instrumental in developing the Adelaide Football Club, serving as their first football manager in 1990 and 1991, as well as being a selector for the All-Australian team.

In 2007, Neil was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to Australian football in South Australia as a player and coach and to the community as a supporter of several charitable organisations.



PHILIP OWEN ('60)

November 1942 – 20/11/2022

PHILIP OWEN was born in November 1942 in Canberra, the eldest of the four children of Hubert and Mary Owen. In 1942, Canberra was a very small city and Philip spoke of walking to school across paddocks that are now covered by suburban housing. He talked with pleasure about riding his bike over frosty, dark roads to serve as an altar boy at the local church.

Philip's father was a geologist and the family moved several times around Australia for his work. When

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Philip was 12, the family moved to Whyalla in South Australia for Hubert's career, and not long afterwards, Philip travelled to Adelaide to Rostrevor College where he boarded for the rest of his schooling. He loved Rostrevor, made lasting friendships and excelled at football.

By the time he had left school, the family had moved to Melbourne and a very varied career ensued. After a couple of false starts, Philip followed in his father's footsteps and trained as a geologist. He loved geology! He loved field work – being in the bush camping or staying in a hut for days on end. Walking through the bush while he surveyed and took samples from the local terrain was a deep pleasure for Philip. In his study at home, there was always a large collection of interesting rocks from places he had visited.

The end of the mining boom of the 1970s meant that many geologists were out of work, and so Philip turned to teaching. He completed a Diploma of Teaching and taught both primary and secondary students for many years. Students loved Philip's powerful and enthusiastic presence and teaching style, and the occasional pupil he met up with in later years remembered him warmly.

In 1987, by then living in Sydney, Philip embarked on a science degree at the University of New South Wales, graduating with a double major in anatomy and psychology. He taught at Sydney University for several years and was remembered by many.

While teaching at Sydney University, Philip had also completed a master's degree in psychology and ran a private practice as a registered psychologist. As well as counselling clients, he also worked for the Catholic Church, assessing the psychological suitability of aspirants for the priesthood.

In 1986, while based in Melbourne, Philip travelled to Sydney for a yoga and meditation retreat and there met Raji. They had an instant connection and a week later he moved to Sydney to be with her. Raji invited him to stay with her and her sons until he found his own accommodation, and he was still there 36 years later.

Philip was very sociable. After moving to Phillip Bay, he would often tell Raji he was going for a short walk. Then, when he came home 3 hours later, he would explain that he had been giving unsuspecting tourists to the area a geological and historical account of Botany Bay or having a beer with a neighbour.

Philip had a big presence and rarely failed to make an impact on those he met. Many of the messages of condolence received by Raji described him as a heartfelt, loving and beautiful man. He was funny and kind and made his way through life with the greatest integrity and commitment to doing what he felt was right. Philip's passionate enthusiasm and love of life endeared him to many and he will be greatly missed.



STANLEY KEITH HAYLES ('52)

14/09/36 – 30/04/22

STAN HAYLES was raised on the family farm, Victoria Park, in Curramulka on Yorke Peninsula. The fifth child of Annie and Keith Hayles, he attended Curramulka Primary School, a mere 7-mile daily commute via horse and trap, before attending Rostrevor as a boarder from 1949 to 1952, along with his older brothers Edwin ('47) and William ('50).

Stan was a gregarious, fun and energetic boy with a natural sporting skill for whatever he turned his hand to. At Rostrevor, he was a First XI cricketer and First XVIII footballer and competed in combined athletics. Stan won the Rostrevor First XVIII Football team's best and fairest in 1952 and was third in the prestigious Gosse Medal for the best and fairest player across college football the same season.

After Rostrevor, Stan played colts football for Norwood and was a member of their talent squad. Despite being beckoned back to the family farm, he continued to play district cricket for Prospect for two seasons, winning the Prospect A Grade fielding trophy for his brilliant work in the field in 1961–62.

Stan excelled in local football and cricket, winning no less than eight A Grade Curramulka Football Club premierships. He was, at times, captain and coach of the A Grade Team. He represented Southern Yorke Peninsula in both football and cricket and was a member of the winning team at the Football State Country Zone Championships in 1961. As a cricketer, Stan was a prolific top order batsman and opening bowler with excellent fielding skills. Finally retiring from club cricket at 50, he refused to put the bat down and eventually became involved with the SA Veterans Cricket. Stan was the director from 2007 to 2010, becoming the first formal organiser of veterans cricket in SA.

