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EDITOR'S NOTE

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

Dear St Joseph's Nudgee College community,

There are days that unite a community unlike any other, and Saturday 15 September 2018 was one of those days for Nudgee College. It was a Premiership-winning home game for the 1st XV. It was a day when the two opposing sides prayed together after the match. It was a day when students from Papua New Guinea gathered in the middle of Ross Oval to raise an arm in solidarity and support of the Clark family. The specialness of this day is captured in Mr Peter Fullagar's article on page four.

This edition also features an insight into the first Year 10 Immersion to Papua New Guinea, thoughts from the 2018 Seniors about their first day at Nudgee College, the story behind the incredible artwork featured on this page, and much more. I hope you find it an enjoyable read.

MS TIFFANY LLOYD
Editor



Brad Eastman's mural in the Cleary Building. Credit: @beastman on Instagram.

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MR PETER FULLAGAR



Days such as Saturday 15 September 2018 occur very rarely, if ever, in school communities. There was a 1st XV Rugby match to be played that day - a match that held much significance to both The Southport School (TSS) and St Joseph's Nudgee College given that this was the Premiership match in the Centenary year of the GPS Association.

Nudgee College and The Southport School students from Papua New Guinea gathered on Ross Oval in solidarity with Alexander Clark.





This was only the third time in those 100 years that the Premiership was to be decided during a match between two undefeated teams in the final round of competition. However, this final GPS fixture against TSS was memorable for more than just the Rugby match.

Around the school that day there was something akin to a carnival atmosphere. Highlights of the day for many people included the gathering of Papua New Guinea boys from both schools in the centre of Ross Oval, the support generated by the Nudgee College boys in the Grandstand throughout the afternoon, the countless reunions amongst a very large number of Old Boys, and the community celebration at the Boarders' Bash that evening. This final gathering also included the emotional Wallaby Walk presentation to Old Boy Dom Shipperley (NC 2007-08). Of course, the exhilarating match with a nail-biting finish will be talked about for years to come.

Less public on that day were the post-match 1st XV presentations, which also featured some indelible moments. For the small crowd in Ryan Hall there were symbolic images of both teams arm in arm celebrating the 'spirit of fellowship' that has been the tagline for the GPS Centenary year and both teams praying together for Alexander Clark's recovery.

Beyond the joy of a memorable victory on Ross Oval, the thousands who were present on that day experienced a deep sense of community and belonging. This sense of community is a defining and enduring quality of Nudgee College. Indeed, for succeeding generations of young men and their families, the College has provided a deep connection.

This continues today and is evidenced in the responses of many of our parents who contributed to the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) online, nationwide survey 'Choosing a School', which was conducted earlier this year. The participation of Nudgee College parents was the highest of any of the 40 schools involved, and consequently the responses gave a valid indicator of our parental perspectives. The survey results tell us that when asked why parents had chosen Nudgee College for their sons, over 50 per cent answered 'a school with a strong sense of community'. Other responses also included our broad curriculum, our academic success, our high standards of student conduct, and our strong sporting opportunities.

This sense of community permeates the daily life of the College. However, there were moments in recent times when extraordinary events challenged but ultimately strengthened the Nudgee College community. I refer specifically to the serious injury to Alexander Clark, one of our Year 9 students.

Alexander's spinal injury in early August shook this community deeply. We are a community that has always embraced athletic pursuit as a means of growth and development for our young men. We are a community with a proud heritage in the game of rugby union. We are a community that has a long term and strong connection with Papua New Guinea. We are a member of the GPS Association in which three other boys suffered spinal injuries of varying degrees in a relatively short space of time.

In truth Alexander's injury has brought our community spirit (i.e. Nudgee Spirit) and the power of 10,000

brothers to the forefront. The roster of daily visits by staff and students. The meals prepared by countless mums and dads. The funds so generously raised and donated. The prayers offered publicly and in private. These gestures are emblematic of this deep sense of community connection. Our need to support Alexander and his family is a long term commitment. He will return to the College at some point in 2019. As a faith filled community we continue to pray for the best possible outcome for him.

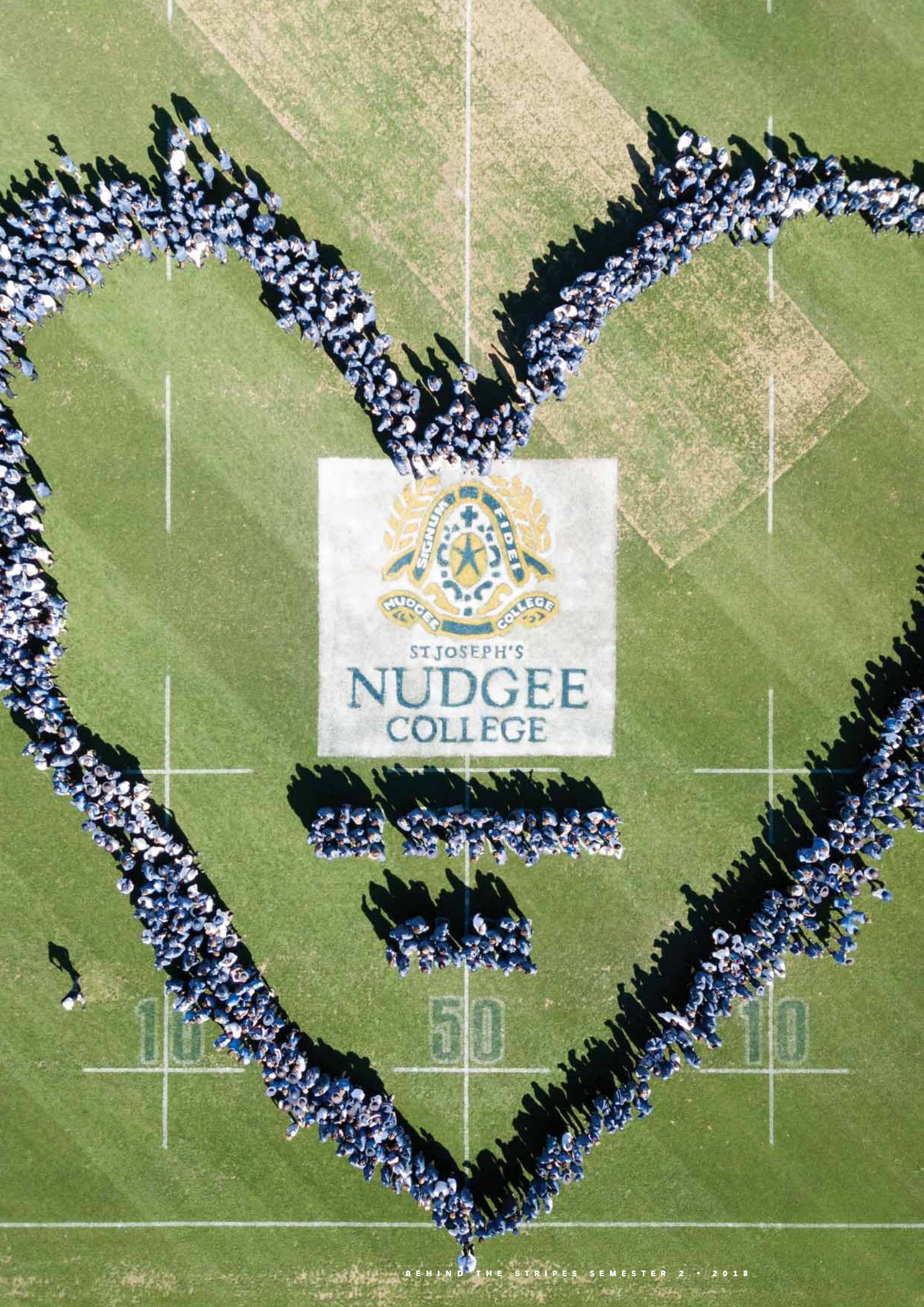
Our Strategic Plan has identified community as one of the six values that reflect our traditions and current practices, as well as our expression of the Touchstones from the EREA Charter. Events such as that final Rugby home game remind us all that community is experienced and celebrated in many forms and through a range of activities. I am grateful to everyone who helped to create a day that will long live in the collective memory.

Finally, I commend to you another outstanding edition of *Behind the Stripes*, which captures other dimensions of College life, as well as many notable occasions and accomplishments.

Right: Nudgee College students forming a heart on Ross Oval at lunchtime on 10 August in support of Alexander Clark.

Above: Dom Shipperley during his Wallaby Walk plaque presentation at the Boarders' Bash.

Above left: Nudgee College and The Southport School 1st XV Rugby players praying the Lord's Prayer for Alexander Clark at the post-match function in Ryan Hall.



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FROM YEAR 5 (OR 7 OR 8 OR 11) TO YEAR 12

8 THE JOURNEYS OF THE 2018 SENIOR CLASS

MS TIFFANY LLOYD



From the long walk through the guard of honour to their final Assembly, to the demanding weeks of exam block, to the joy and celebration of the Valedictory Mass and Dinner, the final weeks of Year 12 can be overwhelming, bittersweet or even a complete blur. The Seniors take part in rituals that rightfully mark the significance of the occasion, and their shared experience certainly encourages a sense of unity.

While the end of their time as students at Nudgee College shares many commonalities, their beginnings tell a different tale.

Senior Joshua Flook began his Nudgee College experience in 2011 as a Year 5 student in the Junior School.

"I felt nervous about the unknown on my first day, as the school seemed so large and daunting," he said.

"However, my fears quickly subsided when my Big Brother and class teacher made me feel right at home."

As a talented athlete, Joshua said the sporting culture of the College has helped shape who he is today.

"Pulling on the blue and white stripes ignited a passion that is hard to put into words," he said.

A particular highlight he said was playing for the 1st XV in this year's

Premiership-winning GPS Rugby match versus The Southport School.

"Celebrating with team mates, lifting the cup, saluting the grandstand with the Nudgee War Cry, and then celebrating with all my brothers from the grandstand are memories etched in my mind forever," he said.

Fellow Senior Gus Babao also began at Nudgee College as a young Year 5 student. As his father and brother had attended the College before him, he said he had had many expectations about what his experience would be like.

"I was equal parts nervous and excited, and there were many questions running through my head," he said.

"How was I going to navigate this massive concrete and brick campus to get to my class? Were my teachers going to be nice? Was I going to make friends? And most importantly, how long until Rugby season starts!"

From 2011 to today, Gus said his perspective on the College had evolved drastically.

"I have really come to appreciate the features of Nudgee College that at first I never thought I would, such as the amazing art and drama facilities," he said.

"I came to Nudgee College wanting to be a rugby player, and now I am about to leave with the ambition of becoming an actor."

College Vice Captain Finni Mitchell had a start at Nudgee College different from Joshua and Gus, entering in Year 8.

"My first day at Nudgee College was long-awaited and I just remember walking to my different classes and meeting so many new people," he said.

For Finni, the sense of community was a highlight of his Nudgee College experience.

"Personally, I really experienced this through Rowing where the culture was simply unmatched," he said.

"The program developed my resilience and determination in the face of challenges, which allowed me to grow as a person overall."

As a boarder, Timothy Hardy didn't just transition to a new school when he started in Year 11; he also moved into a new home.

"Nothing my family members who attended Nudgee College had said could prepare me for the emotions I felt as I walked through the school for the very first time," he said.

"After being greeted by warm welcomes and friendly handshakes, I instantly felt a connection like no other school I had previously attended."

Similar to Timothy, Tristan Powell also moved into the Boarding Village last year.

"The Murphy House Boarding staff particularly helped me feel like Nudgee College was home, which really encouraged me to immerse myself in the journey ahead," he said.

From his first day to his final moments at the College, Tristan said he had changed significantly.

"Coming to Nudgee College, I didn't have the greatest academic or rugby abilities, but I have learnt to approach all situations with a growth mindset," he said.

"This has allowed me to improve as a person, a student and an athlete, and will be a valuable attribute for succeeding in life beyond Nudgee College."

Whether they started in Year 5 or 11, were a day boy or a boarder, there is no doubt that Nudgee Spirit lives strong in the minds of the class of 2018.



Seniors' rose garden ritual on their last day of school.

Far left: Seniors' guard of honour on their last day of school.



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THE TREACY JACARANDA TREE

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

The iconic Jacaranda Tree that has stood tall in front of the Treacy Building has been part of the Nudgee College landscape for generations.

