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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

St Mary's College is about to complete 100 years of service to students – a most remarkable achievement! Thousands of young people have benefitted enormously across the last 100 years from belonging to this college; many of these now live in Australia or in countries across the globe and contribute significantly to their respective communities. From its opening as St Mary's Hall on The Avenue, Parkville, in early 1918 and staffed by the Loreto Sisters, the college has strived to be so much more than a home for country students enrolled at university – it has sought to nurture and challenge and develop young people who will go on to contribute much to their communities and the wider world. I believe it has done so with extraordinary success, and so much of this is due to the Loreto Sisters who administered the college for 96 of its 100 years.

At last week's leadership camp at Apollo Bay, I commenced a session by asking the students to reflect on what college means to them. I am often asked a broadly similar question by prospective students and their parents, wondering about the nature of college life. It is difficult to capture adequately in words the essence of the college experience. But among recurring themes highlighted by the 2018 student leadership group were belonging, community, family, support, and opportunity. Each of these is significant and I would suggest that each is becoming increasingly significant. In a world where 'efficiency', and 'productivity' dominate the public discourse and the human person becomes subservient to the market, it is clear that St Mary's students cherish the enduring values that have been at the heart of this college for 100 years. And underpinning all of these is their ultimate source – faith in a God who renews and challenges each of us to live lives that rise above the daily grind and our own limitations to see ourselves as part of a bigger whole, and to contribute our knowledge and skills so that the world may be a better place for all.

This has been another hectic semester. Highlights have included



the musical production of 'Fame', Christmas-in-July, the Academic Awards Dinner, the Timor Leste experience, the Culture and Sports Dinner, GYLIO (Get Your Life in Order) Week, the Valete Mass and Dinner, and the Leadership Camp at Apollo Bay. A packed calendar of sporting events was also undertaken with the boys winning their football premiership in a thrilling Grand Final witnessed by a large crowd including many parents, grandparents, families and friends... and despite a heavy hail storm! Each week St Mary's students can be found contributing to various not-for-profit initiatives and helping those less fortunate than themselves – people who do not have access to the extraordinary opportunities offered in college. And the main reason for being a member of this college community – academic pursuits – remains central to college life.

The week that six students, accompanied by Ms Rachel Lechmere, Dean & Deputy Principal, spent in Timor Leste in July proved to be moving and challenging. The students agree that they gained far more from this week than they contributed to their most generous hosts. Their experiences have been shared on return with the entire college community – it was inspiring to hear of their visits to schools and orphanages and the real efforts being made to provide opportunities for the people of this young country that has been so devastated by war and the long struggle for independence. At our recent Valete Mass and Dinner we farewelled students departing the college. It is a night in which we celebrate and are

thankful for their achievements and contributions to college life; it is also a time to anticipate the contributions that they will make to wider society.

I wish to thank Ms Rachel Lechmere, Dean & Deputy Principal for the last two and a half years, for all of her many contributions to college life. Rachel has given generously of her time and considerable abilities and insights and, as she leaves St Mary's, we all wish her well in her future endeavours. I am delighted that Ms Maria O'Donnell will commence as the college's new Dean & Deputy Principal in January.

In 2018 the college will celebrate its centenary with a series of events. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Thanksgiving Mass and Centenary Dinner on the evening of Saturday 17 March. Tickets will be available shortly on the college website. Details of other events including public lectures, the oral history project, a lunch for alumnae of St Mary's Hall, and a garden party will also be on the college website.

As we celebrate and give thanks for 100 years of achievement, I suspect the original, visionary community of Loreto Sisters who opened the old St Mary's Hall in The Avenue, Parkville, in early 1918 would be delighted!

Finally, I wish you all the joy of a blessed Christmas!

Dr Darcy McCormack

Principal

A WORD FROM THE DEAN & DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



One of my tasks as Dean & Deputy Principal is to develop the involvement of students in justice work. There are many ways we encourage this in the College: through our guest speakers, through our requirement that students give at least 10 hours of their time volunteering, by participation in a range of service activities and through discussion. The college lifestyle can sometimes be absorbing, so it is important that students engage outside of this 'bubble' to grow in their understanding of how their gifts and skills could contribute to the building of a more just society, especially for those who have not been blessed with the opportunities and privilege that many of us enjoy.

In July this year, I accompanied six St Mary's students to Timor Leste to engage with the work of the Loreto Sisters in Bacau and Gari-uai. In partnership with community, the Loreto sisters have built the first Loreto pre-primary school in Timor

Leste. We witnessed sisters, and many others, working in the true spirit of Mary Ward; religious women and a community dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for Timorese children in a country still striving to develop following a deeply traumatic and violent history.

It was Dom Helder Camara who said, "without justice and love, peace will always be the great illusion". The healing work we glimpsed was humbling and the joy and resilience of the Timorese was inspiring. As you will see from the photographs, our time in Timor Leste was positive and enjoyable. Thank you to the Loreto sisters for their warm hospitality and their powerful faith-filled witness.

As I move on to new ventures next year, I wish to express my gratitude for the privilege it has been to work as the Dean & Deputy Principal of this special College, St Mary's which I love so dearly. To journey with our

young people at this unique time in their lives has been a real gift, and I have appreciated the opportunity to build and live community here once again.

I wish to personally express my thanks to our Principal, Darcy. His integrity, humility, professionalism and dedication to the work of seeing young people thrive has been inspiring to work alongside and I will always be grateful for having had that honour.



Ms Rachel Lechmere

Dean & Deputy Principal

STUDENT CLUB NEWS



Semester 2 of 2017 has been an exciting time for the St Mary's College Student Club.

The semester commenced with 'O2-Week' where we welcomed several new students into our college community whilst returning students bonded over several social events throughout the week.

'Christmas in July' was our first Formal Dinner of Semester and this was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our college community, particularly our fellow students and staff members who contribute so much of their time and effort into building and growing the St Mary's community.

Academic Awards Dinner was our next Formal Dinner where we recognised the many excellent academic achievements by our students over the past year.

A particularly notable sporting achievement this semester was the male football team winning the Premiership against University College on a rainy Sunday afternoon. The team trained hard and dedicated many hours towards this outstanding achievement.

At least half of the students at college this year were involved in the musical Fame, whether that be through one of the lead roles, chorus, band, backstage crew or the Drama Committee. All three performances were excellent; no doubt friendships were formed and plenty of fun was had. St Mary's continues to foster musical and artistic talent and it's wonderful to celebrate these talents in this way!

Finally, the Student Club cruise on the Yarra and the St Mary's Ball provided a fitting conclusion to what has been an incredible year.

As I pass on the role of President to Katie Gillahan for 2018, I would like to thank each and every member of the St Mary's College Student Club for their enthusiasm, energy and determination to make the most of their time here at St Mary's.

It has been a pleasure to be your President in 2017 and I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavours!

Dale Beeton

2017 Student Club President.

TIMOR LESTE EXPERIENCE



Back Row (L to R): Sr Selvi Adaikalam ibvm, Matilda Gibbs, Ella Banfield, Stephanie Glynn, Sr Phyllis Morris ibvm, Sr Margie Bourke ibvm, Ms Rachel Lechmere, Sr Aithien Nguyen ibvm, Agapito Freitas. **Front Row (L to R):** Sebastian Gusmao, Hannah Cooper, Patricia, Ulysse Thivisol, Dinan McMahon, Antonio Freitas, Sr Natalie Houlihan ibvm.

On the 28th of July, a group of seven embarked on a journey to Australia's closest neighbouring country, Timor Leste. Timor Leste has a long history of colonisation and war, a bloody past which has inhibited local development and denied many of the basic things that the first world takes for granted.

A week was not enough to fully experience the nation and people of Timor, but it was long enough to give us a glimpse into the lives, faith and sense of community of those we met. Whilst the country is still lacking crucial infrastructure, like permanent schools, irrigation systems, even roads, it is one of the most inspiring places we have encountered. In Timor; family, religion, friendship and the thirst to learn are the pillars of society. One girl, Mona, who we had the pleasure of meeting, rises at 6am every day. She goes to mass every Sunday. She is excited for the learning that occurs every day when she attends school, and then, after a full day of school, she and many other eager children will dash to an after-school teaching program so they can improve their English. The students we met take full advantage of

these extra few hours of school, sitting down with hungry eyes and wide smiles. After finishing this long day of learning, they'll walk home and ask their family how they can help, often going to help them at the food markets. When I ask them what they want to do when they grow up, they say "teacher, doctor, engineer". I ask why, they say "so they can help people". The people of Timor; show boundless compassion and infinite optimism that truly set the bar for the rest of the world. We have never seen smiles as wide or as contagious as the people of Timor; their generosity and sense of community are matched only by their appreciation of one another. In the process of immersing ourselves in such a heart-warming culture, we realised what values really are important, and left, albeit reluctantly, with a greater appreciation of the things we take for granted.