Stan was a dedicated and committed family man, a successful and proud farmer and an active and

well-respected participant in the local community and church. He married Maria in 1963, and they were happily married for 50 years. Stan and Maria had four children: Martin ('80), Nicola, Annabel and Jonathon ('95). Retiring to St Georges in Adelaide, he and Maria travelled regularly to England and Europe, and after Maria's death in 2013, Stan pursued his other love – singing. Taking solo lessons and singing in groups, he performed in local 'gigs' with a range of old classics and modern pop songs. Stan continued travelling, taking in Canada, North and South America and Antarctica. His zest for life was unfathomable. He

saw joy everywhere and life excited him. He laughed so much and made those around him laugh – he was funny and loved to have fun.

A man of great integrity with an unequalled value system, Stan was generous, benevolent, tolerant and forgiving. He never judged.

Stan leaves behind his remaining children, Nicola, Annabel and Jonathon; his grandchildren, Olivia, Tommy, Charlie, Maddie, Zac, Ella, Josh and Isabelle; and his great grandchild, William.



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| <p>DESMOND NUTT ('59)</p> <p><i>October 2021</i></p> | <p>ROLAND TELFER ('62)</p> <p><i>July 2023</i></p> |

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ROSTREVOR OLD COLLEGIANS' CRICKET CLUB CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

by Gavin Rowe ('87), ROCCC President



The 2022/23 season is all wrapped up and with it came the sweet taste of premiership success. Our C Grade team took out the flag, the first one in five years for the club and a just reward for the consistent effort and tunnel vision focus this team had on the prize for the whole season.

This side was made up mostly of lads in their first year at the Rostrevor Old Collegians' Cricket Club (ROCCC) who were brought to the club by C Grade Captain Andrew O'Connor ('07). The team gelled quickly, churning out win after win to finish the minor round at the pointy end of the table. Their finals campaign went without a hitch, and they cruised over the line with a win against Glenunga in the grand final, set up by an unbeaten 144 runs from Rhys Davies ('07) and 82 from Thomas Taylor ('07). It's good to have big game players.

The success of the side was underpinned by batting depth, with three players scoring over 300 runs for the season and two over 200 runs. Rhys Davies topped the run scoring table with 336 at an amazing average of 112. Tom Taylor was nipping at his heels with 334 runs and Jay Hoffman 313. The bowling results were shared more evenly, with Troy Maudant performing best with 15 wickets at an average of 15.4, followed by Jesse Hoffman with 13 wickets at an average of 14.1.

All good for the C Grade but not so much for our B Grade side, finishing at the bottom end of the table. It was a challenge this year to get the core group playing together regularly, with around 40 players going through the team, meaning we had a different team fronting up each week. This made it difficult to put in consistent performances that tend to lead to more wins than losses. Something to work on going forward.

Over the course of the season, Daniel Baz led the way with the bat with 232 runs, followed by Jarran Crabb ('07) on 185 in just a few games. The bowling results were fairly evenly spread across the team.

A positive for the team was the involvement of the younger players like Max Daw ('22), Harvey Wilson (Year 12), Max McKay ('18), Jacob Kennerley ('18) and Angus Honner ('18). They are really good lads and lots of potential there for years to come.

Our A Grade didn't make finals this year but definitely showed the foundation upon which future success could be built. We put ourselves in a position to win in most games this season but just couldn't take the advantage at the critical times. We were only two wins away from the top four, so turn this around and finals are on the cards.

As he so often does, Russell Thomas ('94) did best with the bat with 235 runs at an average of 58.8, adding another ton and a couple of 50s to his name. Jack Hill ('16) also had a good year and is growing into a fine batsman. With the ball, Dylan Fitzsimons ('17) topped the wicket taking tally with 24 at 21.3, ably supported by Gabe Burden ('14) and Mitchell Simpson ('12).

The Kentish Hotel has supported us for another year as our major sponsor and our thanks goes out to them, in particular owners Matt Kelly ('90) and Luke Kelly ('00).

Of course, without the College, their ongoing support and the access they give us to their magnificent grounds, our club would not exist. We are lucky to be in this position and are ever grateful for this.



The ROCA, under the energetic leadership of President Angelo Piantadosi, continues to work on strengthening the connection between the College and the Old Collegian groups. We can see this effort starting to make a difference and it is greatly appreciated.