In Term 3 it was discovered that the tree was no longer structurally sound, and thus needed to be removed.

The Treacy Jacaranda Tree not only had aesthetic value but it is historically important, with College records indicating that it was planted in 1905 during Br Joseph Moroney's tenure as Headmaster. To ensure this magnificent tree lives on in the story of Nudgee College, several cuttings were taken.

These are showing promising signs of viability and may be replanted on campus to produce a new Jacaranda Tree that is botanically connected to the original. A few flowers were also preserved and dried, and will be displayed in the Treacy Building. Additionally, the timber from the tree has been milled and will be used in the future.





THE GREAT DEBATE

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

In honour of the GPS Centenary this year, St Joseph's Nudgee College held the inaugural Great Debate on Thursday, 26 July.





Hundreds gathered in Tierney Auditorium to watch Old Boys of the 1980s debate Old Boys of the 2000s to decide whether 'the olden days of Nudgee College were the golden days of Nudgee College'.

Director of Activities Mr Greg Thorne opened the event, producing a laugh as he entered the stage dressed in a university robe. Old Boy Toby Carrick (NC 2013–17) then took the reins as emcee for the evening.

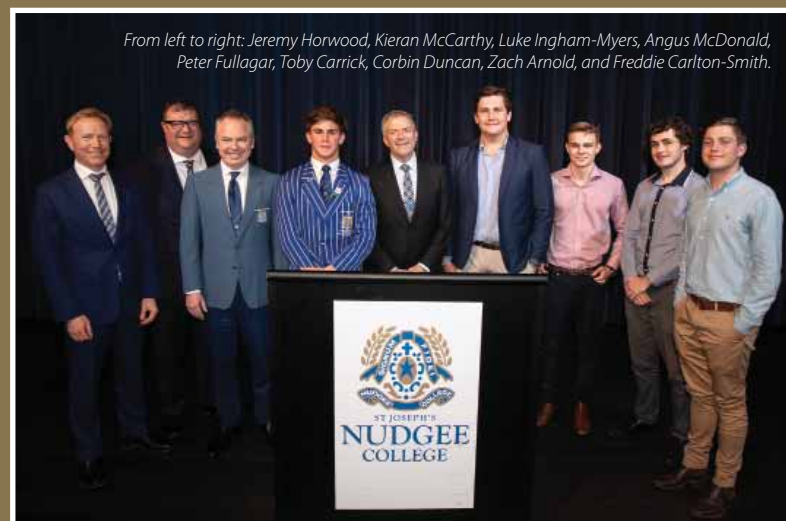
The affirmative team of Mr Luke Ingham-Myers (NC 1983–88), Mr Jeremy Horwood (NC 1985–89) and Mr Kieran McCarthy (NC 1979–83) emphasised the value of nostalgia, the resilience of students who experienced Nudgee College life in the "good old days", and threw in a few memories of iconic characters

through the ages, such as the late Fr David Gough (NC 1958–60).

The opposing team, consisting of Freddie Carlton-Smith (NC 2010–17), Zach Arnold (NC 2008–14) and Corbin Duncan (NC 2013–17), argued that Nudgee College was at its peak now with the advancement of technology and teaching methods, as well as exceptional recent sporting performances.

The arguments were full of wit, passion and light-hearted banter, leaving the adjudicators, Principal Mr Peter Fullagar and College Captain Angus McDonald, with a tough decision.

In the end, the older Old Boys were victorious, but all agreed the bond of the 10,000 brothers remains strong across every generation.



From left to right: Jeremy Horwood, Kieran McCarthy, Luke Ingham-Myers, Angus McDonald, Peter Fullagar, Toby Carrick, Corbin Duncan, Zach Arnold, and Freddie Carlton-Smith.

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MS TIFFANY LLOYD

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Nudgee College's Enrichment Program caters for students who exhibit outstanding aptitude and talent in various learning areas. Enrichment Program Leader Mr Pat Conway said the program aims to broaden the curriculum for such students in order that they develop knowledge, application, thinking skills, and attitudes at a level of complexity appropriate to their developmental stage.



Left: Robot project by Year 9 STEAM Enrichment students.

Right: Year 9 STEAM Enrichment students Conor Holloway, Samuel Rogers, Lachlan Doherty, Ethan Bartley, and Will Mann.

"Students who engage in our Enrichment Program will also be given the opportunity to work with peers who share similar interests, aspirations and abilities," he said.

One such branch of the program is the Year 9 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Enrichment subject, which this year has been headed up by Mr Jack Dahms.

"This subject is about empowering our students to explore an area of STEAM in an extremely engaging and purposeful way," he said. "The possibilities are limitless."

In Term 1, the students in the program explored how cryptocurrency and

blockchain works. They undertook a feasibility study as to how it could replace the Australian dollar. Instead of presenting their assignment in traditional methods, students developed a website to showcase their findings.

In Term 2, the boys explored artificial intelligence (AI). They developed their own AI programs, with capabilities that ranged from recognising voice commands, to classifying images, to having human-like conversations.

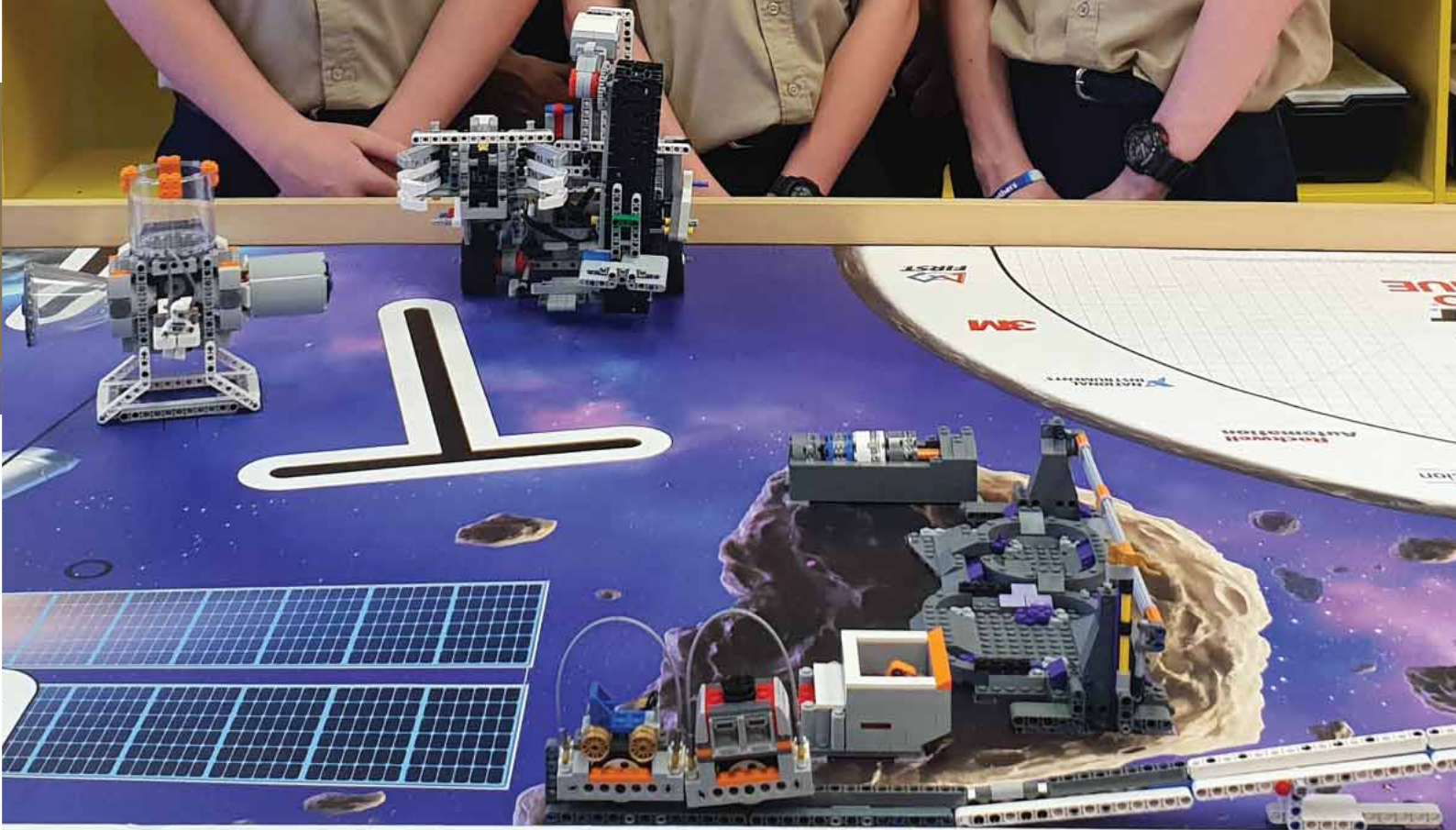
From AI to robotics; in Term 3 the students completed a robotic engineering challenge that required them to design and code a Lego robot from scratch to complete a variety of missions on a challenge

mat. The challenge mat related to a central theme, in which students developed a real-world solution to subjects such as water conservation or long term space flight.

For the final Term of Year 9 STEAM Enrichment, students were given the opportunity to work on a project they were passionate about. These projects were varied and included ventures such as creating a mobile phone game, producing a documentary, and developing a website.

The Enrichment Program is an integral part of the school-wide approach to teaching and learning, forming part of the College's commitment to personalised learning.





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MR PETER TODD





Dean of Students Mr Peter Todd is passionate about providing leadership opportunities to students. Here, he shares how Nudgee College develops and encourages leaders.

It is always a blessing to be in the St Joseph's Nudgee College Chapel with the Year 11 students each October when the next year's College Captain, Vice Captains and Prefects are announced. There is so much energy and joy. This year was no exception.

The announcement of the Senior student leaders for the following year is the end of a huge and comprehensive process. Each nominating Year 11 student hands in an application pack, makes a pitch to his House, and is placed in a ballot and voted on by his Year 11 cohort and all his House members. He is also interviewed by his House Dean and a Senior Leadership Team member. There is a further interview process for College Captain and Vice Captain.

However, that is merely the process at the end of a long and deliberate journey, and one that boys have been on since they joined the College.

The recently released Strategic Plan, *Advancing Nudgee Spirit 2020*, challenges the College to "foster leadership capability" as one of five priority areas for the boys' education. Students are offered many leadership opportunities throughout their journeys. Student leadership is celebrated in both the day school and Boarding Houses. Leadership is also a core unit in our weekly Student Formation lessons across a number of year levels.

The model of leadership that is valued by the College is the one actioned by Jesus: servant leadership.

"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than their master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent them. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

- John 13:13-17s

While most of us aren't up to Jesus's standard, we can aim to be servant leaders through trying to build a truly inclusive community; cultivating a culture of trust (due to acting with integrity); attempting to develop other leaders; encouraging the 'heart' (being relational); making sure to 'sell instead of tell'; always thinking you, not me; trying to inspire a shared vision; and acting with humility.

You could ask: How might all our boys from Years 5 to 12 illustrate leadership? Following are just a few examples of the many ways in which boys can lead:

- Model the way in your relationships with other boys and staff, and in how you carry yourself in everything you do
- Ask your PC tutor how you might help the group
- Regardless of academic ability, get 100 per cent 'G' for 'Good' in all subjects on your report card by demonstrating 100 per cent effort
- Thank teachers or coaches each day
- Join the Social Justice Program and get involved in something each Term
- Participate in many College activities with others to build relationships
- Be present at many College events to support your peers (not just the popular events)
- Be inclusive of all students, particularly those who appear to be struggling
- Complete the Duke of Edinburgh Program from Year 9
- Captain a sporting team or lead a cultural activity
- Focus on getting to know the names and stories of everyone in your year level, i.e. be the 'friendliest guy in the room'
- Support your House charity through action
- Ask to be an Altar Server or Eucharistic Minister
- Ask your House Dean, "how I can help my House?"
- Be part of a unified team in pursuit of positive common goals
- Be Signum Fidei – 'a Sign of Faith' in everyday life at Nudgee College by being a person of humility, respect, courage, collaboration, justice, and someone who is getting the most from their liberating education
- Actively think in each context you're in, "how can I be a leading person in this space?"