The friendships we made in Timor will really stick with us. One of the students who helped guide us around the country, Antonio, was a friend who will stay with us for life. He is a university student in the capital Dili studying engineering

and he was one of our translators and guides for the week. We were quick to get talking as he had a lot in common with our studies. Even though English wasn't his first language we were able to make lots of jokes, play cards, learn loads of words in Tetum and translate into English. This was quite amazing to see how similar we all are even though we grew up in such different environments. We still like to keep up to date with Tony and he hopes one day to become a qualified engineer and travel to Australia.

Whilst becoming immersed in the Timorese culture and community, we were also invited to the Laga Beata Laura Vicuna Orphanage for girls run by the Salesian Sisters and to the Buruma School for children with disabilities. We were curious and interested in learning how facilities for girls and schools for disabilities exist in a country like Timor-Leste, as often they are faced with limited support networks. Yet again, the Timorese community responds with real care - it was so inspiring and eye-opening witnessing the work of a community of patient, caring and hardworking women who thrive in teaching

and raising vulnerable children, despite having a lack of resources and social and economic support. Within five minutes of meeting the girls we had become good friends and they were so trusting of us. We had the absolute pleasure of being presented a vocal and dance performance by a family of girls as they greeted us. It was one of the most heartwarming moments of the experience. Their gift to us was an offer of happiness, enthusiasm and love; it felt like much more than what we could offer in return. We also had the pleasure of sitting in on an English class for the hearing impaired, whereby the students were taught English sentences about Australia and travel. The students were instructed to both write and vocalise sentences, whilst also performing Tetum sign language. It was amazing seeing how they interacted with the teachers, watching mouth movements and trying to imitate with their own mouths. Whilst interacting with the children, it was amazing to see how easy communication was despite the language and disability barriers.

For part of our trip in Timor Leste we visited the Ponte Leste school. We were split into groups and told to engage in conversation with the students who ranged from 10-18 in age. Whilst the initial conversations were a little daunting due to

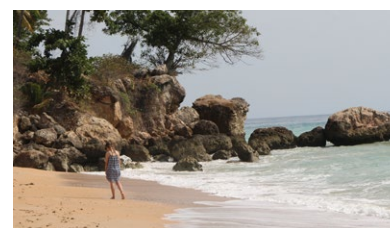
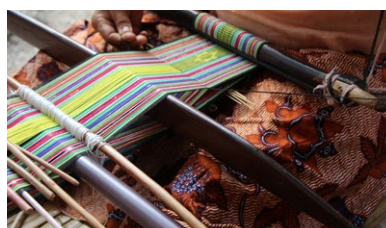
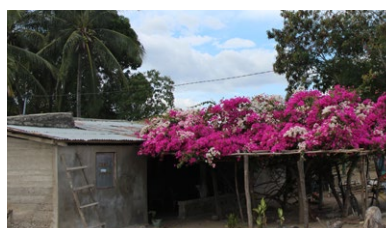
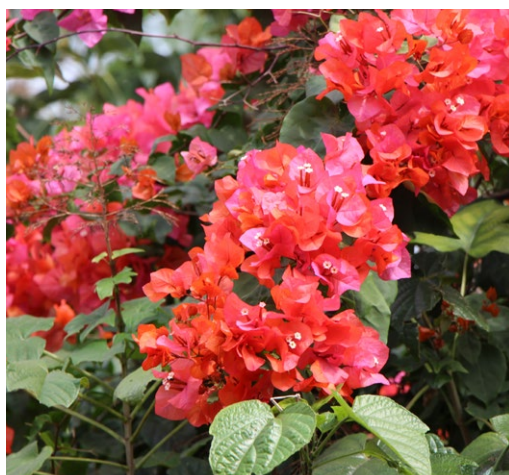
language barriers these were quickly broken down when we realised the passion the students had for learning English and the effort they made in communicating. One event that particularly stuck in mind from visiting the school was a speech made by a student named Jennifer. She was only a young girl about 14, but she got up in front of everyone and spoke in the clearest English about her hopes and dreams for the future. She told us how she wanted to learn English so that she could become a doctor and help the poor people in Africa. It struck me that the people in this community saw themselves as lucky and fortunate even though they may have had limited opportunities compared with some young people in Australia. It was eye opening to see how they worked hard to achieve their dreams and didn't take what they had for granted.

Sebas was a previous student at the Ponte Leste school and he became our guide and eventually our friend for the trip. It was amazing to see that despite our cultural differences we were able to have a laugh and joke with him and play a game of cards. His confidence with us grew as he went from our shy translator to someone who we laughed with endlessly. Two of the group were lucky enough to be invited to spend a day with Sebas and his family in

his home. Hospitality is a big part of the Timor culture and we were presented with endless amounts of food which we were encouraged to keep eating. Only after we had eaten did his family eat. For Sebas to welcome us as foreign strangers into his own home was an honour that we'll remember for life. Obviously, it is difficult to capture how personally moving this trip was for us in such a short piece but we hope that all we have learnt from the Timorese people, their kindness and respect for others and even their happiness, we will be able to incorporate into our own lives.

Our week in Timor was a unique eye-opening experience, where we met amazing people and learned valuable life lessons that will stay with us forever. It was a very reflective experience, where each day we did something different, each time testing our ability to adapt and communicate across the culture barrier. I believe all of us returned a different person, each having taken something away from the values of the Timorese people. We'd like to thank Loreto sisters: Sr Natalie Houlihan, Sr Margie Bourke, Sr Phyllis Morris, Sr Aithien Nguyen, and Sr Selvi Adaikalam for their warm hospitality; Sebastian and Antonio for their companionship, and Rachel Lechmere for her organisation of this life-changing experience.

By Ella Banfield, Hannah Cooper, Matilda Gibbs, Stephanie Glynn, Dinan McMahon & Ulysse Thivisol



TIMOR LESTE EXPERIENCE





CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Christmas is my absolute favourite time of year; as Cliff Richards' classic Christmas song states, 'it's a time for living, a time for believing, a time for trusting, not deceiving'. I'd like to add that Christmas is also a time for giving, sharing and being around those you love. Celebrating Christmas in July, when it is winter Down Under, is not only reminiscent

of the cold, dark and cosy European Christmas, but is the time when we can celebrate Christmas with our college family. Christmas in July was held during our O2 Week and first week back for Semester 2. The dining hall was decorated beautifully with a Christmas tree, decorations and the nativity scene, while we sipped on mulled wine,

enjoyed each other's company and shared in the giving of gifts. To conclude, I'll leave you with a classic quote from a Shakin' Stevens song we all know and love: "Merry Christmas Everyone".

By Sofia Laursen Habel



CULTURE REPORT

It is hard to imagine that the 2017 academic year has ended. Over the past two semesters, it has been an honour to lead the student body in the department of arts and drama, and represent the interests of St Mary's as a committee member on the Intercollegiate Activities Council (ICAC). Thanks to the dedication, passion and commitment of many talented individuals it is not hard to see why 2017 was so culturally successful.

A first for Mary's this year was the establishment of a College Band which was led by our Band Convenor, Kirsty Field. The band was incredibly popular, with 23 students expressing interest in joining within the first few weeks. Over the year, their main performances were for the 2017 college production of 'FAME', Battle of the Bands, a Pleasant Friday Afternoon (PFA) and the Culture Showcase. The College Choir was also a new initiative this year, with the aim of creating a choir group who would meet on a regular basis. In Semester 2, the choir was placed in the capable hands of Julianna Clark, who was appointed as the Director of Music for St Mary's. Most significantly, the choir will be performing in centenary celebrations in 2018 and will feature a mix of past and present students.

The Culture Showcase was also new in 2017, and by all accounts a huge success. On April 1st, around 200 people filled the Frewin Room to acknowledge and celebrate some of the wonderfully talented people at St Mary's and get a glimpse into what college life is all about. It offered guests the opportunity to get to know the amazing community we call home between the months of February and November. We are so grateful to everyone who supported this new event!

ICAC is also a huge part of cultural life at St Mary's. It offers students the ability to have some competitive fun whilst making friends with people from other colleges. Our most successful ICAC event this year was of course the intercollegiate 'Fresher Dance Off', which was held at Max Watt's in March. As detailed in July *Verity*, we were victorious and took home the cup for the first time in the history of St Mary's. Special thanks once again to the 12 talented dancers, the entire college for your support on the night and fellow coaches Lily, Amelia and Katie. What an effort!