The highlight of the season, for me at least, was the ROCCC 50-year anniversary event, which dovetails quite nicely with Rostrevor's centenary celebration. The event was held in March of this year and was overwhelmingly attended by ROCCCs players from across all five decades.

I love the ROCCCs but, unlike many other clubs, we don't have a hub or clubroom where we can put up the honour boards, memorabilia and history for all to see. There is no visual reminder of the people and achievements that have made the club and show just what we are a part of. The risk is that our history and tradition is lost on the current and future generations.

The anniversary event was a rare chance for

us to bring everyone together, across the eras, and celebrate half a century of wins, losses, mateship and memories. Speeches from captains and leaders from inception to current day, filled with the memories and characters of their time, gave colour to all this.

The effect on our current group of players was clear to see. There was a realisation that they are a part of something bigger than just 11 men in a team in any given match, that there is a whole community of people that care about the club.

The celebration also gave us the chance to recognise exceptional service given to the club with life membership awarded to Tim Ryan ('71), Greg Arnfield ('71) and Marcus Trimboli ('91), who all had a massive impact and are legends in their respective eras.

The 50-year anniversary has sparked in us a want to keep the positive impetus going, to engage with our past players and keep them involved, to let our current group know they are an important part of the whole.

So where are we at right now?

We have the nucleus, a great bunch of players with the talent to bring us success.

We have people that care about the club, to take the leadership roles and keep it strong.

Long lasting friendships have and will continue to be forged.

We are connected to the College, which provides us with the players for tomorrow and the Rostrevor spirit and tradition.

We have premierships in the future.

We should all be proud of the club and the parts we've played in it over the past 50 years. I hope it goes on for another 50 and more.

ROSTREVOR OLD COLLEGIANS' FOOTBALL CLUB

by Patrick Bowler ('80), ROCFC Football Operations Manager

Once everyone had recovered from Christmas and New Year, training recommenced on 23 January. In perfect conditions and with player numbers increasing steadily, it started to feel like a new season was not far away.

The players quickly got back into routine, some quicker than others, with those who had kept up their training over the break showing the benefits.

The new coaching group of Damian Boots ('81) (A Grade Coach) and Adam West ('89) (Assistant Coach) have brought the professionalism of the club to the next level and, during the summer months, the playing group were on a steep learning curve with game plans, structures and plenty of instructions.

We played four trial games during March and April, being internal and A and B Grade hit-outs against Prince Alfred Old Collegians Football Club and Goodwood Saints Football Club. Coaching staff were pleased with what they saw as they watched the new players in action, feeling that the playing group had started to gel and understand 'the plan'.

The upside of the late start to the season was that it allowed for more players to join in with training, and by opening round, we had 110 registered players to choose from. We're still seeing more new faces each week on the track, which is great news.

Round 1 saw the A, B and C Grade teams travel out to Salisbury North to play what is always a tough encounter. Although the day's results didn't go our way, the C Grade team started the day in great style with a comfortable win.

Round 2 saw our first home game of the season as we played Edwardstown Football Club. The results for our A, B and C sides were fantastic, with all teams recording comfortable victories. D Grade played a great away game against Adelaide University, falling just short in the final quarter but demonstrating a much-improved performance from their previous match.

Round 5 against Henley gave us the opportunity to respond after two disappointing weeks and those who were in attendance were fortunate to witness Patrick Dawson's ('16) flawless forward craft game, finishing the match with 11 goals from 11 shots, six of which were in the final quarter.

With strong wins against Adelaide University, North Haven, Payneham and PHOS Camden, we have put ourselves in a great position for finals.

The C Grade team is currently in third spot and is progressing strongly for a finals campaign. All four sides are competitive this year, alongside our friends at Loreto Old Scholars Association (LOSA), who are once again playing finals. Both clubs are representing the ROC & LOSA jumper proudly each week. I'd like to thank our fantastic ROCFC community, to our Major Sponsors Gerard McCabe, BBQ Adelaide Weber Stores, Radiology SA and Glynde Hotel for their ongoing support and to all our very generous ROC's sponsors and our first-class facilities at Campbelltown Sports Club.

I hope to see you at the footy over the coming weeks. For results and regular updates please refer to our website at rocfc.com.