If all our young men were attempting these strategies, regardless of age, the College would be more special than it already is. It is our hope that as our Nudgee College men walk their path they are learning leadership skills and seeing leadership in action. It is just as much a deliberate part of the curriculum as Maths, Science and English.





THE INAUGURAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMERSION

MR ANTHONY CONNELLAN

In 2018, a group of Nudgee College Year 10 students travelled to Papua New Guinea for an Immersion for the first time. Director of Identity Mr Anthony Connellan recaps their experience.

Our Immersion Program has the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Touchstones at its core, in the sense that Year 10 students are encouraged to embrace liberating educational experiences that open their hearts to other people and cultures. Immersion provides them with opportunities to undergo significant and meaningful service learning, in which they explore the world we live in by following Jesus's teachings of love and compassion for others. Students gain an appreciation that everyone is different but equal, and that we can learn from every person we meet.

An Immersion to Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a genuine expression of who we are as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition. We are exploring the story of the Christian Brothers in a country that we at Nudgee College have such a strong and valued connection with, and we are reaching out to PNG people who are often forgotten in order to

celebrate our commonality and to build lasting friendships.

Mr Ken Mitchell and I flew with six students to Port Moresby in July for night one of the first PNG Immersion, where we enjoyed a gathering with PNG-based members of the Nudgee College community. We slept at the Emmaus Conference Centre at Boroko before boarding an early flight to Wewak the next day. Callan Services National Unit (CSNU) Development Officer Mr Patrick Hikin met us at the airport. Callan Services, for people with disabilities, was established in Wewak by the Christian Brothers in PNG in 1991, when Br Graeme Leach began the service there for the education of children with disabilities. This was done in collaboration with the Catholic Diocese of Wewak, and eventually under government legislation when it was henceforth known as Callan Inclusive Education Resource Centre (IERC) Wewak.

While in Wewak we spent time at the Divine Word University campus,



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Top Left: Student with PNG girl.

Above Left: Students and staff with a group of locals.

Left: The group's bus driver with Samuel O'Bryan, Christian Setefano, Ken Mitchell, Vuli Angarjuan, Jacob Martin, Cooper Green, Isaac Babao, and Anthony Connellan

Above: Year 10 students Isaac Babao and Jacob Martin with PNG girl.

where the CSNU and IERC Wewak is based. The Centre has an enrolment of 85 students aged 0 to 15 years with disabilities, 25 of whom attend each day, while the remaining 60 share their time between IERC and mainstream school. During the Nudgee College boys' time with the IERC students, they learnt practical skills, including basic sign language and braille, as well as strategies for teaching and working with children with disabilities. Most importantly though, the teachers and students of IERC Wewak taught us lessons of gratitude, inclusiveness and how to make the most of every day.

Highlights include the moment a girl suffering blindness sang her favourite song *Jesus Gave Us Paw Paw*, witnessing the confidence and pride of the IERC students as they sang the PNG national anthem, and a beach trip that was so enjoyable, all students were still in the water long after we were scheduled to leave. We also managed to visit Cape Wom, which is

the memorial site where the Japanese surrendered in 1945 and where a section of the war air strip remains today.

The next leg of the Immersion saw us pile into two troop carriers for a 177km trip to Aitape. It took the best part of the day as road conditions and river crossings were very challenging. It was, however, another great experience, featuring beautiful scenery and little villages where the locals gave us friendly smiles and waves as we passed by.

In Aitape, we enjoyed a traditional welcome dance and a second rendition of the PNG national anthem by the students at the local IERC. While we were in Aitape, we were able to spend time in the classroom at the IERC, as well as visiting several other local schools.

The trip also included a visit to the islands of Aitape – Seleu, Ali and Tumleo. We spent two or three hours with each island community, which unfortunately didn't nearly do them justice. We were welcomed with

beautiful traditional dance and song, walked the pure white sand paths through the villages, and enjoyed swimming, volleyball, story-sharing, and friendship building.

There were too many highlights and memories to mention, but what stood out for me was the beauty of the islands, the simple but rich lives the local people enjoy and the wonderful sense of community they share.

The final leg of our trip sent us back to Port Moresby to visit the Kokoda Track and Bomana War Cemetery, which was another humbling experience. We were able to embrace a small piece of Kokoda Track history by visiting Owers' Corner and walking about 750m into the Track and back.

The entire Immersion was an unbelievable experience, rich with lessons, memories and lasting friendships. My hope is that this is first of many Nudgee College Immersion trips to PNG, because we still have much to learn.







CASE JUNIOR SPACE SCHOOL

MORGAN CHIPPENDALE AND KEIRAN MCCARTHY

During the June and July school holidays, we and 17 of our peers from Years 7 to 9 participated in the CASE Junior Space School Program.

We travelled to the United States to visit leading space and science organisations, including the NASA Johnson Space Center and the Museum of Natural Science in Houston, Texas and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. We partook in a range of STEAM-related activities, including simulated missions for astronaut training. We also had the opportunity to hear lectures by NASA engineers.

As part of the program, we were able to learn and apply the skills of critical thinking and problem solving. We had to work together as part of a team on challenges aimed at developing initiative and leadership.

We spent most of our first week in Houston taking part in a large variety of hands-on tasks, such as a shark dissection, DNA testing, and many other interactive activities. We were also able to learn about Newton's laws and how they correlate with how modern day spacecraft fly and function.

After an action packed first week, we travelled to Huntsville, where we were able to experience simulated astronaut training courses and space launches. The courses utilised real equipment that astronauts use and train with each day to equip themselves with the skills needed to live on the International Space Station. During the launches we gained experience in mission control, launching a space shuttle and working on projects on the International Space Station, all of which certainly emphasised the value of teamwork and persistence. Overall the trip was a great experience and being part of the tour group was a privilege. We would like to thank Ms Bridie O'Dea for giving up her holidays to travel with us on the tour, for looking after us and making sure we always had fun. Thank you also to all of the parents for giving us the opportunity to experience this life changing trip that we will never forget.

AIEF GRADUATION

MS TIFFANY LLOYD



In September, St Joseph Nudgee College Year 12 student Joe Franciscus Reuben spoke at the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) graduation ceremony at Luna Park in Sydney. More than 70 students from across the country attended the ceremony, which coincided with celebrations for the AIEF's 10th anniversary.

In his ceremony address, Joe spoke about moving from a small town in central west Queensland to attend school at Nudgee College, the challenges he faced and his triumphs in the blue and white.

"Although it was hard, it was a challenge I was confident I could overcome because I knew it was an opportunity I simply could not pass up," he said.

During his speech Joe recalled one of his most cherished memories at

the College – his first ever cheering practice.

"From the very first cheer, I was standing side by side with my mates and listening as the cheers echoed off the walls across Ross Oval," he said.

"It was a moment that gave me goose bumps."

Nudgee College Seniors Clay Combarngo, Jangala Bennet, Martin Pascoe, Jake Tighe, Rory Frazer, Alex Preval, and Denzel Tulloch also attended the AIEF ceremony. This was the first time AIEF-supported Year 12 students throughout Australia came together for a national graduation service.

After the formal ceremony had concluded, the students took advantage of the Luna Park location to enjoy a sunset ride on the ferris wheel overlooking Sydney Harbour.

Above: (Left to right) Martin Pascoe, Rory Frazer, Denzel Tulloch, Clay Combarngo, Joe Franciscus Reuben, and Jake Tighe at Luna Park

Left: Joe Franciscus Reuben.

BEAUTY CREATED BY THE BEASTMAN

MS SAMANTHA MARTINUZZI

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It is not every day a professional artist weaves his magic in your classroom. Head of Art Ms Samantha Martinuzzi recaps this experience.

In Week 3 of Term 4 this year, we were extremely fortunate to welcome one of Australia's best contemporary artists. Brad Eastman (aka Beastman) was our artist-in-residence and completed a huge mural, which transformed the main space in the Cleary Building. Brad has worked all over the world exhibiting and painting large-scale murals. His most recent work prior to his residency at Nudgee College was to paint a mural

on one of the tennis courts at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne.

As part of his residence, Brad gave a presentation about his career as a professional artist. In addition, he ran a very special workshop with a group of students who enthusiastically learned spray painting techniques and completed great individual artworks under his guidance.

All Art students were able to benefit from Brad's time at the College as they

had the opportunity to watch him work and create artworks inspired by him while he was painting. The inspiration students and staff gained from his bright and colourful mural will continue for many years to come.

The Nudgee College Art department is grateful for the support of the Nudgee College Arts Committee, who funded this once in a lifetime project with some of the funds raised through the Dimensions NC Art Festival in Term 3.



Brad Eastman (back row, far right) with Nudgee College Art students and staff.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR CHRIS CAWLEY

How does St Joseph's Nudgee College use technology in classrooms in a way that enables boys to access the curriculum in an innovative way? Director of Junior School Mr Chris Cawley responds.

At Nudgee College we have the advantage of every student having his own device. This provides teachers with the opportunity to utilise several online tools to enhance our curriculum delivery. Following are descriptions of some of our favourite resources:

VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSETS

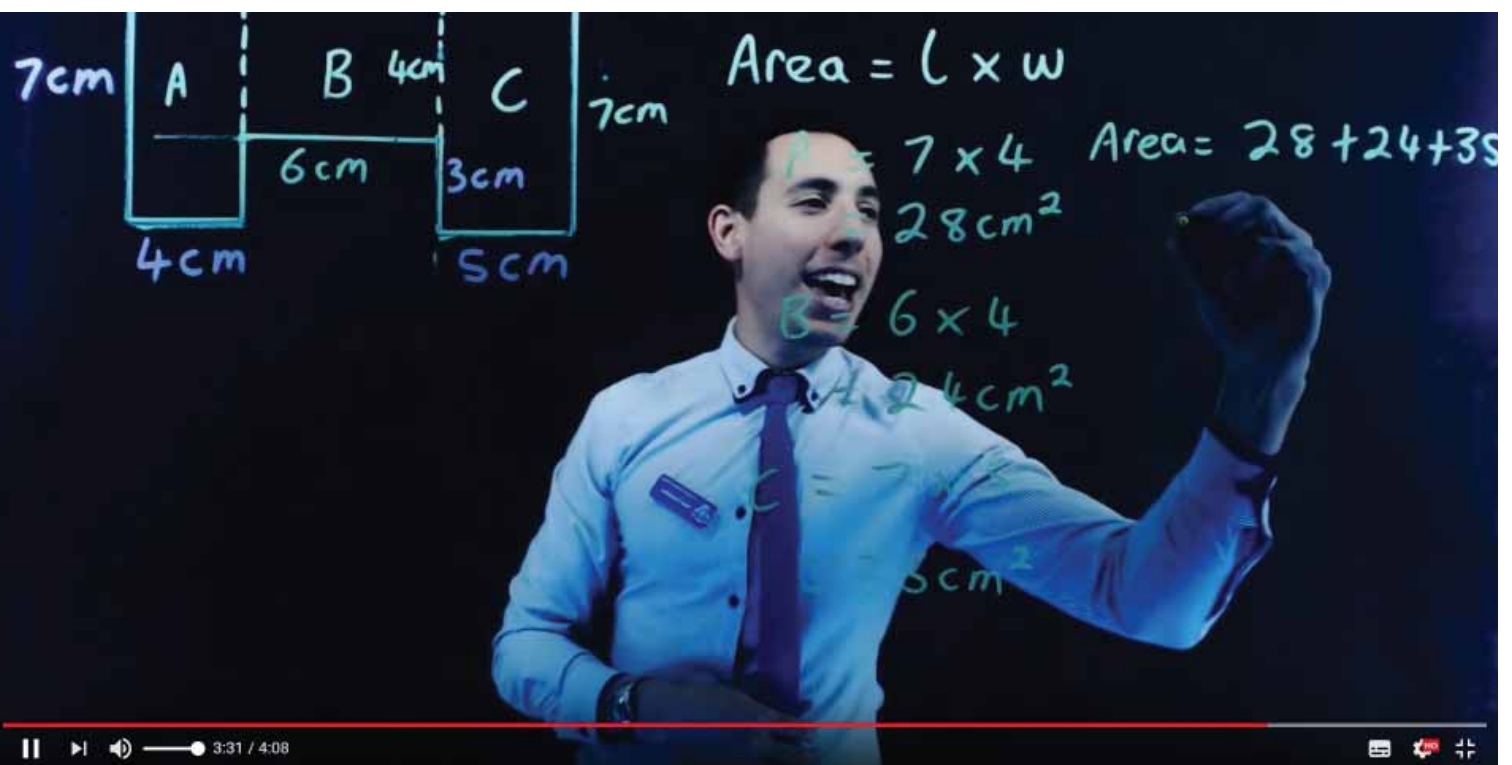
These headsets allow our students to venture to places anywhere in the world. Year 6 students are studying palm oil production in Borneo for their Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)/Geography unit. Using this technology, students can visit the

pristine forests before farming started. They can then explore the impact of deforestation on the same area, before finally examining the impact of unsustainable palm oil production on the environment and the people of this region. All this takes place from the comfort of their classroom. We are also able to use this technology to explore our solar system in Year 5 classes.