The second largest intercollegiate event for the year is Battle of the Bands, which was held in Semester 2. This was the first competitive event for our College Band and they performed exceptionally well. The songs performed were 'I Write Sins Not Tragedies', 'Lady Marmalade' and 'Feels'. We are confident that the band will continue to improve and grow in the next few years. Quidditch was the final ICAC event of the year. Unfortunately, we placed second in 2017, narrowly losing in the grand final. Special thanks to all those who played and those who came and supported us on the day.

The most significant cultural event each year is the college production. In 2017 we staged 'FAME', the story of a group of vibrant young teenagers attending New York's top performing arts school hoping to make it big. It is always astounding that a college of 160 people can independently put together such a great production with such a minimal budget. The hard work and dedication of so many talented and creative individuals is the reason the musical is so good every year.

2017 was also significant, due to the fact that it was the first time St Mary's had performed in the Union House Theatre, or the 'big theatre'. Whilst we weren't expecting to sell out, it allowed us to stage a more professional production. This evidently paid off, as we were nominated for three awards at the 2017 UHT awards night (for the first time), with Sofia Laursen-Habel winning in the category of Best Performance in a Musical Production. However, the importance of the college musical extends beyond awards and accolades. Adhering to the core values of St Mary's, the musical is for everyone regardless of previous experience and level of expertise. This results in an unrivalled opportunity for all students to work together to achieve a shared goal and develop strong friendships at the same time. It is amazing how many people develop incredible friendships and how close the group becomes as a whole.

It has been so rewarding to contribute to the growth of arts and drama at St Mary's this year. Special thanks to all the students who were involved in a cultural activity this year. St Mary's is all about stepping outside your comfort zone and giving everything a go. You are the ones who make college so incredible! Thanks also to Darcy and Rachel for all of your support and assistance this year. It is so fantastic to have a Principal and Deputy Principal who are so active in college life.

By William Howard

Cultural Representative 2017

ACADEMIC AWARDS DINNER



Thank you for inviting me here to St Mary's to your Academic Awards Dinner. I've been on the staff of The University of Melbourne since 2003, first as a lecturer and then holding various positions in the Faculty of Business and Economics. But I actually started my working life as an Agricultural Scientist... that's why I'm a fun-loving and spirited person! I studied at La Trobe University and the 'aggies' at La Trobe always competed with those at Melbourne. From there I worked for a chemical company, then later moved to an airline - you may remember Ansett Australia... I was manager of customer service at Ansett. From there I moved into a Marketing/HR role, also with Ansett - trying, again, to improve patrons' satisfaction. Some of the girls here tonight may one day find themselves in the same position I was in... when your career is advancing but knowing you want to be a mother. There is never a 'right' time and I knew the travelling and hours that came with my Ansett responsibilities were not going to be compatible with being a Mum. Luckily, I had a First Class Honours degree in Agricultural Science and I was offered, and accepted, a Scholarship to undertake a PhD in Marketing at Monash before being appointed as a lecturer in Marketing back at La Trobe. So I've been at La Trobe for my agricultural science, RMIT to do my marketing degree part-time, and then the PhD at Monash. Melbourne is almost the only university in this city that I haven't studied at! I am basically saying that you can reinvent yourself many times - and I have had fun doing that! I have now found my niche in terms of the learning of students and the interaction with them.

I returned on Friday night from my 'bucket list' trip to Africa. I've had long service leave for the first time and so took the opportunity to visit Zambia, Malawi, and Tanzania. I travelled with an eclectic bunch - there was an 18 year old and one who is 70, from different countries - like Korea, Canada and Australia. I saw a lot of poverty... kids without shoes, wearing rags, people living just day-to-day. I also noticed that these sights evoked different reactions from my fellow travellers. Some people observed, but with no apparent outward reaction; others obsessed about taking photos; and then others were obviously deeply affected and they felt bad. They felt they had to help and did simple things such as going to the supermarket to buy pens and colouring books for the kids.

I thought to myself - what is driving these different responses? We are all seeing the same picture but people are behaving differently. This taps into an area of research I am really interested in and that is Prosocial Behaviour. The key here is empathy - whether or not someone feels empathy. There are two parts to empathy. One is the cognitive, and is all about taking perspective. The other is an affective empathy, and is about feeling. There are two lines of thought in terms of empathy - the social psychologists consider that empathy drives altruism, thereby helping behaviour or empathy actually elicits discomfort and that, in turn, elicits helping behaviour because you want to remove that feeling of discomfort. Does it really matter what the mechanism is by which empathy induces helping behaviour? I would suggest that ultimately it does not.

At the end of the day, the outcome - the helping behaviour - is what matters. On my journey I saw some marvellous things and thought-provoking things; I saw Australians running orphanages, and setting up micro-businesses to help women earn money for their families. But how do we develop empathy? Empathy is a trait and some of us are born with it. It might be that you watch a sad movie and start crying. Or it could be based on a past experience. If you have suffered in a particular way that may enable you to relate to others who are suffering and you may then more readily feel empathy. Empathy can be learned. The reality is that most of you will go on to successful careers, you will supervise others, you will be making significant decisions, and these decisions will affect a diverse range of stakeholders. I would suggest that if you have empathy as a trait then all those around you will benefit. You are likely to be a good manager. If it does not come naturally to you, try to build it - you will be more successful, your colleagues will respect you, and your people will follow you if you have empathy for them when you make those decisions.

I wish you all well in finding your niche and developing your empathy - for the benefit of all. Thank you!

By Professor Liliana Bove

Professor of Marketing & Associate Head (Research & Engagement) in the Department of Management & Marketing, Faculty of Business & Economics.

FIRST CLASS HONOURS ACADEMIC AWARDS



Bree Booth

Bachelor of Arts

Patrick Collier

Bachelor of Science

Jack Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Thomas Faulkner

Bachelor of Science

Kelsey Gannon

Bachelor of Biomedicine

Hannah Goddard

Bachelor of
Communication RMIT

James Grant

Bachelor of Biomedicine

Lindsay Hicks

Bachelor of Music

Shu-Min Hsieh

Bachelor of Environments

Rocky Jiang

Bachelor of Commerce

Joanna John

Bachelor of Commerce

Sandra Lin

Bachelor of Design

Dhanya Maheswaran

Bachelor of Commerce

Lachlan McIntyre

Bachelor of Engineering/
Business Management RMIT

Jennifer Parker

Bachelor of Fine Arts

James Petchey

Bachelor of Commerce

Nicole Ren

Bachelor of Environments

Amy Reick

Bachelor of Science

Natalie Stals

Bachelor of Science

Brittany Suann

Bachelor of Science

Jireh Tay

Bachelor of Arts

Kate Tinney

Bachelor of Biomedicine

Matheus Vollert

Bachelor of Arts

ST MARY'S SINGERS

Introducing the Director of Music - Juliarna Clark

Juliarna Clark was a student at St Mary's College for four years in the 90s, studying for her Bachelor of Music with voice as her instrument. Her experience directing ensembles includes 10 years as a conductor with The Australian Girls Choir, and 2 years directing a small *a cappella* ensemble in Oxfordshire, UK, as well as various choral ensembles at Yarra Valley Grammar School and Eltham College of Education.

Her knowledge of choral repertoire is thorough, having performed as a young girl in The Australian Girls Choir (she was the recipient of the June Bronhill Scholarship Award), as well as many adult choirs over the years: St Michael's, Northgate, Oxford, (chorister and cantor); Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Chorus; Choral Institute of Melbourne, (soloist for a tour of Italy); Excelsis (a Catholic choir in Melbourne); St Patrick's Cathedral Singers, (chorister and cantor); St Francis' Cathedral, Adelaide (cantor); St Kevin's Parish

(cantor); and Bristol Cathedral Choir (chorister and soloist). She has been an active contributor to St Mary's musical life over several decades, first as a student, then as a singer at a variety of College events, both liturgy-related and as a jazz performer, and now we warmly welcome her back in the official role of Director of Music to lead the College Choir. With the abundance of musical talent in St Mary's, we are looking forward to enjoying the fruits of our collective efforts to raise our college's musical profile.

You can take the girl out of College...

"I do not mind where I live. I've resided very contentedly over the years in Melbourne, Ballarat, Oxford, Adelaide, Sheffield and Bristol amongst other places. The initial epiphany of knowing home could be anywhere was liberating but carried a tinge of sadness, as that lovely feeling of returning 'home' can't be falsely emulated, and it is beautiful, warm, comforting, and valuable. Many displaced people, far more 'homeless' than I will ever be, have extolled the virtues and importance of having a place to call 'home'.