- 1 Daniel McCallum ('10) – A Grade Captain
- 2 Ferghus Kernahan ('16)
- 3 Jake Slivak ('20)
- 4 James Butterworth ('08)



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HANDBALL

by Bob Winter and Greg Hay ('73)



- 1 Shana Bennett presenting shirts at the School of Origin
- 2 Jeff Wu ('83)
- 3 School of Origin
- 4 Steven Visentin ('85)
- 5 Phil Greco ('87) representing SA
- 6 Ryan Muldrew ('08) presenting Br John Ahern with a gift for the College
- 7 Sergio Papalia ('81) and Dino Greco ('84)
- 8 Greg Hay ('73)

Old Scholars will probably remember the hustle and tussle of 'a line up' at the Handball courts every lunch time, playing until they lost a point and having to retire to the back of the line.

It's changed a little since a badge of honour was knuckles scraped or shoes were ruined recklessly on that concrete floor. The boys are not playing as competitively anymore, despite the lingering popularity of the activity over lunchtimes. However, Rostrevor Handball courts remain central to handball life in South Australia. They are used every summer weekend and there is a thriving pennant. There are about 15 Old Scholars of Rostrevor playing, and the association also includes 10 Christian Brothers College (CBC) old boys.

The South Australian Handball Association Committee consists of old scholars from Rostrevor and CBC. The current President is Rostrevor Old Scholar Ryan Muldrew ('08) and committee members include Leonard Greco ('84), Philip Greco ('87), Sergio Papalia ('81), Roger Papalia ('94), and Greg Hay ('73). They maintain the game through:

- The Junior Handball Program
- Enculturation Day at the College
- Senior Pennant Handball
- Hosting of Australian Handball Championships at the Rostrevor courts.

Junior Handball Program

Every Friday afternoon during Terms 1 and 4, members of the SA Handball Association conduct training programs for those students from Year 7 through to Year 12 wishing to try their hand at playing Handball. There is an average of 12 students involved each year. Youthful Old Scholars Dylan Skurray ('21) and Darcy Holmes ('21) are among a group who help to coach the boys. Dylan, Darcy, Connor Walker ('21) and Jack Rudolph ('21) were heavily involved in this program in recent years and have stepped up into senior play. Darcy won the Most Improved trophy this year, and Dylan is turning heads as he continues to beat the 'old guys'. These four young men are really coming along with their handball.

Enculturation Day

Enculturation Day is a program to introduce Year 7 boys to distinctive elements and traditions of Rostrevor College. The boys spend an hour being introduced to the game of Handball which is unique to Christian Brothers schools. The boys are taught the basic strategies and techniques of the game and hear a little about Irish traditions and powerful Christian Brothers hitting a little black ball on Sunday mornings to the amazement of the boarders. They also hear about championship opportunities. Some Old Scholars will remember the list of championship competitors posted on the Mackey Building noticeboards in Term 3. Each of us looked at the seedings and wondered about the chance of a trophy and a bit of speech night immortality.

Senior Pennant Handball

There is a senior pennant competition involving A and B Grade teams played during summer and ending at Easter. Jim Cornie ('90), a much-heralded handballer, is still a dominant player and Grantley Fraser ('90) is an A grade competitor of much skill. Jack McCarron ('10) remains agile and powerful and Serg, Roger, Phil and Dino are still classy players. There are older guys who won't give up like Rob Schreiner ('77), Greg Hay, Jeff Wu ('83), Anthony



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Donato ('80) and Steven Visentin ('85). They turn up every Saturday, ambitious and determined, and leave aching and resigned to the inevitable disinterest their bodies have in playing. Ah! No worries. Back next week. One of the features of the Senior Pennant competition is the Annual Rivalry Round played between past Rostrevor students and past CBC students. It is always very competitive and played in good spirit.

Australian Handball Championships

Rostrevor College has now become the premier handball playing court in Australia. Every two years, the SA Handball Association, with the assistance of the College, are fortunate to host the Australian 3-Wall Handball Championships. The 2023 Australian Championships were held at Rostrevor with SA winning the Australian Team Championships. The game is not growing nationally because handball courts, which occupied important school real estate, have been replaced. There were, however, some great games last Easter against the Victorians.

School of Origin

The South Australian Handball Association, being so closely connected with Rostrevor

College and Christian Brothers College, held an event on 19 February to celebrate our College's centenary.

The 'Handball School of Origin' saw old scholar players from both schools go head-to-head in some friendly matches, where history and camaraderie were the focus. On this occasion, CBC proved too strong for our team, coming away with seven wins to three. The commemorative shirts designed by Rostrevor's own Greg Hay were handed to each team by their respective Principal – Shana Bennett for Rostrevor and David Johnston for CBC.