KAHOOT!

Kahoot! quizzes are one of our students' most popular online tools. They are interactive and play to the competitive nature of boys. While there are hundreds of quizzes

available online, teachers in the Junior School can develop their own directly linked to the content of our courses. It is a great tool with which to revise at the end of a unit, and an excellent extension activity for students to create their own Kahoot! quizzes. Students need a good understanding of the content taught if they are going to create a quiz for their peers that is thought-provoking. The challenge lies in creating incorrect answers that make their fellow classmates carefully consider their responses. Often these quizzes are created in small groups, so the opportunity for boys to collaborate with their peers in such a rich learning experience is an added bonus.





MATHS ONLINE PROGRAMS

Every student has access to a variety of online programs to assist them with their understanding of all mathematical concepts. The programs and applications we use are relevant to the Australian Curriculum. Our latest product, Mangahigh, is proving extremely popular with our students. The boys can complete tutorials to further their understanding and then test their knowledge with a quiz. These quizzes target the boys' levels and adjust questions to match their ability. This follows the same platform that online NAPLAN testing follows.

LIGHTBOARD VIDEOS

This resource is often used to film videos based on mathematical concepts and has proven to be a valuable support resource for students struggling to understand a concept. Every mathematical concept covered in the Junior School has a video constructed by our own staff to assist students and parents with their understanding. Assignment task sheets are also explained using this technology, which allows a student to be very clear on what they are required to do to successfully complete the work.

OVERHEAD CAMERAS

These are small cameras that connect directly with a teacher's laptop to film what is happening on their desk. Teachers then project what they are doing onto the whiteboard

screen for the whole class to see. This technology is used to demonstrate a variety of activities, such as planning a story in English, plotting a graph or measuring an angle using a protractor in Maths, and recording results in a Science experiment.

GOOGLE SITES

Google Sites is a fantastic platform for students to be able to access a wide variety of resources that complement what they are learning in the classroom. The videos filmed on the lightboard are usually found on their cohort's website, along with advancement and enrichment documents. The site also contains links to related websites, support resources for assignments, along with lots more. These sites allow our students to access our PowerPoints and all resources related to each subject.

FLIPGRID

This online program allows students to use their own devices to film themselves creating short videos in response to a teacher-led activity or question. The program is particularly useful for students with writing difficulties because it gives them another way to demonstrate their knowledge. This online tool can also be used to get feedback from students on recent studies, excursions or experiences on retreats, which can be made readily available for both staff and students as needed.



Top: Junior School students with virtual reality goggles.

Above: Year 6 Google Site.

Left: Junior School Curriculum Program Leader Mr Paul Cazzulino working on the lightboard.

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MR MARC ESLICK

As the 2018 school year begins to wind down, so concludes my first year 'in the saddle' as St Joseph's Nudgee College's Foundation Manager. It was Term 4, 2017, when I was astounded to learn of the College's Year 12 traditions and the deliberate focus on what the Senior year group had achieved, both collectively and individually as young men. The intentional 'spotlighting' on the graduating cohort is a beautiful and powerful tradition.

Shining a light on something shows up both perfections and imperfections. Some might say that this process of scrutiny is key to developing integrity. In my view, this characteristic is one that radiates out of Nudgee College men. Wikipedia would tell you that the meaning of integrity is "the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles", with an alternate meaning being "the state of being whole and undivided". Integrity is, I believe, the cornerstone of the Nudgee College community.

I have the privilege of being both the Nudgee College Foundation Manager and a Nudgee College parent, and it is this dual role that gives me a unique understanding of both external expectations and internal Nudgee College drivers, which brings me back to that word 'integrity'. In the context of my role within the Nudgee College Foundation, the internal Nudgee College drivers, and the external expectations, it is vital that each and every action of the Foundation is

contemplated and undertaken with unwavering integrity.

So, what does the Nudgee College Foundation do that requires such integrity, and why is the role so important?

The Foundation is a critical 'cog' in the Nudgee College machine, and assists with delivering and maintaining exceptional facilities without adversely impacting the opportunities families have to send their sons to the College. The Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the College, and my role over the past 12 months has been about bringing Foundation activities to the forefront within the College community, understanding the landscape, and seeking out opportunities to deliver on its role of being that 'enabling cog' in the Nudgee College machine. This process of organisational introspection has allowed me to learn much about Nudgee College as an organisation, as well the wider College community.

As I've explored and learnt over the past 12 months, I have been

pleasantly surprised by all things Nudgee College, and it is solely because of this experience that I encourage you to keep a keen eye out for how you can join me and the Foundation in future-proofing Nudgee College for this and forthcoming generations. It is the integrity of its members and the tradition of 'togetherness' that continues to make this Nudgee College community strong.

My role as the Foundation Manager has been to assess, learn, plan, and then deliver on ways that assist Nudgee College with remaining as accessible tomorrow as it always has been.



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THE LAUNDRY TEAM

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

It takes a village of people to care for the boys of St Joseph's Nudgee College, particularly the boarders who call Nudgee College their home away from home. One integral part of this village is the Laundry team, who provide a valuable service for students, as well as parents and staff members.

From labelling garments, to ensuring lost property can be returned to its rightful owner, to washing and ironing uniforms, making covers for musical instruments, and laundering lab coats and aprons – among other tasks – the work completed by the Laundry week in and week out is seemingly endless.

The College Laundry also provides a mending and altering service, which is tended to by seamstress Ms Denise Ramsden. Denise is a dedicated, long-serving staff member, having worked at the College since 1993. Other long-serving fellow Laundry staff members are Ms Sue Lake, who has also been

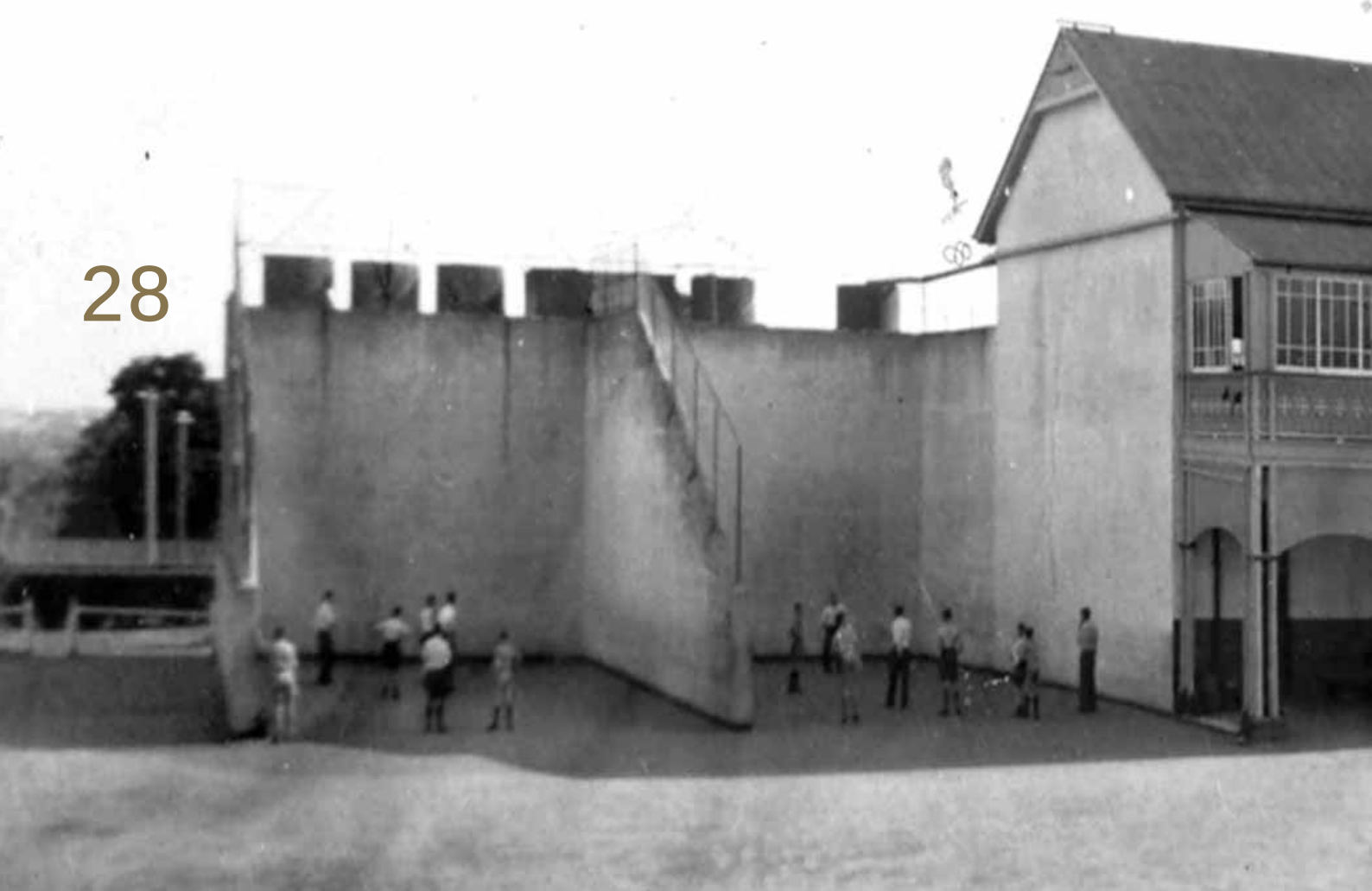
employed at the College for 25 years, as well as Ms Christine Zammit, who has 22 years under her belt. To have three staff members in a department of only 11, each with more than 20 years of experience in the workplace, is a testament to their commitment and to the positive environment cultivated in the College Laundry.

Other members of the wonderful Laundry team include Ms Kathy Kettleton, Ms Annie Mackell, Ms Shae Payne, Ms Valda Kennedy, Ms Deanne Kennedy, Ms Angel Pollard, and Ms Nicole Harman.

The Laundry is managed by Ms Alex Lightbody, who has been employed at the College since 2013. Alex is also the College's Workplace Health and Safety Officer, and Fire Safety Advisor.

"I am very proud of my wonderful Laundry team," Alex said. "Coming to work every day is a pleasure."

Left to right: Valda Kennedy, Shae Payne, Annie Mackell, Denise Ramsden, Alex Lightbody, Christine Zammit, Nicole Martin-Harman, Susan Lake, Kathy Kettleton, and Angel Pollard.



PORTAL TO THE PAST

MR JOHN SAYER

As the College Archivist, Mr John Sayer gathers stories and artefacts from Nudgee College's many memorable moments in time. Here, he shares a few of his favourite stories he has come across recently.

HANDBALL AT NUDGE COLLEGE

The *Nudgee Collegian* from October 1935 recounts the wonderful playground sport of handball. Not the handball aka hand tennis that lads play today, but the game played on outside courts very similar in design to squash courts. The account reads as follows:

Handball, one of the greatest of all games, is perhaps the most popular game at Nudgee. Although in 1934 and 1935 it was a wonder one did not see grass covering the courts. It is still the game of the school. This year there has been a great revival of the game. It is hoped that the great enthusiasm shown by all will not wane.



As there are two courts among 200 boys one must not expect to have a monopoly of the courts. A law is about to be enforced concerning this matter and let us hope it will be obeyed. It is that one four is to have the court for 30 minutes only. This being so we all hope to have a game per week.

The College Champion in 1935 was Francis Gaven (NC 1934-37) and the last recorded College Champion was Ian McLean (NC 1969-73) in 1973. The courts were usurped in the 1970s to make way for the necessary expansion of the College footprint.