As it turns out, upon further reflection I have realised I am very blessed, indeed. I don't miss out on that feeling of being 'home' - I feel it every time I enter St Mary's College. To be specific, it actually extends further than the location. It's a comforting place I can go in my mind at any time. Several times in life when I have been disappointed with society-at-large's moves towards greed-based decisions, I have had a quick wander through my college friends' Facebook profiles as I know I will see snapshots of people living lives that reflect the principles instilled in St Mary's students, and I feel 'home'. And I am recharged to keep trying to live a good life.

To me, St Mary's represents an approach to life based on respect, honesty, concern for others,

empathy, social justice, the pursuit of knowledge, and importantly- the giving and growing of personal gifts for the betterment of the community and the glorifying of the Giver of those gifts. Having said that, you can probably guess how delighted I am to be coming to spend time regularly at St Mary's helping to shape the talent that is already there into musical delights that strengthen and support the cultural life of college.

We are in a fledgling state as an ensemble, with but a handful of rehearsals under our belt so far, but the tenets of a professional quality vocal ensemble are already there- a leadership team who are committed to supporting the growth of this artistic pursuit, and enthusiastic, talented students who come with open minds and hearts. We have had two 'soft launches' in the short time we have existed (the Valet Mass celebration and a Mass for the Alumni) and both liturgies were beautifully complemented and enhanced by the choir's contribution of ensemble pieces and cantoring. I was very proud of the choir and soloists on both occasions.

We are looking to build numbers from the student body next year- we need to reach about 24 committed, regular members for each part to feel secure and supported. We will get there, and I have no doubt we will flourish, with that hour of music-making becoming a highlight of the week!

Choristers from this year are already excited about welcoming next year's new students into the fold. There is also opportunity here for alumni, both recent and not-so-recent, to stay connected with college, as at times we will call on you to strengthen our arm. Well, voice. One of those occasions will be the Mass at Newman Chapel on 17 March for the Centenary Celebrations next year. Any alumni singers who are reading this who think they might be able to offer their gifts on this occasion, mark it in your diaries, and please let us know of your interest. Details of the music scores and rehearsal options for the weeks preceding the event will be emailed to you early next year.

This is a very exciting chapter in St Mary's cultural life and I am grateful for the opportunity to be involved.

By Juliarna Clark





Juliarna cantoring at St Mary's Jubilee Mass, 2016



Choir at Valet Mass



Jazz musicians Joe Ruberto (accordion), Richard Miller (clarinet), James Clark (double bass) and Juliarna at thegarden party in the courtyard

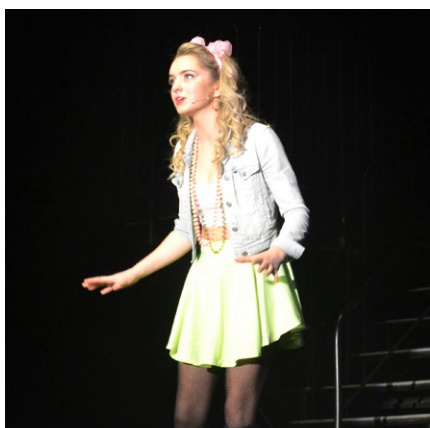


St Mary's Singers at the recent Alumni Mass

FAME: THE MUSICAL!



The cast, crew and band worked incredibly hard for months to produce an exciting, engaging and enjoyable show. Their dedication not only resulted in dynamic performances, but also new-found interests in theatre and, more importantly, deepened friendships. 'FAME the Musical' was a great choice of show for St Mary's as it not only provided an opportunity for the immense talent of the students to shine, but the themes and messages of passion and friendship also strongly align with the values of our college. We are thankful for all the support and help we received as without it we would not have been able to produce the show. The show was extremely successful, and resulted in three nominations for the Union House Theatre Awards and one win for Best Actress in a Musical, awarded to Sofia Habel.



**By India Murphy
& Matilda Gibbs**

St Mary's College Drama
Convenors for 2017

CAST

CARMEN DIAZ

Amelia Vuillermin

IRIS KELLY

Alexandra Orr

JOE VEGAS

Andrew Gourley

GOODMAN (GOODY) KING

Dinan McMahan

GRACE (Lambchops) LAMB

Amy Harwood

SCHLOMO METZENBAUM

Rupert McPharlin

MABEL WASHINGTON

Abbey Zito

MISS BELL

Grace Aicken

MISS SHERMAN

Sofia Laursen Habel

MR MYERS

Thomas Leadbetter

MR SHEINKOPF

Ulysse Thivisol

MABEL WASHINGTON

Abbey Zito

NICK PIAZZA

William Howard

SERENA KATZ

Ruby Drummond

TYRONE JACKSON

Jack Shaddock

DANCERS

Ella Banfield
Ruby Drummond
Lucy Flynn
Abby Kostecki
Alex Orr
Mary-Rose Osborne

CHORUS ACTING STUDENTS

Chloe Dutton
Hannah Goddard
Phoebe Grant
Mariah Mwipatayi
Daniel Tee

DANCING STUDENTS

Jenny Parker
Kate Tinney
Sherry Wang
Henry Zhang

MUSIC STUDENTS

Anna Bennett
Hannah Cope-Williams
Alex Orr
Mary-Rose Osborne
Emily Verbeek

BAND

MUSICAL DIRECTOR:
Kirsty Field
ALTO SAX:
Matt Graham
BASS GUITAR:
Eliot Vogel
CLARINET:
Kaiyiu Chan
DRUMS:
Tilly Keenan
FLUTE:
Lucy Harrison
GUITAR:
Xavier Occhipinti
KEYBOARD 1
David Smith
KEYBOARD 2:
Tobey Yui
TENOR SAX:
Nelson Connolly
TROMBONE:
Ben Newell
TRUMPET:
Patrick Willis

BEHIND THE SCENES

BACKSTAGE

STAGE MANAGER:
Ruby Marshall
HEAD OF BACKSTAGE:
Rocky Jiang
ASSISTANTS:
Ayush Agrawal
Sandra Lin
Alice Roundhill
Matheus Vollert

TECH CREW

AV OPERATOR:
Nick Wood
SOUND DESIGNER:
Luke Hedt
SOUND OPERATOR:
Jonas Olausson
LIGHTING DESIGNER/OPERATOR:
Ru Bee Chung
SPOTLIGHT OPERATOR:
Sabrina Poh
MICROPHONE TECHNICIAN:
Amy Rieck

CHOREOGRAPHY

HEAD CHOREOGRAPHER:
Ella Banfield
'THE JUNIOR FESTIVAL': Lily Dale
'DANCING ON THE SIDEWALK'
& 'TYRONE'S HIP HOP DANCE':
Rhoanna Smith

VOCAL COACHES

Sofia Laursen Habel
Rupert McPharlin

FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER

Isabelle Torriero

PROPS MANAGER

Mariah Mwitpatayi

COSTUME DESIGNERS

Katie Gillahan
Miriam Ashburner

SET DESIGNERS

Matilda Gibbs
Phoebe Grant

MAKEUP/HAIR

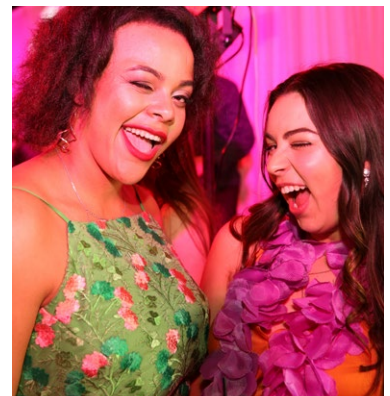
Lily Dale
Melissa Kelly
Grace Milne
Kyrra Rea

PROMO TEAM

Rachel Baillie
Stephanie Lee

COLLEGE BALL

THE ANNUAL ST MARY'S COLLEGE BALL WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER AT RED SCOOTER, BALACLAVA. AN ENJOYABLE EVENING WAS HAD BY ALL.





CULTURE AND SPORT AWARDS

2017 Sean Dooley Award for Best Sportsman JAMES GRANT

In his first year at College, James has been fully involved in the sport program. He is a person who gives nothing but 100% in everything he undertakes and not only has been a valuable addition to our sports teams, but also has a great attitude towards giving everything a go and encouraging everyone to do the same. James has been involved in Cricket, Hockey, Athletics, Soccer, Mannix Day, Rowing, the premiership Football team and Tennis.