Br John Ahern

CBC Old Scholar Br John Ahern is the organiser of Enculturation Day and visits the Handball courts on Saturday afternoons before he takes off for his Morialta walk. He was made a life member of the SA Handball Association because he did so much to keep the game alive at schoolboy level. His administration included a pennant for the boys, the championship matches and the Rostrevor versus CBC tournaments. Br Ahern represented Principal Shana Bennett at the recent Easter championships and received a gift that congratulated the College on its centenary.

South Australia's Handball Patron

The patron of the Handball Association is Principal Shana Bennett. It's an ex-officio position and she graciously accepted this 'important leadership' with a laugh after some gentle encouragement. She humorously quipped that a first piece of advice received upon her appointment was to look after the Handball courts. The handballers agreed and we were so pleased that she handed out the Rostrevor singlets for the match against CBC on the Saturday of the School of Origin. We were a little sorry to disappoint her when we lost the tournament. However, no ex-Rostrevor boy was caught swearing or smoking around those courts – especially with Shana around. The boys know how to behave!

If past students are interested in once again playing, you can contact Greg Hay at greghay22@gmail.com to get involved. Please visit the association's website: wallballaustralia.org.

ROSTREVOR OLD COLLEGIANS' SOCCER CLUB

by Michael Pastore ('00), ROCSC President



- 1 Tom Innamorati ('06), Ben Fragnito ('14), Joe Zerella
- 2 Damian Canala, Angelo Maio ('17), Ben Fragnito ('14), Declan MacDonald ('17)
- 3 Tom Innamorati ('06), Steven Savino ('14), Joe Zerella, Ben Fragnito ('14)
- 4 Marcus Francesca ('10)
- 5 Sam Innamorati ('04)
- 6 Damien Pipicella ('17)
- 7 Anthony Spadavecchia ('15)
- 8 Damien Pipicella ('17)
- 9 Tony Scaffidi ('01)

A remarkable and amazing start to the year, with all seven teams in reach of a title, and for some, back-to-back titles! It's fantastic to see the enormous intake of Old Scholar players this season from the Class of '22 and our Legends team making a return. We will continue to relay the message to students that after school, we, as Old Scholars, are 'Connected for Life'.

On the field, our Division 1A team are leading the fight for a back-to-back championship with only two points separating ROCSC 1A and Pembroke 1A, and five points separating the top four. With four games remaining for the season, it's going to be a great finish!

For our Division 1B Reserves, 13 wins and a draw sees them clear top of the table by eight points and could see them wrap the title up prior to the season end. Led by Ben Fragnito ('14), these players

have been a great help to the Seniors and have all supported each other in what has been a great year.

The remaining five teams are all in with a chance – especially our Division 4 team who are second by one point to Pembroke and fighting to get their third championship in a row.

Off the field, the ROCSC Committee has been busy with the reintroduction of 'Game Day BBQs', which were put on pause during COVID-19. These will be held at most home games, as well as Family Day, Players Night and other events.

As we continue to build the ROCSC, we must acknowledge our incredible sponsors who continue to support the development of the club and help us maintain an amazing playing experience for all our players. Special mention must go to our major sponsors: Gorge Road Motor Bodies. Marco ('88) and Lisa Di Pietro are Adelaide's collision repair specialists and will help you get your car back on the road – fast. Call Marco on 08 8365 3666 or head down to visit his team at 68 Gorge Road, Newton.

We would also like to mention Tony Franzon ('79) and family at The Bath Hotel, which is a premier local pub with great atmosphere, great food and friendly, welcoming staff. Be sure to head down for a drink and bite to eat if you're ever on The Parade – especially after the A's games! You can find them at 232 The Parade, Norwood.

We thank all our sponsors, volunteers, committee and players for their ongoing support and assistance. We hope to see you all pitch-side supporting our players as they fight for seven championships!

Congratulations

Joseph Bava ('11) – 150 Games
David Fantasia ('05) – 100 Games
Christian Villani ('19) – 50 Games





Pictured: 2023 Boarders, Benjamin Honner (Yorketown, SA), Jayden Evans (Tiatukia, SA), Connor Gale (Cummins, SA), Joshua Butterworth (Port Lincoln, SA)

CONTINUE THE LEGACY

Enrolments are *now open* for students commencing in 2025.

There are also *limited places* available in selected year levels and in the Boarding House for 2024.

Contact the College Registrar to enquire about enrolling your son at Rostrevor.

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