Handball was Irish in its origins; thus it was common to see the Brothers playing the game after school hours. It was yet another way those amazing men engaged with the young men they were committed to educating. From one who had the pleasure and privilege of playing this old school version of the modern game, it is true to say that handball taught fellows many of society's basic skills and etiquettes. The game allowed for engagement across the years and

many a friendship was forged on this concrete playground. Size did not matter as much as skill, anticipation, subtlety, and speed. The ability to endure the throb of a hand that had been used was helpful and the surprise skillset of being ambidextrous would often catch an opponent napping.

ITALIAN RUGBY

Thanks to Shelby Trappey (NC 2002-08) for the following update regarding two former exchange students from Italy.

Marco Barbini and Alberto Benittin were two Italian exchange students who came to St Joseph's Nudgee College for Term 3 of 2007.

They were both Petrarca Rugby Club junior players, which is the rugby club in Padua, Italy, where Australian rugby union great David Campese played in the 1980s. At the time, Zane Hilton (NC 1995-98) was coaching rugby in that region, and recommended the boys go on exchange to St Joseph's Nudgee College if they wanted to



Left: Nudgee College Handball Courts in 1935.

Below left: J.J. Delahunty Trophy.

Below: 2007 16B Rugby team.



play in Australia.

Former staff member Mr Brian O'Reilly really rated them; he told anyone and everyone in the dormitories that if we were able to retain them in 2008 (and with a full year of training in our Rugby Program) they would have been in the mix for 1st XV jerseys.

Marco and Alberto were both capped for Italy. Alberto debuted for Italy against Canada in 2012 and Marco debuted for Italy against Ireland in the Six Nations Fixtures. Alberto still plays professionally for Petrarca, while Marco plays professionally for Benetton. While I think it is a fair stretch of the bow to claim their rugby achievements in the upper echelons of Nudgee College lore, it is certainly thrilling to follow their success.

ARMY CADETS AT NUDGE COLLEGE

The October 1935 edition of the *Nudgee Collegian* has provided another wonderful insight into a proud part of the College's history.

I would also like to highlight the amazing 'word craft' of the schoolboy editors of the *Collegian*:

All one hears now are gibberish rumours concerning the Italian-Abyssinian dispute. The little lake of Geneva is the cynosure of public attention, and daily the prolix speeches of the league are read with growing interest by the expectant world. In these circumstances we deem it worthy to outline the military activities of that now extinct body 'the Nudgee College Cadets.'

In June 1909 the Nudgee College Cadets were inaugurated at the instigation of Principal Rev Br McGee (sic). There were two companies, 'J' and 'K', and each was to have a minimum roll call of 60. From the outset the movement was taken up with keen interest, and a friendly rivalry sprang up between them.

In the year of their inception the Nudgee College Cadets were taken to Wynnum for a special encampment of five days' duration. Here they proved themselves to be excellent soldiers. They received instruction in the art of warfare and

their instructor made effective use of blackboard diagrams and explained most lucidly the various details of difficult movements. They registered excellent results in the rifle drill and Commandant Col. Lister expressed his satisfaction at the systematic and tidy manner in which the camp was pitched. Enough that they merited the esteem and eulogistic tribute of the military authorities.

From the day of their inception, the Nudgee College Cadets were "In Fide et in Bello Fortes". When the Great War broke out many of us joined in spirit with the poet in saying

"O! she is a rich and rare land;

O! she is a fresh and fair land;

This native land of mine."

And they testified their patriotism by fighting bravely for her.

The J. J. Delahunty Trophy was struck to be awarded to the Champion Platoon. It can be viewed in the College Museum.



NC SNAPSHOT





Left: This year's annual Walk to the Philippines, held on the last day of Term 3, raised more than \$35,000 to support social justice work in the Philippines.

Above: Year 12 student Connor Corlet has been awarded a gap year scholarship by Student Horizons to spend 2019 in the United Kingdom. The keen cricketer will be playing club cricket while overseas, as well as working in the physical education department of a school.

Right: Year 11 student Sigi Beschel recently competed in the Oceania Football Confederation Under 16 Championship as a member of the Papua New Guinea team.

Below: Recently Sam Schimming (right) was selected as a trumpeter for the Australian Honours Ensemble Program, and Michael La Monaca (left) was selected to sing in the choir for the State Honours Ensemble Program. Sam is also off to Glasgow in 2019 to take part in the Band Honours Program of Scotland.

The boys both took part in a one week music camp with the Brisbane Conservatorium of Music, working with the best student musicians in the country, and culminating in a concert to showcase their talents.





Top: In September, Oliver Meyer was recognised at Parliament House for his role in a major rescue on North Stradbroke Island in April 2018 while patrolling for the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC). This rescue was awarded Surf Life Saving Australia's (SLSA) National Rescue of the Month. Oliver (centre) is pictured with Graham Ford AM (SLSA President), David Westby (Point Lookout SLSC), Chris Jacobson (SLSA Chair of Lifesaving), and Adam Weir (SLSA Chief Executive Officer).

Bottom: For the third year in a row, Nudgee College students and staff took part in Arbor Day festivities by planting trees on campus. Through the combined efforts of students in the NC Sustainability Crew, boarders and Cattle Club members, 50 native trees were planted adjacent to the O'Reilly Agricultural Centre.





STUDYING WITH THE A TEAM

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

At the beginning of Term 3, the College's Year 7 and 8 boarders began a six month trial of a new study program run by academic mentoring service A Team Tuition.

In addition to helping students with their assignments, homework and study, the A Team Tuition tutors assisted students with strategies to develop their own study habits.

Head of O'Brien Boarding House Mr Jeff Campbell said the students have really enjoyed the program and

feedback from the boys has been overwhelmingly positive.

Several students praised their tutors for helping them study more efficiently, while others enjoyed completing extra challenges provided by their tutors to enhance their study session.

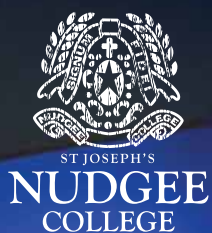
Due to the success of the program, the A Team Tuition Program will be extended to Year 9 students as well in 2019.



*Above: Year 8 student Charlie Dezius studying with his tutor.
Below: Year 8 student Axel Facey studying with his tutor.*



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NC EVENTS

Inter-house Showcase.



Inter-house Showcase

Thousands packed into the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre on Monday 29 October to witness one of the College's most popular events – Inter-house Showcase. The boys danced, sang, acted, and laughed along as they performed their House mash-up of songs. The College's music ensembles also took to the stage to delight the crowd, providing a change of pace to the hijinks of the House performances. In the end, the panel of parent judges awarded first place to Ross House for the first time in the history of the event.

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Awards Ceremony

Hundreds of students, parents and friends gathered in the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre on Monday 5 November to celebrate the exceptional achievements of students, staff and community members in 2018 at the annual Awards Ceremony.

In between presentations to award winners, the audience was entertained by Art presentations, video highlights from throughout the year (produced by Year 12 student Hugh Bray) as well as performances from many of the College's music ensembles and the Cultural Group. Year 12s Gus Babao, George Williams, Angus Shaw, and Jacob Chick also performed an excerpt from Shakespeare's play *Much Ado About Nothing*, which had earned them second place at Shake Fest earlier this year.

Senior students who exhibited extraordinary efforts were presented with Awards of Distinction on the night, including:

- James J Delahunty Award for Sportsman of the Year: *Joshua Flook*
- Cultural Events Committee Creative Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts: *Thomas Jackson*
- Shirley Agnew Memorial Award for Outstanding Participation: *Noah Robertson and Callum Rorison*
- W A Collins Memorial Award for Conduct, Study and Sport: *Angus McDonald*
- W Carlton-Smith Memorial Award for Leadership, Study and Sport: *Kai Fiechtner*
- Sam Sciacca Memorial Award for Character and Citizenship: *Jack Hawkins*
- Old Boys' Award for Outstanding Service to the College: *Max Vacca*
- Kelleher Family Award for Consistent, Unrecognised Achievement: *William Stark*
- Caltex All-Rounder Award for Study, Activities and Service: *Will Harris*
- University of Queensland Application to Lifelong Learning: *Ryley Robertson*
- John Francis Treacy Award For Service to the Boarding Community: *Zedidiah Kiwai*
- Br J G Hodda Memorial Award for Leadership and Diligence: *Angus McDonald, Daniel Atkinson, Tevita Kaitu'u, Will Harris, Finnien Mitchell, and Lawson Saurels*
- Lawrie Cusack Signum Fidei Award for a Student who Displays the Qualities of our College Motto 'A Sign of Faith': *Stephen Lean*
- Dux of the College: *William Petcos*

A detailed list of award winners from all year levels can be found in the 2018 College Annual, which will be published in early 2019.

Right: Dux of the College William Petcos at the College Awards Ceremony.





ANNUAL MOTHER'S MASS & Christmas Dinner

Each year the Ladies' Auxiliary and Past Mothers' Association host the Mother's Christmas Mass and Dinner. The event, held on Saturday 10 November, had previously been held in the McKennarney Centre; however, this year the mothers gathered in the Chapel for Mass before moving to the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre to enjoy a buffet dinner, beverages and entertainment. It was a wonderful event to cap off the school year and to lead into the festive season. Many thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary and Past Mothers' Association for organising this event.

Grandparents Day

On Saturday 25 August, grandparents of students were invited to the College to enjoy a morning tea with their families in the Boarders' Dining Room. Hundreds of people turned up to enjoy the delectable spread of pastries, sweets, sliders, and beverages on offer. Several Old Boys were among the grandparents and commented on how much the College had changed since their time there. It was a wonderful opportunity for community members to gather as a family, and to meet and reconnect with friends.



Barralong Corporate Rowing Regatta

The 13th annual Barralong Regatta was held on Sunday 16 September at the Davies Park Rowing Complex, West End.

The regatta is the culmination of a 'learn to row' program, where competitors develop their skills in a safe, supportive and fun environment. Students from the College's Rowing Program take part in this event as coaches and coxes for the crews.

Participants competed with great spirit and were well supported by spectators on the banks of the Brisbane River. Barralong is one of Rowing's major fundraising ventures for the year, with a portion of funds contributed to the College's Social Justice Program. This year there was also a raffle to raise funds to support Alexander Clark and his family.

Thank you to the Rowing Support Group, particularly Ms Barbara Mark, as well as Activities staff for their contribution to the success of the regatta.



Nudgee Long Lunch

This year's Nudgee Long Lunch was an outstanding success, with more than 700 people gathering on Ross Oval for an afternoon of food, music and fun. In its third year, the Long Lunch continues to be an extremely popular occasion, selling out months ahead of the event date. The warm Brisbane August weather combined with wonderful company provided a perfect atmosphere for the afternoon. Thank you to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their support of the Nudgee Long Lunch, and thank you to Ms Alysia Bridger for leading the event.





Wayne Wilson Luncheon

The annual Wayne Wilson Luncheon once again attracted a crowd of keen sports enthusiasts to Eaton's Hill Hotel in October. Racing royalty Mr Bart Sinclair OAM emceed the event, and was joined on stage by special guest speakers Former Rugby League star Mr Alfie Langer and former Australian Test cricketer Mr Greg Chappell. Guests were treated to a three-course meal and beverages, bid on auction items, tried their luck to win a series of raffle prizes, and enjoyed the company of their fellow Nudgee College Cricket supporters. The funds raised at the event went towards the enhancement of the Cricket Program and the Alexander Clark trust.

A special thanks to the Cricket Support Group for organising another fantastic event.

Above: Alfie Langer and Bart Sinclair OAM at the Wayne Wilson Luncheon.





Open Morning

The College held an Open Morning on Tuesday 14 August, giving prospective parents an opportunity to observe how the College operates during a standard school day. Visitors were treated to tours of the College led by students and teachers. The event culminated in a Q&A session in Tierney Auditorium where attendees could direct questions to the Principal, the College Captain, parents, teachers, and students. The College holds an Open Day in May and an Open Morning in August each year, but families are also welcome to book a private or group tour. For more information about exploring the College, email admissions@nudgee.qld.edu.au.

Left: Tevita Mapa at the College's Open Morning.

Below: Natalie Webber, Nicholas Conway and Randall Corless on the Q&A panel at the College's Open Morning.





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Dimensions NC Art Festival

From Friday 24 August to Monday 27 August, Tierney Auditorium housed an array of exquisite artworks for the annual Dimensions NC Art Festival.