2017 Sean Dooley Award for Best Sportswoman LUCY HARRISON

Lucy has competed and shown support in an array of intercollegiate sport this year. She has represented St Mary's College in: softball, soccer, hockey, rowing (placing 1st in the Womens's VIII B grade), athletics (800m and 1500m), netball, football and basketball. Her positive attitude and words of encouragement during games, are uplifting to everyone on the team. Her willingness to give every sport a go shows Mary's spirit and is a great example for everyone to get involved. We would like to congratulate Lucy on her commitment and enthusiasm during the sporting season.

2017 Sr Elizabeth Hepburn Award for Service to Sport KATE TINNEY

The Sr Elizabeth Hepburn Award for Service to Sport is awarded to an individual who has given their time and energies to support sport in our College. Kate has participated in most sports across her two years and has been a consistent supporter of all sports that we participate in. She is a competitive and talented all-rounder.

2017 Award for Contribution to Drama MATILDA GIBBS

The St Mary's College Award for Contribution to Drama is awarded to a student who has given freely of their time and talents in their field of drama. After performing in last year's ICC musical and the college production, in 2017 Matilda stepped up to the plate as one of the Drama Convenors. Through this role, Matilda was both assistant set designer and co-director for 'Fame!' Over her two years at St Mary's her contribution to drama has been significant.

2017 Award for Contribution to Music KIRSTY FIELD

The St Mary's College Award for Contribution to Music is awarded to a student who has given freely of their time and talents in their field of music. Kirsty is always happy to support any musical event happening in the College. In 2017 Kirsty has been the head of the inaugural St Mary's College Band. She was a band member for the musical last year and this year was also the Musical Director for 'Fame!' Kirsty also fulfilled the role of Band Director for this year's 'Battle of the Bands'.

2017 Award for Contribution to Visual Art PHOEBE GRANT

The St Mary's College Award for Contribution to Visual Art is awarded to a student who has given freely of their time and talents in this field. Phoebe was the head set designer for this year's musical. She was always willing to give up her time to ensure everything was just right. Her hard work, commitment and generosity ensured a wonderful set design. Congratulations, Phoebe.



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SPORT

My name is Nick Wood, and it is has been my privilege to work alongside Sarah Mousley, as the Sports Representative for 2017. Our role involves representing Marys on the intercollegiate sports council and organising our teams to play the other colleges in a wide range of sports. I am very passionate about sport at Mary's, and for the reasons that I hope to convey, I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to lead the sport environment for the 2017 Mary's community.

When thinking about what I was going to include in this report, one thought was just to say how Sport is the best part of College, with no bias at all. I decided against that, because in my experience there is so much more to what Mary's is, and I can honestly say that without any of the things that we are so lucky to have, Mary's wouldn't be the same place.

We are some of the luckiest uni students in the world, to be in a system of 11 collaborative colleges, a network that is seen nowhere else. No other university has colleges that work together to support and provide for their students the way the Melbourne College do. We offer something for everyone. Just one of those many opportunities is sport.

So just before I get into the sport, a bit about me, I was born and raised in Tasmania. I am the youngest of four children. All four of us have now come to Melbourne for University and we have all gone through the colleges. As painful as it was for our mother to see us all go, one of the things that makes a tough task of steadily moving your kids out of home and to another state, a bit more bearable, was that she knew we were coming to College. The reason for that is, both of my parents attended college themselves down the road at Whitley, which is where they met. Growing up when we spoke about their University journeys, their fondest memories are always linked back to college.

So when I was writing out what I was going to say, I asked them, what

is the best part of college? I asked them separately and they both said similar things, with the same common theme, friends. They still look back at college as some of the best years of their life. So I've seen first-hand, these lifelong friendships from Residential College. In my opinion, I've just explained the best thing there is about sport here at Mary's. Friendship. As you know we have 162 students here.

In the other 11 colleges, which we match against for sport, some have upwards of 400 students. So being one of the smaller colleges, we often don't have the depth of talent in a particular sport, in fact, in some cases, someone who, actually knows how the game works is a bonus and we'll take it. I like to think that we have the quality, but not always the quantity. Anyway, so unfortunately, we don't always get the result on the sports field. This gives rise to our motto for all Mary's sport, which is applied to all aspects of college life "Friendship is the real winner." As many can probably agree, life is busy. My parents imagine that as university students we're not that busy, we just spend too much time partying and not enough time on the phone calling home. Well, as I say to my parents, we don't party ALL the time, and it is easy to lose track of time, get lost in University and part-time work. Everyone here is unique. Everyone finds a different balance between these tasks, but when I sit down and look at how I will split my time, I want to use it to put in, get to know people, particularly in the early days. I think many college students look at their friends and see that they share an activity or a common interest. Some people have made connections through the band, or the choir, or through friends at Mary's doing the same uni subject. For me, when it comes to getting to know people that little bit better, one way is through sport. We are not all athletes, but at Mary's, it doesn't matter, everyone has the chance to have a go, and to try something new, even a sport that you've never even thought about playing before. When you get up at 7am to go play a sports game, sometimes with a bit of a sore head, you make bonds that

go beyond the sports field. Bonds and experiences that build life-long friendships, regardless of results. Don't get me wrong, we do win a sport every now and then, but that definitely doesn't take away from the friendships. I would say though that when faced against a team full of state level players from a bigger college, and probably losing quite convincingly, being amongst mates is something that makes it that much easier, and somewhat still worth it, and that is where even stronger bonds form, with "Friendship as the real winner." The CAN DO attitude, that everyone at Mary's shows throughout sport, and every other activity we offer at college, is remarkable.

Sport to us here at Mary's is the opportunity to lay the foundations of getting to know some amazing people. Through the victory and defeat, together we put ourselves out there to have experiences, and make memories that lead to lasting friendships, extending past any boundary of a sports field or college environment.



By Nick Wood

GUEST SPEAKER MR KEVIN SHEEDY AM

Kevin Sheedy was the Guest Speaker at the College Culture and Sports Dinner held on Wednesday 20 September. At the conclusion of the dinner, Mr Sheedy presented Nick Francis, Captain of the victorious St Mary's Football Team, with the winning cup.

Kevin Sheedy holds the VFL / AFL record for the most games participated in as a player and / or coach. He has been involved in over 1000 games and eight premierships. He was the coach of AFL club Essendon for 27 years, and a player for Richmond for 12 years.

Kevin Sheedy began his career at Prahran Football Club in the Victorian Football Association in 1964. After playing in a premiership with that club, he transferred to VFL club Richmond in 1967, playing 251 games before retiring in 1979. Kevin played in three winning grand final sides for the Tigers: 1969, 1973 and 1974.

In 1998 Kevin was awarded an AM, (Member of the Order of Australia) in 2000 an Australian Sports Medal, and in 2001 a Centenary Medal for service to Australian society through the sport of AFL. In 2009, he was awarded Australian Catholic University's highest honour, Doctor of the University, in recognition of



his contributions to community and youth work in sport - particularly for his work with Indigenous Australians.

Kevin is perhaps best known as the AFL coach who has most promoted and nurtured Indigenous talent. Essendon, under Kevin Sheedy, led the way in talent-spotting and attracting young Indigenous players, and other clubs soon followed. Today, 83 players on the AFL lists, out of about 600, are Indigenous footballers - the greatest participation rate for Indigenous Australians in any sport.

Kevin said his inspiration to help others had stemmed from his parents who were models of

affection and hard work, the teachers and football coaches who instructed him throughout his youth, and the Catholic Church: "Human people are vulnerable - they need Christ's help".

Michael Long, perhaps Kevin's most famous Indigenous AFL recruit, is among countless to have paid tribute to the footballing great: "To me he is a father of reconciliation, for what he has personally done for me and the game and for other Indigenous kids," he said.



ACU FACULTY DINNER



On Thursday 3 August, residents of St. Mary's attending Australian Catholic University were invited to a faculty dinner with Associate Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Ballard. Held in the Loreto Room, this dinner was an opportunity for students to connect with the head of campus. Dr Ballard spent time speaking to each student about their

course and provided us with insight into the foundations and future of the ACU St. Patrick's Campus. He also shared many stories of his experience working as the CEO of Mercy Health and offered advice on how to conduct ourselves and capitalise on opportunities. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed and valued by all

involved, and we would like to extend our thanks to Dr Ballard for taking the time to meet with us, as well as Darcy and Rachel for hosting the evening.

By Abbey Zito



ST MARY'S LAW STUDENTS EXPLORE ROME



L to R; Current St Mary's student William Howard with St Mary's Alumni (2015-2016) Thomas O'Dwyer and Nikolas Verbeek

Taken early in the morning in St Peter's Square before descending to the Tomb of St. Peter for Holy Mass.