The Opening Night Gala kicked off the festivities, with guests enjoying an evening of fine food, beverages and entertainment as they marvelled at the art on display. Several College ensembles, as well as Nudgee College Old Boy Mr Finn Diggles (NC 2011–16) delighted the crowds with their music sets. This year the entertainment line-up also featured comedian and Nudgee College Old Boy Corey White (NC 2005–06), whose story is featured in the Old Boys section of this magazine.

The works of feature artists Mr Paul Smith (photography), Mr Cory Salmond (2D) and Ms Clair Laurence (ceramics) dazzled attendees, as did that of the contingent of highly talented guest artists. The College's Art students also displayed their pieces, to the delight of proud parents and art enthusiasts.

Thank you to Mr Raoul Carmody and the College Arts Committee for all the hard work they put in to ensure the success of Dimensions 2018.

Above: Dimensions Art Festival.

Below: Heather Trethowan, Peter Trethowan, Jo Curran, and Paul Curran at the Dimensions NC Art Festival.





Ekka Cocktail Party

On Wednesday 8 August, the Nudgee College community gathered for the inaugural Ekka Cocktail Party, which celebrated the rich tradition of connecting with rural families, as well as the achievements of the College's Cattle Club and Show Team. This event took place at the Alliance Hotel and was a great success.

More than 70 people attended, comprising Nudgee College staff,

Board members, parents of Cattle Club and Show Team students and, finally, supporters and sponsors of the Cattle Club and Show Team, including Rode Road Meats and Bos Indictus Cattle Co.

Principal Mr Peter Fullagar was pleased with the success of the evening and is looking forward to hosting this event annually.



Above: Brian O'Reilly, Peter Fullagar, Bec Raven, Paul Raven, and Megan McNicholl OAM at the Ekka Cocktail Party.

Below: Tracey Hawkins, Shaun McKeown, Julie Cammack, Cate Barrett, and Tony Raduntz at the Ekka Cocktail Party.





St Joseph's Rugby Luncheon

Now in its fourth year, the St Joseph's Rugby Luncheon provides a perfect pre-match event ahead of the famous Nudgee College versus Gregory Terrace GPS Rugby round. More than 600 supporters from the schools came together on Friday 27 July to celebrate the rivalry and brotherhood between these two great schools and to raise funds for both rugby programs. Triple M radio host Mr Greg Martin emceed the event and comedian Mr Lawrence Mooney provided the comic relief.

One of the most stirring moments, however, was when the 2017 1st XV Captains from both schools, Mr Phoenix Hunt (NC 2016–17) and Mr Byron Ralston, spoke about their experience in the final moments of last year's dramatic fixture, which ended in a kick on full time to secure a Nudgee College victory.

A special thanks to the Rugby Support Group members for their tireless work organising the event.

Above: Byron Ralston, Phoenix Hunt and Greg Martin at the St Joseph's Rugby Luncheon.

Below: Finnie Mitchell and Ken Mitchell at the Valedictory Mass and Dinner.

Senior Valedictory Mass and Dinner

The Senior class of 2018 had their final time in their blue and white striped blazers on Thursday 15 November at the Senior Valedictory Mass and Dinner. The evening began with Liturgy of the Eucharist in the McKennarney Centre, celebrated by Nudgee College Old Boy Fr Marty Larsen (NC 1989–92). Students, parents and staff then made their way

to the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre to enjoy a three-course meal and the formal presentation of graduation certificates. As a symbol of the boys' transition from students to Old Boys, the Seniors were also gifted with NCOBA ties. Many tears were shed, and laughs shared at this most fitting event to end the Seniors' journey as Nudgee College students.





NC ACTIVITIES

GPS Rugby.



GPS CENTENARY YEAR

2018 marked 100 years since the formation of The Great Public Schools (GPS) Association of Queensland.

From the spectacular GPS Music Showcase in Term 1, to the exciting Track and Field Championships in Term 4, this Centenary year has been one of fellowship, commitment, creativity, competition, and friendship.

College Principal and 2018 Chairperson of the GPS Association Mr Peter Fullagar said we are all beneficiaries of the deep connections

between the member schools that extend back to 1918.

"Over those many years, countless young men have shared in an education in a GPS school and the camaraderie that exists between the schools," he said.

"These shared experiences, past and present, are the basis of our Centenary celebration and it is my hope that as a legacy of the Centenary, we will be an even closer and, therefore, even stronger GPS Association in the years to come."



RUGBY

FIJI TOUR

For the second year in a row, Nudgee College sent a group of rugby players and staff to Fiji for a sporting and service tour. It was a relaxing start to the tour, with an easy flight followed by a dip in mud pools and hot springs.

The boys' first games, versus Ratu Navula College, proved to be resounding wins with strong performances as well as plenty of room for development. And improve they did, with great matches versus Lelean Memorial School and Nabua Secondary School in the days that followed.

In between many rugby games, the boys managed to visit Yanuca Island for a day of snorkelling, swimming and beach volleyball; went on a jet boat ride along the Sigatoka River; visited the Yavulo village kindergarten construction site

in Sigatoka, which is a project funded by Nudgee College; and ran coaching clinics for local students. The group also managed to meet the Fiji Rugby 7s team, who were staying at the same resort for a duration of the trip.

While many great games of rugby were played, there were also many poignant moments. From Nudgee College students standing arm in arm with their Fijian counterparts while they sang a Fijian Hymn, to seeing the progress of the kindergarten building project, it was a trip the students are unlikely to forget.

GPS SEASON

This GPS season will go down as one for the ages for Nudgee College's 1st XV. The season began with a resounding win versus Brisbane State High School. This trend continued, with the team emerging victorious in the games that followed. The Southport School was also enjoying the prospect of an undefeated season,

which culminated in a final round Nudgee College versus The Southport School clash to determine the Premiership winners. This rare, grand final-esque match saw thousands flock to Ross Oval to witness history in the making.

The blue and white put in a mighty effort to get up 24-0 by half time; however The Southport School managed to claw back the margin to level the scores with five minutes to go. One final try proved to be the match-winning play, and thus the 1st XV earned Nudgee College's 42nd Rugby Premiership in the Centenary year of the GPS Association.

While the action on the field during the final round was outstanding, there were several moments across day that were special for reasons beyond rugby. Further details about the significance of this home game day are featured on page four of this edition.



Above: 2018 GPS Rugby Premiers.

Right: 1st XV team members Joshua Flook, Harrison Vella (Captain) and Matthew Engelbrecht.





Above: Basketball Tour group on a jet boat ride in Queenstown.

Below: Basketballer Jaiison Angalo.

BASKETBALL

NEW ZEALAND TOUR

During the June and July school holidays, several students and staff embarked on a Basketball Tour through New Zealand. The trip began in Auckland, where the boys enjoyed game time versus Westlake Boys High School and watched the New Zealand Tall Blacks defeat China at Spark Arena.

Their next stop in Rotorua provided plenty of visual delights, including the view at the top of Skyline Rotorua. The boys also managed to squeeze in a bit of basketball, powering their way through four games in a row.

As they continued south the group enjoyed one more stop on the North Island – Wellington. In between basketball games the boys enjoyed a walking tour of iconic Wellington sites,

visited the museum, and even stood on volcanic soil.

From Wellington the group flew to Christchurch on the South Island, where they completed a high ropes course, caught a National Basketball League (NBL) match and played basketball against fellow Edmund Rice school St Thomas of Canterbury.

The boys played their final round of games for the tour in Dunedin. Basketball Director Mr Mik Scott said the boys had made tremendous progress from their first game of the tour to their last.

While the boys didn't have any more games to play, their final stop in Queenstown certainly didn't disappoint. From a jet boat ride along Lake Wakatipu to go cart racing, the group enjoyed an action packed visit before heading home exhilarated and ready for Term 3.



GPS SEASON

The GPS Basketball season was a terrific success with the Nudgee College Basketball Program full to the brim with boys wanting to play this great court sport in the newly refurbished McKennariey Centre.

Basketball Director and 1st V coach Mr Mik Scott always aims to ensure that each and every boy involved in this sport finishes the season having gained some insight into the technical aspects of the game, having improved their skills and, importantly, having contributed positively to their team. On every one of these measures, it has been a highly successful season.

The GPS 1st V competition features many state and some national standard players, along with coaching staff who wouldn't be out of place in the National Basketball League. In this environment, we were delighted with the progression of our 1st V, who took three wins on the run mid-season in their games against Toowoomba Grammar School, Brisbane Grammar School, and Brisbane Boys' College. These results saw the 1st V finish equal sixth on the GPS ladder this season.

CATTLE CLUB

One of the busiest times of year for the Cattle Club and Show Team is during the Ekka, and this year was no exception. During the first week the boys took part in Cattle Judging, Junior Judging and Junior Paraders. The College's Droughtmasters and Brahmins did well, receiving placings in their classes, and one of the Senepol bulls was awarded Grand Champion.

In the Junior Paraders, Jonty Springer and Thomas Brandenburg made it to the Finals of their division. Cattle Club Manager Ms Rachel Wilson said the boys presented themselves and their animals with excellent attention to detail and professionalism.

In the Junior Judging, Ronin Prout and James Barrett were selected to speak and justify their decisions on their cattle judgement.

During the second week of the Ekka, the boys were able to showcase their cattle at an exhibit and answer questions from the public who dropped in to take a look.



Above: Cattle Club members at the Ekka. Front Row: Alexander Mason, Archie Wilson, James Barrett, Jonty Springer, Thomas Brandenburg, Ronin Prout, Hudson Stein-Smith, and Adam Pearson. Back Row: Samuel Hyne and Daniel O'Sullivan.

Below: Jacob Martin competing in GPS Chess.



Rachel said attending the Ekka provided a great opportunity for the boys to meet members of the Queensland cattle community and form connections that may be invaluable in the future.

CHESS

The Nudgee College Chess Program saw record numbers sign up to compete for the blue and white this year. During the GPS season the College's Chess players fought valiantly. The Senior team took out

the top spot, tying with Anglican Church Grammar School for first place. This is the first time a Nudgee College team has won their GPS Chess division since 2010. The Premier team finished in sixth place, tied on four points with Ipswich Grammar School and Toowoomba Grammar School. The Junior team finished fifth, tied with Ipswich Grammar School and St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace. Chess Directors Mr Martin Harmon and Mr Matthew Gilpin said this year's Chess team made excellent progress and achieved many great results.



MUSIC TOUR

The College's annual Regional Music Tour for 2018 was definitely one to remember. Members of both Rock Band 1 and Stage Band toured across the Queensland countryside, spreading our Nudgee Spirit and love of music from town to town. Our tour this year took us to towns such as Mitchell, Charleville, Roma, St George, Goondiwindi, and Warwick. Overall, it was a memorable journey of just over 2000kms.

Throughout the entire tour, we personally saw a growing sense of camaraderie between all of the boys, as we played games, wrote songs and chatted together during the day and late into the night. Moreover, we all experienced a number of new things during the tour, such as swimming in the Great Artesian Hot Springs in Mitchell, visiting an awesome outdoor planetary observatory and seeing cute bilbies in Charleville, and purchasing treasures from charity shops in the numerous towns we visited.

These occasional vacations from the constant performances – of which there were nine in total – allowed everyone to relax and witness what the country has to offer us, at least to those of us who originate from the city. While our time off definitely felt like a holiday, each performance was definitely not a burden. Within each performance was a sense of fun and excitement for each of the boys, as we were determined to bring a lively, energetic and zestful experience to the drought-stricken country towns, some of which hadn't seen rain in over seven years.

This was achieved through each performance by the boys, as we danced around having fun with many of the primary school students we performed for. We tried our hardest to get some of the less excitable members on their feet, not stopping until they were dancing, singing or even just clapping along. Because of this, each performance had an active and entertained crowd, often

leading to a muddled mess of school students wholeheartedly enjoying the music, not restrained by the normal boundaries of school rules.

In addition, throughout the tour we performed in numerous types of spaces, ranging from under a school building, in a sports centre, or even in Goondiwindi's Art Deco Civic Theatre. These experiences allowed us to grow as musicians, as we learned of the different acoustics, and how to set up the equipment in a multitude of areas. Subsequently, it can be said that the 2018 Music Tour was one for the memory books for those involved, as not a spare moment went by without performing for a crowd of dancing school kids or just spending some quality time with your mates in the middle of a busy Term 4.

**JACK HAWKINS &
CONAL O'LEARY**

Music Captains

THEATRE SPORTS



The Music Tour group in Goondiwindi.

In November, three Nudgee College teams competed in the Queensland Youth Theatre Sports Grand Final. The Junior team displayed outstanding talent and won the Grand Final for their age division. In the Senior competition, the C team competed with great energy, and came away with a Magic Moment award for Jamie Dickman's performance in the Four Minute Game. The A team also competed extremely well in a tough division.

Head of Drama Ms Alison Kilgour congratulated all Theatre Sports members for their commitment, confidence and enthusiasm throughout the competition season.

SHAKE FEST

This year, five Nudgee College students qualified for Shake and Stir Theatre Co's Shake Fest State Finals at the Judith Wright Arts Centre in October. Year 12 student Tom Jackson performed an original piece on the guitar, inspired by *Romeo and Juliet*, and placed second in the Music category. Fellow Year 12s Gus Babao, George Williams, Angus Shaw, and Jacob Chick performed a scene from *Much Ado About Nothing*, and also managed to earn second place in the Scene category.

Overall, there were 173 competitors across Music, Dance, Scene, Monologue, and Duologue categories.

On the back of their efforts at Shake Fest, Gus, Angus and Jacob have been cast in a production of *Hamlet* by Shake and Stir Theatre Co.



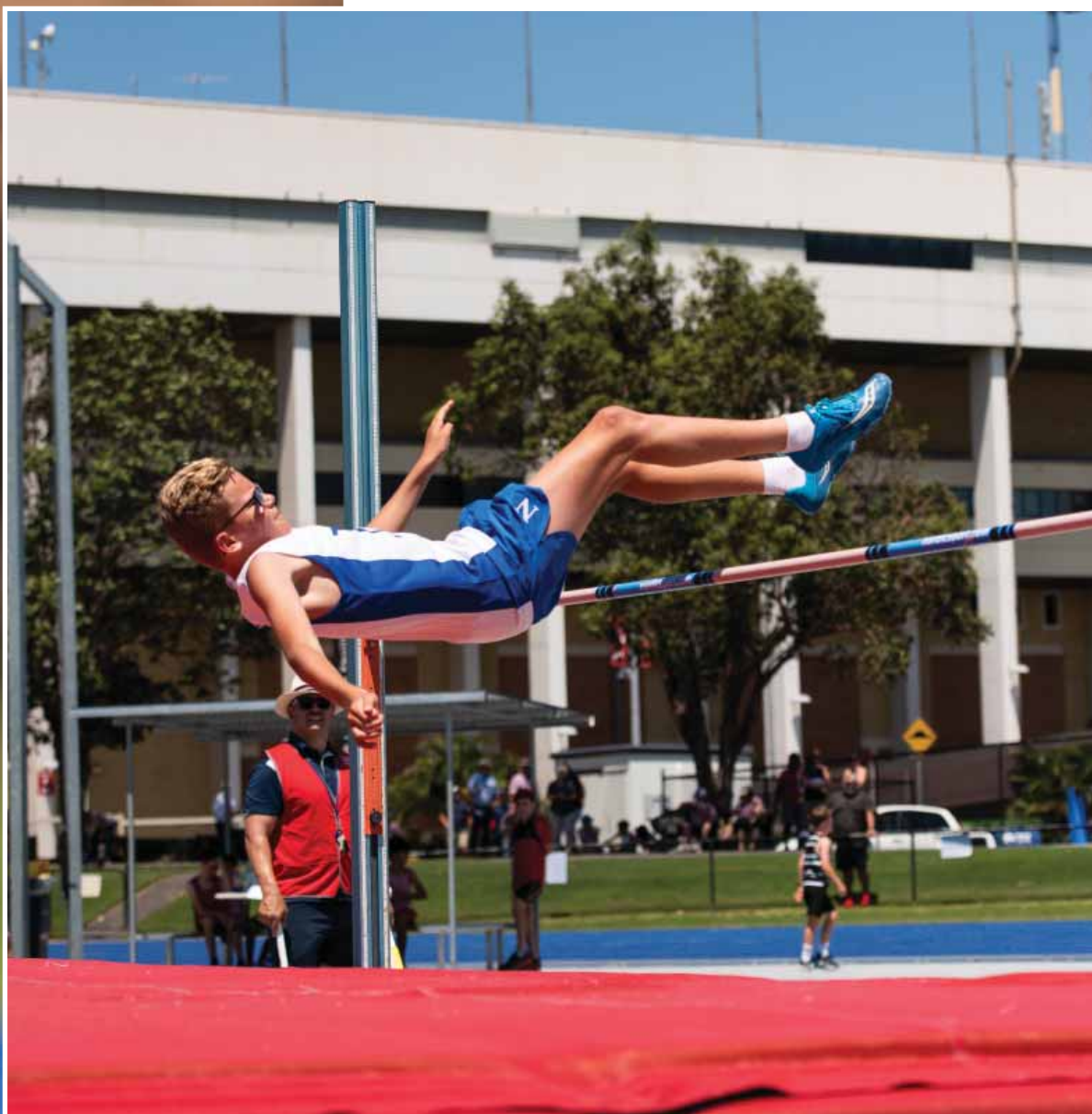
Above: Junior Theatre Sports Grand Final winners Zac Smullen, Will Mann, Dylan Eastland, and Nicholas Knottenbeld.

Below left: George Williams, Angus Shaw, Jacob Chick, and Gus Babao at Shake Fest.

Below right: Tom Jackson at Shake Fest.







TRACK AND FIELD

JUNIOR GPS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Nudgee College team competed with courage and skill on Wednesday 24 October at the Junior GPS Track and Field Championships. With many standout performances and great team efforts, Nudgee College earned a podium finish to take home a well-deserved second place.

Junior Track and Field Director Mr Nick Toohey said there were many

incredible highlights across the day, including a record-breaking high jump by Ed Kasproicz, and wins by both the Division 1 and 2 relay teams. The Division 2 team even managed to run fast enough to be the only team who could have challenged Nudgee College's Division 1 team in their race.

The competing athletes also had a strong support base throughout the day, with the Year 5 students in the stands cheering on their Nudgee College brothers.

Above: Ed Kasproicz at the Junior GPS Track and Field Championships.

Left: Harper Evangelista at the Junior GPS Track and Field Championships.



Above: Nudgee College Senior Track and Field team.

Below left: Winning 4 x 400m All Ages relay team of Romesh Devadason, Malachi Tuck, Byron Smith, and Maurece Jackson at the GPS Track and Field Championships.

Below right: Izayha Kelly-West at the GPS Track and Field Championships.

Opposite: Will Smith at the GPS Track and Field Championships.



SENIOR GPS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Saturday 3 November the Senior team headed to the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre to contest the Senior GPS Centenary Track and Field Championships.

Nudgee College had a terrific start, leading the competition after 10 events. As is common with 'Geeps', there were a few ups and downs

during the day. One notable example was Ashley Wong, who was running a strong race in the 14 Years 200m, when his hamstring tightened with about 40m to go. Although his speed reduced, he finished the race and not only did he take out the win, he broke the College record and his 22.73 time was only 0.04 off the GPS record.

There were also many outstanding team efforts, with first placings in the All Ages 4 x 400m relay by

Romesh Devadason, Malachi Tuck, Byron Smith, and Maurece Jackson, and another in the 16 Years 4 x 100m relay by Benjamin Fraser, Farani Pritchard-Malaki, Athen Waia-McGuiggan, and Trezman Banjo.

Overall, the Senior team's efforts were rewarded with a podium finish of their own, securing third place behind Brisbane Boys' College and Ipswich Grammar School.









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NCOPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a real honour to lead the Nudgee College Old Boys' Association (NCOPA) at a time when the College and our organisation are achieving great results. It's not just the success on the field and in the classroom, even though Nudgee College students have once again achieved amazing sporting and academic outcomes over the last 12 months. It's also the connection and camaraderie taking place.

The recent Nudgee College Old Boys' Reunion Weekend was an enormous day, where the Nudgee College 1st XV team triumphed over The Southport School in an exciting game. It was one of the largest turnouts for milestone year reunions in my time. We saw the cohorts from 2013, 2008, 2003, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1978, and

1963 come together to celebrate their milestone reunion years.

The best part of this weekend was the chance for Old Boys and their families to reconnect, to ask how everyone was going, and to remind ourselves that, no matter what else occurs in our lives, our Nudgee College mates are a good and caring group who are on our side.

The NCOPA itself has been busy with mentoring events, social gatherings and preparing for our next JR's BBQ Lunch in 2019, which will be our signature event next year in support of the Jack Ross Bursary. Finally, I wish to extend a thank you to the NCOPA Executive Committee members and to the many Old Boys who reconnect with the College and the Association at events each year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2019.

MR HUGH HAMILTON

NCOPA President

COREY WHITE'S ROADMAP FROM NUDGEES COLLEGE

Old Boy Corey White (NC 2004–05) has lived an extraordinary life.

He is well known in the Australian media landscape for creating and starring in *Corey White's Roadmap to Paradise*, a series created for the ABC in which he sets out to 'solve once and for all' the biggest problems facing society. In the series, Corey tackles topics such as environmentalism, capitalism, gambling, domestic violence, foster care, and terrorism – offering a definitive, albeit untested, solution to each.

He began his St Joseph's Nudgees College experience as a Year 11 boarder on a College Bursary. In prior years, Corey had a difficult childhood in the foster care system. His story was featured on the acclaimed documentary series *Australian Story* in 2015.

Corey recalls his time at the College as some of the best years of his life.

"I gained a good education, had a lot of fun and grew as a person," he said.

"I also remember the terror of playing rugby union for the first time, when I had no idea what the rules were so I spent whole games hanging out on the wing desperately hoping nobody passed the ball to me.

"I'll always remember the first time I played and one of the other players rucked my legs. I said to myself, and I thought rugby union was a gentleman's sport!"

Corey also fondly recalls the classic concept of Nudgees Spirit.

"I appreciate the spirit of brotherhood as a Nudgees College boarder, and of being part of something bigger than yourself," he said.

MEMORIAL MASS

This annual event, which commemorates the lives of deceased Christian Brothers, Nudgees College Old Boys and members of the Nudgees College family, was held on Saturday, 3 November.

The Mass in the College Chapel was well attended by members of the Nudgees College family, and was celebrated by Nudgees College Old Boy Fr James Anthony O'Donoghue (NC 1976–78). Tributes to the departed were delivered by a group of Senior students.

Thanks to Ms Elizabeth Ridgeway and Old Boy Mr Murray Browne (NC 1963–65) for providing music for the Mass, which was followed by a College-hosted breakfast for attendees in Ryan Hall. The entire event was a wonderful demonstration of the Nudgees College community's strong bond and faith.

MR VINCE RAO

NC 1955–56



Above: Corey White.
Top right: Alex Gibbon.

Opposite page (top): Alex Gibbon with Cattle Club members Michael Ware, Adam Pearson and Jayden Donald at the Ekka.
Opposite page (bottom): Alex Gibbon and Paige Hodkinson.



"Teachers were enthusiastic and knew their stuff, and it seemed that whatever you wanted to do there was a club or group of other boys doing it.

"I also appreciated the emphasis on social justice – of giving back to those less fortunate than yourself."

At Nudgee College, Corey enjoyed English and remembers his old teacher Ms O'Connor with affection.

"She was superb and was the first person who really encouraged me to write and told me off for using pretentious words that I'd found in the dictionary the night before," he said.

"Her emphasis on writing simply and without fuss definitely helped me as a writer."

This passion for English then sparked an interest in literature, which feeds into Corey's work as a writer and comedian. In 2015, he won the Best Newcomer award at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and received critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Corey is currently working on a new stand-up show called X-Ray and writing a memoir, which he plans to call *The Prettiest Horse in the Glue Factory*. He is also hoping his contract will be renewed for a second season of *Corey White's Roadmap to Paradise*.

He offered the following advice to current students thinking of pursuing a career in writing or comedy:

Feed your output with input. Read voraciously, go to art galleries, see

theatre, listen to music, watch good movies as well as Adam Sandler movies, and eat fancy food. Be curious about everything – the weirder the better. Watch Ukrainian beach volleyball, listen to podcasts by militant vegans who believe meat-eaters should be executed, and take Swiss yodelling classes. Consume the honey of life like a dog eating a dropped ice cream!