Students were in Rome as part of ACU's intensive course on The Law of the European Union, taught by Associate Professor Patrick Quirk, Scholar-in-residence at St Mary's.

Students pondered the binding elements of ancient and modern civilisations, and briefly considered Virgil's Aeneid, which was one of the popular cultural connectors for those who were Roman citizens. As Professor Mary Beard notes in her book SPQR (2015) "Ancient Rome is important."

VALETE MASS AND DINNER

After a College Mass in the Frewin Room and a formal dinner on Wednesday 11 October the College farewelled and thanked the departing third years for their contribution to St Mary's.

Address by the Principal at the Valete Dinner in the Dining Room, 11 October 2017.

Tonight is the valetants' night – a night of farewell, and anticipation of what is to come. It is a celebration of what has been and is; but it is also a pointer to new beginnings – a transformation. This is exciting to see. We have all witnessed over the last few years the extraordinary maturation and development of tonight's valetants and our departing students – increased self-confidence, an increasingly holistic perspective on life, the valuing of the 'other' rather than simply the 'self', and the forming of quality friendships that I am confident will endure in the years ahead.

Thank you, valetants, for all your contributions to St Mary's over the last three years. Each of you, in your way, has made a unique and significant contribution to our college community. You have helped shape this college, and we have all been beneficiaries of your presence and contributions. So, thank you!! And to each student leaving college – thank you for the quality of your interactions and your contributions

to college life. I hope that you take with you precious memories of times shared in this special place. May your dreams and aspirations be fulfilled abundantly in the years ahead! I hope that you will stay in touch with your college, join the alumni – and I hope you will always be proud that St Mary's is your college!

On your Arrival Day in college I spoke in the Frewin Room to you and your parents and families about the significant transition from secondary school to college and university – but also about your time in college being preparation for life beyond here. And that approach has underpinned all our efforts during your time here. When mistakes are made (very occasionally!), lessons are drawn and hopefully you are then better equipped to engage responsibly with this rapidly changing world.

One of the standout, and most uplifting, aspects of life here at St Mary's is that when somebody is facing a challenge, of whatever form, each of us supports them, encourages them, is there for them. I know that several of you have this year faced significant challenges of various forms. It has been a privilege to accompany you as you strive to face and overcome your challenge and I have felt in awe, more than once this year, of the honesty and courage of so many of you!

We all know that old saying – and it's certainly apt tonight: "All good things must come to an end". Well, I have a slight variation on this for each of you to hold on to, for those times when life throws you a 'curve ball' and things become difficult, as they occasionally do, and will, for each of us: "All challenges must also come to an end."

Never forget this – the challenging things in life are finite and you WILL get through them. Indeed, several of you here tonight are tangible proof of this! And if you ever need somebody in the future to talk with, my door will always be open to you. Finally, I wish you all well – Rachel and I, and the tutors, are proud of you all, and what you have achieved. Please stay in touch – and I hope that our paths will continue to cross in the years ahead!

Vale – may you, indeed, fare well!



REFLECTIONS FROM VALETANTS



St Mary's has been my home over the past 3 years and to me, St Mary's is a place that has fostered my development in many different areas of my life. College life has allowed me to grow academically, socially, culturally and spiritually. St Mary's has always been a special place where I have been acknowledged, recognised and appreciated by so many supportive and friendly people.

Living at St Mary's has given me the confidence to try new things, meet new people and step out of my comfort zone. I am particularly appreciative of the diversity of

college life, in that I have been presented with the opportunity to play several different sports, perform in the college musical on two occasions and take on leadership roles as the Student Club Treasurer in 2016 and President in 2017.

When I leave St Mary's I will certainly cherish the friendships and bonds that I formed with students and staff over the past 3 years. I will treasure the conversations at meal times, bumping into people in the corridors and social events like the Ball and The Event. The opportunity to try out so many new and exciting things in such a short space of time has been something that I will always treasure.

The most valuable lessons I have learnt from St Mary's revolve around leadership. I have learnt that the people who make a difference in our society are leaders who lift up not only themselves or their friends, but everyone else around them. True leadership is about sticking up for those who don't have the ability or strength to speak. St Mary's has taught me that we all have a

responsibility to look after and care for those around us.

I would like to thank Darcy and Rachel for every bit of support and encouragement provided to me over the past 3 years. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the St Mary's community. Living at St Mary's is an experience that I will always cherish and it fills me with great joy to know that St Mary's will always be my home.



By Dale Beeton



St Mary's means a lot to me. Growing up as an Australian in Malaysia created an almost split identity for me, and wondering whether I would fit in at St Mary's was definitely a concern. However, from day one it has been warm and welcoming. I believe it is an amazing example of a place that fosters caring and nurturing traits in the community. I've grown and changed in many ways since

coming to St Mary's. While it is hard to pinpoint just one attribute, I feel (well, I hope) that it has been for the better. I've certainly developed new ways of looking at things; something I can apply to other areas of my life. The friendships I've gained is what I will treasure the most. While St Mary's has given me other skills and opportunities, the people are definitely the bedrock of everything about college. As I



leave College I will take with me the memories, interpersonal skills, my convener experience as well as work ethic and dedication. I would like to thank all the staff for everything that goes on behind the scenes. A lot of work is required to keep the college running smoothly, and it does not go unnoticed.

By Benjamin Ho

REFLECTIONS FROM VALETANTS



When I arrived at St Mary's almost 3 years ago, I don't think I could've anticipated the positive impact this place would have on my life in my short time here. I was ready for a fresh start after leaving my high school in Horsham in regional Victoria, but St Mary's far surpassed any expectations I had of it. St Mary's very quickly became my home away from home and I am proud to have been a student here. Being at college I have been introduced to so many people from various corners of the globe and I have made lifelong friends. I've had a great education at the University of Melbourne but I'll cherish my times at St Mary's

more. I've participated in all sorts of sporting (only as a spectator) and cultural events but even the most mundane of evenings have made amazing memories with the people I've met at college. At St Mary's I was able to foster my love of musical theatre with a number of like-minded thespians. In 2015 I played the role of Jan in our production of Grease which was great fun but I had a more profound theatrical experience in 2016. Last year I directed our production of Legally Blonde and although it was challenging at times, it was also incredibly rewarding and I wouldn't change a thing. That experience, combined with the year and a half I spent as student mentor on both East and North wings, have made me even surer in my chosen career path of secondary education. An activity that I have partaken in quite a lot over the last three years is acting as a tour guide for prospective students, which I enjoy. One question I'm always asked, without fail, is: "how would you describe St Mary's?" and it's a question I always struggle to answer for two reasons. The first being that it's difficult to describe a place like Mary's if you haven't

experienced it for yourself; the second is that I don't know if words could ever do justice to the amazing time I've had here. I'd like to thank my family for supporting me not just in these last three years but always; my friends for making my time here so memorable; also to all the staff and students, both past and present, for being a part of my life the last three years; and finally, to Darcy and Rachel for being supportive and kind in every encounter, not just with me, but with all the students.



By Loretta Martin



Three hectic, insane, amazing years. Although it seems to have flown by, looking back I realise just how much St Mary's offered me, and how fortunate I was to be able to contribute back to the college. The opportunities have been incredible. Many would call playing a game of sport, going to a full day of university before performing in a college musical a standout full day, but a Mary's student would call that "Tuesday".



I never dreamed that my first act as Vice President would be to obtain a Victorian State Liquor Licence. Who better to trust with the liquor than a teetotaler? It's enormously satisfying to watch your fellow students enjoy events you helped put together, from Formal Dinners to Internal Parties.

Mary's has been wonderful, and I'd like to thank Dale Beeton for being such a great President to work with,

as well as Caleb Foster-McLachlan and Nicholas Pitson, two of a number of students who introduced me to life here at college and who kindly spoke for me at this year's Valeté dinner. I'd like to thank my parents for all their support and advice. Particular thanks to our principal, Dr Darcy McCormack, who guides us all.

By David Smith

SENIOR COMMON ROOM REFLECTION



I remember that fateful call in early 2013 - my mind was in a flurry as I considered the possibility of undertaking this new challenge in life - as a residential tutor. Back then, my idea was to go in with an open mind, to learn and develop from this opportunity. Since then, St Mary's has been my home for the next five years. It goes without saying that this was one of the best decisions in my life.

I was in a quandary about my path in life then, as I envied many of my peers who seemed to have moved on far ahead in life, ascending the corporate ladder at breakneck speeds. It was my time at St Mary's that made me realise this - I am running my own race and comparing myself to others would be in no way beneficial. Too often, we live chasing what others define as success.

It is more important that one put emphasis on understanding his or her strengths and short-term goals. I have always known that I want to continuously improve myself and impart knowledge to the next generation of young adults. I have now tutored in 14 subjects in the disciplines of Economics, Finance and Management in the Faculty of Business and Economics at The University of Melbourne.

One of the most distinctive characteristics of St Mary's is its close-knit community. What I appreciated most was the heartfelt bonds fostered within the college, among staff and students alike. Trust, love and respect are prevalent here, as lifelong friendships are made. To know that you have someone to count on is, in itself, a big blessing.

I am proud to say that the college has a rich history of close to a century. In light of the recent renovations from 2014 to 2016, our amenities have improved vastly. This is a welcome addition. However, it is more heartening for me to say that the values of those who have spent time in St Mary's have remained the same. I believe the students of today are just as down-to-earth, resilient and intellectual as previous cohorts. I have seen many of them come to me for advice, though they often are able to soldier on through difficult times. On my end, I am glad to have been of help to these students.

Students are given the opportunities to play sports, and engage in a range of social and cultural activities. Undoubtedly, sportsmanship is one of our strengths. At the end of the day, friendship is the winner and I will never forget this. I was excited that the college won the intercollegiate footy

and women's rowing this year. This was all due to the students' belief and hard training. By having such a good life balance, I learnt to adopt a similar lifestyle.

I am thankful to the leadership team past and present (Sr Liz Hepburn, Dr Paul Gallagher, Ms Elizabeth Burns, A/Prof Darcy McCormack and Ms Rachel Lechmere) for the faith they had in me as a residential tutor at St Mary's. The friendships formed with other tutors and staff, as well as the students, are one of a kind. I would like to especially thank the kitchen staff for allowing me to volunteer with them over some weekends. Lastly, I also want to thank my past and present student mentors - Anna Bakogianis, Erin Lawn, Ellie Bowtell, Lewis White and Will Jury - for all their hard work assisting students on the floor and being amazing individuals. While the decision to leave St Mary's was very difficult, good times come to an end, and it is time I follow my heart to take on a new job opportunity in Singapore. It was indeed enriching to be living and working amongst a diverse pool of individuals and supportive network of people.

By Chin Yong Quek

ALUMNI COCKTAIL PARTY

THE ANNUAL FRANCIS
FREWIN COCKTAIL PARTY
Held in the Frewin Room on
Saturday 28 October, 2017





ANNUAL MASS

The Annual Alumni Mass was celebrated by Fr Michael Elligate in the St Mary's College Chapel on Sunday 29 October. This Mass provided an opportunity to pray for all deceased Loreto Sisters, alumni and benefactors of St Mary's all valued members of our College Community. Light refreshments were served in the Loreto Room afterwards.

ALUMNI

1985 - 1989 REUNION

Saturday 28 October saw the annual St Mary's Frewin Cocktail, Cox Plate Alumni event! For those who attended St Mary's during the 1985-89 years, this coincided with a reunion of 30 alumni. With Winx's win, it was also good to see a couple of now-NSW based interlopers from Sydney make the trip down. Simon Gibbs and Paul Twomey were in the race to the end, but as I had retired well early of the finish they may well have taken line honours? Thanks also to others who travelled from overseas (John Penry), interstate (Julia), or from afar from regional Victoria (Paula).

After the "Cocktails at College", the reunion kicked off in earnest at the Clyde for dinner. The noise in the dining room was a good indication that this was a race of stayers. The Clyde looked after the field quite well, which was good as

it seemed that most of the fillies and stallions were in dire need of a drink and a good full chaff bag.

After rounding the bend of Lygon and Grattan the well-groomed and oiled headed for the Carlton Yacht Club and there is was no need to reach for the whip on this long straight. After all of these years I never knew that there was a stretch of water or a yacht club in Carlton, but it was raining.....

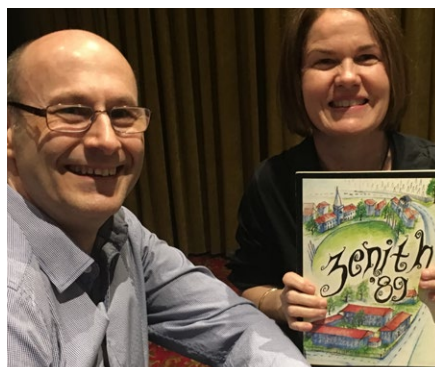
And at the end of the straight the winner was.....other than Winx, everyone who came along with much frivolity had by all. An excellent night and many thanks to Cate Pickett, the Alumni Committee and the College for pulling this together. The main reason for holding the after-race-cocktail-dinner was to reconnect and have some fun, develop the data base for the upcoming

100 anniversary year and finally to raise some much needed funds to support the bursary and scholarship programs. For all of you that came, many thanks and please consider contributing to the activities of the Alumni, making a contribution to the scholarships program and at the least passing on to your past college friends(whatever they are) information relating to the Alumni and the events planned for next year.

Looking forward to catching up again next year as part of the 100 year celebrations.

By Mick Shaddock

1987 Alumni



2018 CENTENARY EVENTS

FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

*A chance to remember,
reflect and reconnect.*

CENTENARY MASS & DINNER

Saturday 17 March 2018

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

LAUNCH OF THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

ST MARY'S HALL ALUMNI LUNCH AT ST MARY'S HALL

Saturday 27 October 2018

CENTENARY COURTYARD & GARDEN COCKTAIL PARTY

Saturday 27 October 2018

ANNUAL ALUMNI MASS

Sunday 28 October 2018

CONCERT

Sunday 2 December 2018

Celebrating 100 Years
1918 - 2018

THE ALLAN & MARIA MYERS ACADEMIC CENTRE NEWS



LOOKING BACK...

It has been an exciting, and yet sad, year at the Academic Centre as we all move on and embrace the future and yet remember the kindness and wonderful work of Angela Gehrig, the previous Director of the Academic Centre. Those who are new to the College this year obviously missed out on knowing her but her presence has been missed by those returning to College and to the Academic Centre. To commemorate the anniversary of her death on October 16, we have framed a photo of Angela with details of her service as Director, and placed it on the wall beside the lift on Level 2, where she can be acknowledged and remembered by everyone coming to study or use the Centre.

LOOKING FORWARD...

Nearing the completion of the academic year, the Centre is currently full to capacity with

students studying for exams, and completing, printing and binding assignments. All new St Mary's students have had an introduction to the Centre during Orientation Week to become familiar with both the Library and what is on offer at the Centre. At this time of year, everyone knows exactly where everything is and has a favourite place to study. The Centre has been able to employ three St Mary's students this year and they have helped shelve books, fill printers with paper at the College, recycle paper at the Centre, and work during second semester Swot Vac.

Throughout semester, St Mary's and Newman have continued to run tutorials in the Centre on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings to support students' university course work. There was a record breaking total of 113 subjects offered during Semester 2 this year. As a comparison, back in Semester 2, 2005, a timetable listed 75 tutorials for both colleges. As well as the tutorials, many students from both

Colleges use the music practice rooms to rehearse and study music.

The Centre, while supporting study, is also a place for students to relax. This year we have purchased additional games for the student lounge - Scrabble and Uno to name a few, as well as some new cushions for the couches. Milk, tea and coffee have been available in the student kitchens and we've been attempting to keep a full bowl of lollies at the Information Desk during Swot Vac. We have subscribed to a few new magazines, Australian Personal Computer, Frankie and Inside Sport, and have The Age and The Australian newspapers available in read as well. A community jigsaw puzzle is always available on the 2nd floor foyer area for a rest from study and is surprisingly popular. New furniture arrived in April for the foyer areas on Levels 3 and 4 and has provided additional space for students to sit, read or work on assignments.

The Centre was honoured to have a rare, but very welcome, visit from Patrick Murphy, who walked over during semester to check out the Centre and found Level 2 very accommodating.

The educational and cultural events the Academic Centre has supported this year have been well patronized. Twelve students recently attended the Melbourne Writer's Festival and listened to panel discussions on extremism and women and religion. In *Beyond Cliches: Women, Religion and Culture*, Amal Awad (*Beyond Veiled Cliches*) and Susan Carland (*Fighting Hislam*) shared their stories and research, discussing the ways in which Muslims and Arab women experience the world. In *Understanding Extremism*, Nir Boram, Nancy MacLean and John Safran explored the factors at play in, and the psychology behind, extremism today. Ten students attended the EJ Whitten Legends football game which supports the EJ Whitten Foundation and the AFL's charity partners. The Centre also supported a very popular weekly yoga class held on Wednesdays in the Jabiru room during semester 2.

The Centre has ongoing involvement in the organization of the Outreach

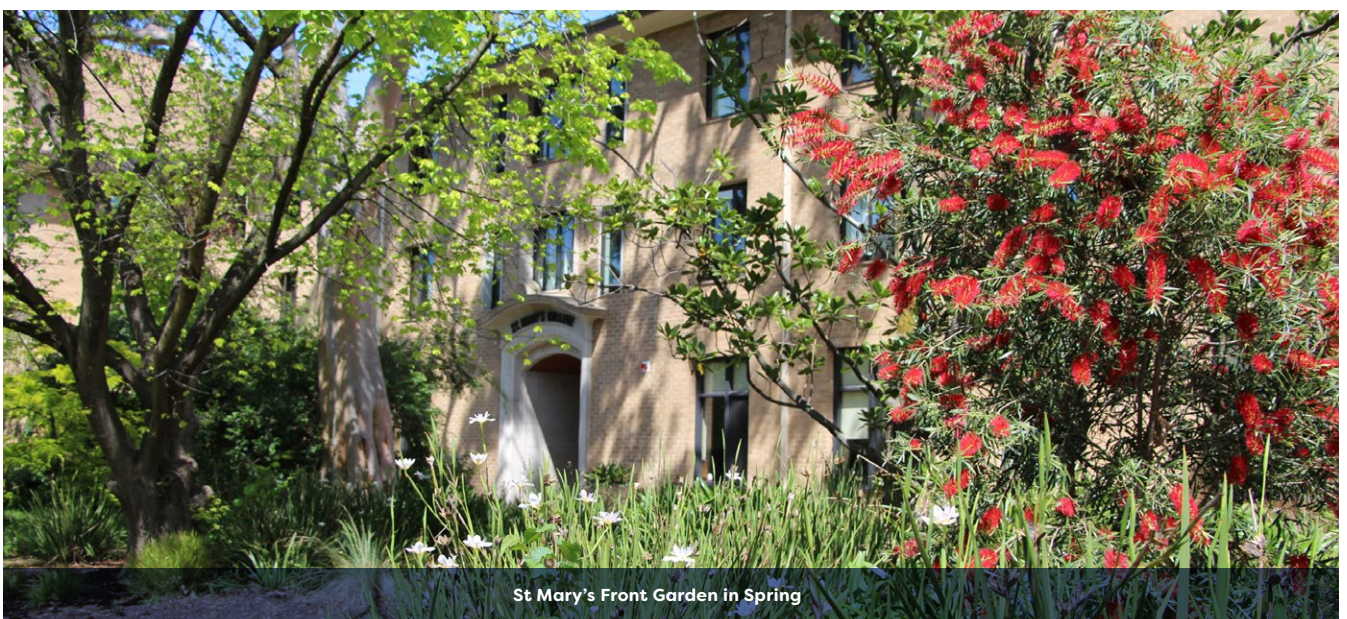
Program. This program of public events, mostly lectures, curated by Emeritus Professor Margaret Manion, is advertised and supported by the Academic Centre and lectures are held at both Newman and St Mary's Colleges. Outreach lectures in 2017 have included a presentation by Sir Gustav Nossal, who discussed global health and philanthropy, as well as a shared lecture between Erica Persak, the Executive Administrator for the Kerry Stokes Collection, and Emeritus Professor Margaret Manion, in which they discussed medieval manuscripts in the Kerry Stokes collection and 14th century French bible as part of Rare Book Week in Melbourne. These were both held in the Oratory at Newman College. Back in early February, Professor David McKittrick, Dr Patrick Spedding and Dr Stephanie Downes took part in a panel discussion on the future of the book in the Frewin Room at St Mary's. The Centre also promotes other - for example, public events running in the colleges - Helder Camara talks, Irish studies events, Newman choir concerts, and the annual Mannix lecture, to name just a few. We hosted the St Mary's Oratory competition and Rhonda Gordon-Brown, a librarian at the Centre, was honoured to support Associate Professor Patrick Quirk as one of the judges.

The library collection has grown this year to around 57,000 items and we have focussed our attention on the general collection and removing old and superseded textbooks, as well as duplicate and triplicate copies of some items. The result is more space for new acquisitions and more relevant research materials for students. We continue to purchase a broad range of general fiction and nonfiction as well as DVD's. The Centre has offered a shared semester-long loan of textbooks since 2014 and at the end of Semester 2, a total of 48 unique students have been part of the program and 26 textbooks are currently on loan and being shared amongst student groups.

On behalf of all Academic Centre staff, I wish all departing students the best for the future and look forward to seeing returning students next year. I hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday and joyous Christmas.

Kathleen Kilmartin

Director

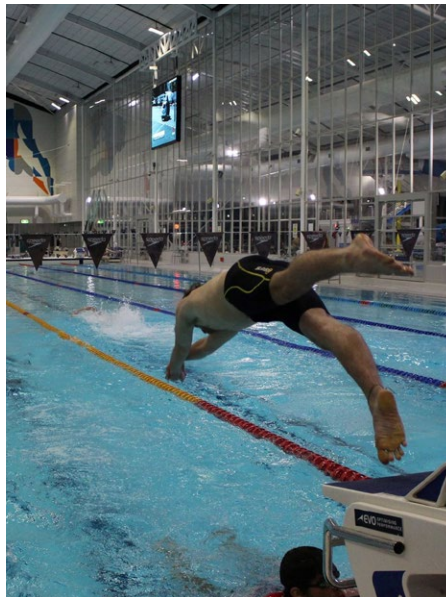


St Mary's Front Garden in Spring

SPORTS REPORT

Semester 2 2017 was another great semester for Mary's Sport, with our main events being Swimming, AFL, Basketball and Tennis. Once again, St Mary's sport was characterised by high participation, and a great atmosphere, with many successes and friendship as the real winner.

The start of the semester saw most of the Mary's guys heading down to Princes Park for footy training, with high hopes of putting our 2016 losses behind us and going one better to win the 2017 premiership. Team cohesion was strong, with over 50 Mary's guys being a part of the 2017 squad. Training turnouts of 30+ gave us good preparation for our two round games





against Kendall and IH, with two convincing wins. Injuries became a challenge for the team, with many players including team captain, Nick Francis, having to rest up well before the grand final.

Our Grand Final campaign was one of great anticipation, with a 2016 replay against University College. On the day, St Mary's showed what we are really about, with great support. Students, staff, parents, grandparents, ex-cols and friends filled the stands at University Oval with a crowd far out-numbering that of UC, a college of double our size. Early injury for key player Tom Clarkson, and a broken collar bone for Will Reed saw the Mary's numbers wearing thin, and the half-time score had St Mary's 4 goals down. The boot of James Perks wasn't going to let the Mary's hopes fall, with an unintentional goal from outside 50. Dinan McMahon followed suit to narrow the margin going into the fourth quarter. The momentum carried on and Will Jury and Doug Arnold finished two goals to bring us within one point. Soon after, torrential rain set in, and with the Mary's crowd huddled under the pavilion, 2016 seemed to be repeating. In what seemed like a miracle moment, a break away in the final 5 minutes

gave the St Mary's team the chance to take the win, and a goal by Anthony Argento took us 5 points ahead and secured the premiership. A massive thankyou to all the St Mary's supporters at the football grand final. Congratulations to everyone involved with the team on the 2017 premiership. The Womens Football games were close, with a win against Whitley and a loss against Newman, making it to the semifinals.

Our ICSC carnival for Semester 2, was the Swimming, held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The red and blue had a strong presence, once again out-numbering bigger colleges. It was great to see the support for our swimmers. Special congratulations to Hannah Cooper who wowed the crowds as she won the 200m freestyle with an awesome time of 2:30. Also to Henry Zhang on an impressive belly flop.

Our next Sport for the semester was basketball. The 7am mornings, in addition to an overly common lack of fitness among the players, made the Basketball season a tough one. We had a strong team, looking forward to making a mark on the 2017 competition. Unfortunately, with a big overlap in the football

team, injuries became, a tough challenge for the men's team narrowly missing out in a quarter final against Queens. The women's Basketball team were extremely competitive against IH and Whitley, even with a lack of experience.

The final sport of the year was mixed tennis. In women's tennis, Britt Suann won her singles and the women's doubles, also defeating International House. Unfortunately, poor weather hindered the first men's game against Ormond, with our team going down 4 games to one. Our semi-final against International House was of similar result, leaving friendship as the real winner.

As 2017 comes to a close, thank you to everyone who has supported sport at St Mary's. Thank you to all players, supporters and coaches, from all parts of the Mary's community. Sport is one of the ways St Mary's shows what we are really about, and it is something anyone involved can be proud of.

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