MS LAURA JIEW
Alumni and Community Manager

FROM FIELD TO FARM

Raised on a cattle farm in Alstonville, Northern NSW, Old Boy Alex Gibbon (NC 2009–10) was initially schooled in Lismore, which is where his love for rugby originated. In 2009, Alex was named the NSW Country Junior Player of the Year, which subsequently led to a scholarship at St Joseph's Nudgee College where he excelled in agriculture as well as rugby as a member of the 2nd XV team.

Alex was a Murphy House boarder and recalls his time at the College fondly.

"Mr Stephen Meara was our Head of Boarding House," he said, "and we'd get into trouble sometimes, but he handled our indiscretions with such dignity that we'd not only feel guilty about what we did but vowed to change for the better under his guidance.

"Nudgee College really set the path for me in that regard."





After completing Year 12, Alex's skill and passion for rugby took him to Sydney on a contract to play for the Southern Districts Rugby Club. Through the club, Alex's talents were spotted, and he was invited to play for the NSW Waratahs during their Argentina Tour in 2013. Following a successful tour, Alex was contracted to the Australian Men's Rugby 7s team, where he played on the international circuit for five years. He also spent time playing for the Queensland Reds in 2015 and 2016.

Amongst his rugby success, three years ago Alex and his fiancée Paige Hodkinson ventured into the cattle business by starting up stud and commercial cattle company Stonebridge Droughtmasters. Being young has not held them back, but Alex openly acknowledges their success would never have been

realised without the help of many older and experienced farmers who so generously gave up their time and offered their advice and expertise to the young farmers; not the least of whom was Alex's maternal grandfather, who himself is a generational farmer.

The young couple ensure they keep up with what is happening in the world of agriculture.

"We often go visit properties, have a yarn, see what other people are doing and getting involved in," Alex said.

"It's a great way to learn and create a good network with other farming and cattle professionals."

Alex has always maintained a strong connection with Nudgee College. He and Paige started showing their Stonebridge cattle in conjunction with the Nudgee College Cattle Club

and Show Team under the guidance of Ms Rachel Wilson.

Alex offers the following advice to current students:

For me, personally, farming is a lot like rugby. In order to succeed, you'll need to learn to adapt, much like adapting your playing style to match the team and situation. And don't be afraid to fail. You don't always get selected for all matches in rugby; and in farming, not everything will work out as planned, but you just keep trying and doing your best!

To date, Stonebridge Droughtmasters has more than 300 cattle and Alex continues to juggle his passion for rugby while managing the business alongside Paige.

MS LAURA JIEW

Alumni and Community Manager



Left: Chris Bates.
Right: Year 11 students with
Colin Ward, Keith McGown
and Terry Dwyer at the
Senior Reunion.



STUDY AND PLAY USA

Imagine combining your passion for sport and turning it into an opportunity to pursue your studies overseas while playing competitively. For many, this is a foreign concept and perhaps a pathway that many would consider reserved for those who are at the 'top' of their game.

For Old Boy Mr Chris Bates (NC 1990–94) this was the path he undertook after leaving the College in Year 12.

As a Nudgee College day student, Chris benefited from being the youngest of four brothers, all of whom attended in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"I remember being smuggled up into the back row with my brothers and the rest of the Seniors in the Ross Oval Grandstand at most home games before I came to Nudgee College," he said.

"I was desperate to be part of the school and experience the camaraderie."

A classic example of a Nudgee College student who gave all opportunities a go while at school; Chris remembers catching the bus some days with his school bag, PE bag, tennis bag, large

art folder, and trumpet. This very same messaging – to 'give things a go' – has been a large driver behind Chris's success.

At the age of 19, Chris was granted a sports scholarship to play tennis at Oklahoma State University – a university known for its reputable sporting programs in south-central US.

His time as a student athlete in the US allowed Chris to travel across 42 states, playing in the NCAA Division I-A and Big 12 Conference circuits. This gave him the opportunity to compete in front of big crowds and, at the same time, to complete a Bachelor of Marketing and International Business over the span of four years.

Chris now runs a successful business, Study and Play USA, which he established in 2004. He and his team work on assisting young athletes take up once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to compete and study in the US collegiate system.

After 15 years of operation, Study and Play USA has helped hundreds of young high school graduates from Australia, Indonesia, and even East Timor, to pursue their dreams in the US via the sporting scholarships

pathway. Chris's goal for his company is to facilitate the best long term outcome for student athletes and their families through combining their sporting capabilities and studies in the US.

Some Study and Play USA alumni have gone on to become Olympians via this route; others simply wish to utilise their sporting talents to pay for their tertiary education and have a great time doing it. Then there are others who have used this pathway to travel, enjoy the American culture and build networks for their future.

"My mantra is that if you are good enough to go to the US and are eligible to go academically and athletically, go for it," Chris said. "There is nothing to lose."

MS LAURA JIEW

Alumni and Community Manager

SENIOR OLD BOYS' REUNION

The Senior Old Boys' Reunion brought together the cohort of Old Boys who graduated in 1968 and prior years – Old Boys who were at Nudgee College at least 50 years ago. This annual event is an opportunity for Old Boys and their partners to meet



and reminisce in the contemporary Nudgee College environment.

On Saturday, 4 August on a sunny Brisbane winter day, 50 people attended Mass celebrated in our magnificent Chapel by Nudgee College Old Boy Fr Marty Larsen (NC 1989–92). This was followed by morning tea in a VIP marquee in Chapel Mall hosted by the College. The presence of Principal Mr Peter Fullagar added prestige to the occasion with a stirring address outlining the activities of the College.

We also had the honour of the presence of some of our most senior Old Boys in Mr Colin Ward (NC 1936–38), Mr Terry Dwyer (NC 1937–41) and Mr Keith McGown (NC 1943–44).

The day concluded with a tour of the College Museum and the DJ Hanly Learning Centre before gathering on Ross Oval to watch the 1st XV take on Ipswich Grammar School. The game was duly won by the blue and white, which rounded off a pleasant gathering of old mates and long-lasting friendships. I look forward to enjoying the same fellowship next year.

MR VINCE RAO

NC 1955–56



1978 REUNION GROUP DURING THE NUDGEE COLLEGE OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND

Front row: Bob Tully

Second row: Jed McCoy, Peter Vollert, Jeff Nicholson, Gerry Leahy, Dan Moloney, Bill Dixon, Leo Cairns, Ed Brosnan, and John Stokes

Back row: Mic Hetherington, Peter Lyons, Terry Hurst, Tony Cristaudo, Rhonan O'Brien, Paul Taylor, Craig Corcoran, Tony Micalizzi, Colin Delahunty, Tony Dunn, Tony Riddle, Shane McCarthy, Angelo Tomarchio, Russell Grech, and Joe Phillips



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GOLF DAY

A bumper field greeted the starter for the historic NCOBA Golf Championships on Sunday 28 October at Nudgee Golf Club. The Championship has been contested since 1932. The weather was kinder on this day than two weeks earlier, when heavy rain necessitated a delay despite three hearty souls still turning up to play! A great day was enjoyed by all on a terrific layout, with fierce competition and sublime skills on show. The winner was Mitchell Daly (NC 2003-07) on a countback from Matt Southwell (NC 2004-06). Congratulations to all participants.

DR SIMON CARTER

NC 1974-78

ROWING ABROAD

Isaac Schmidt (NC 2010-17) is one of few people to have been part of a 1st VIII GPS Head of the River winning crew for three consecutive years. Since graduating from St Joseph's Nudgee College last year, Isaac has continued to excel in the world of rowing, earning a bronze medal for Australia in August at the World Rowing Junior Championships in the Czech Republic as the coxswain for the Junior Men's Coxed Four.

Isaac was fortunate to have a familiar face in the crowd, with the College's 1st VIII Rowing coach Mr John Bowes also there for the event. Isaac paid tribute to his College mentor.

"He coached me from when I was 13 to when I was 17, and there is no way I would be where I am today without him," Isaac said.

In February, Isaac was accepted into the prestigious Oxford Brookes University in England. This institution is renowned for its rowing program, with 31 wins at the Henley Royal Regatta in 25 years.

Isaac said he was thrilled to be able to combine his studies with competing overseas.

"I'm really excited to have had the opportunity to meet and work with people from across the globe, as well as to have Europe on my doorstep," he said.

With so many highlights to choose from already, including competing at the World Rowing Junior Championships, Isaac said his most exciting wins were still those achieved in the blue and white.

"Winning a national championship in 2015 is something I'll never forget," he said. "We did not know what to expect and stunned ourselves and the crowd on the national stage."

That win, at the Sydney International Rowing Regatta, was the first national title for Nudgee College's Rowing Program and previously had been won by only three Queensland schools since 1964.

Another highlight of which Isaac is extremely proud is the Nudgee College 1st VIII's GPS Head of the River win in 2017.

"To lead my own age group for the very first time down the course, and to bring home the O'Connor Cup, despite being underdogs, is a feeling I'll never forget," he said.

"That crew overcame great adversity from the start of the season to become a winning crew built upon

pure grit and determination.

"It's a strong bond between all of us and one that will never be broken."

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

Marketing and Publications Manager

A KING AMONG KINGS

On 15 January 2018, former Vice Captain and Hodda House boarder Ethan Gilmore (NC 2012-14) enlisted at the Commando Training Centre for Royal Marines in Devon, UK.

Of his original squad of 52 members, just 19 matriculated as King's Squad men on 28 September this year. The King's Squad is the result of 32 weeks of Royal Marines Commando Training.

To say the 32-week training program is gruelling is putting it mildly; recruits are challenged both physically and mentally, and the program is purported to be the most rigorous in the military world.

During training, Ethan was awarded the Diamond Patch for his leadership qualities, the Physical Fitness Award and, the ultimate award for recruits, the King's Badge.

The King's Badge dates to 1918 and is awarded to the best all-rounder in the King's Squad. What makes Ethan's achievement particularly impressive is that the King's Badge is not always awarded and is only presented if a recruit measures up to the demanding standards required.

Ethan is currently attached to a unit based in Devon, and his unit will undertake exercises this year in Oman, Norway and the US.

MS LAURA JIEW

Alumni and Community Manager



SYDNEY REUNION

There was a great turnout on Friday, 31 August at the legendary Four in Hand Hotel, Paddington, with a range of Sydney based professionals and students enjoying an entertaining evening of networking and reminiscing. A group of seven Old Boys from regional NSW also made the effort to attend. NCOBA President Mr Hugh Hamilton thanked all attendees, discussed the importance of the Jack Ross Bursary, and told a few stories from the Nudgee College days of the early 1980s. I would like to extend my thanks to Old Boy Boyd Russell (NC 2006–10), who has begun gathering Old Boys in Sydney for other events during the year to keep the local connections strong.

MR TONY GLEESON

NCOBA Secretary

TOOWOOMBA REUNION

A great day of GPS Rugby on Saturday 11 August was topped off with a wonderful evening hosted by the College and the NCOBA at the Spotted Cow, Toowoomba.

A crowd of more than 40 parents, staff and Old Boys gathered to celebrate the win and catch up with old friends. Particularly pleasing was the large number of Old Boys from the 1960s who attended the evening. The group also included a contingent from the bush, who have now retired and live in Toowoomba. Many stayed until late in the evening, enjoying the warm hospitality and sharing their stories of Nudgee College. I look forward to another great event in 2020.

MR ANDREW MCNAMARA

NCOBA Vice President

Opposite left: Isaac Schmidt (far right) with his crew at the World Junior Rowing Championships.

Top left: Isaac Schmidt (left) and John Bowes.

Above: Ethan Gilmore receiving his King's Badge.

Below: Sydney Reunion.





Top: New Old Boys Ethan Baker, Bill Schmid, George Caine, Angus Munt, and Connor Butterfield at the NCOBA Young Alumni Lunch.

Right: Year 11 Mentoring Breakfast.

Below: Mentors at the Year 11 Mentoring Breakfast. From left to right: Scott Thompson, Don Dunstan, Komara Peou, Aldo Varricchio, Greg Kelly, Tim Russell, Andrew McNamara, Harry Carter, Barry Hamilton, Rory Young, Saxon Mew, Brendan Natoli, Jim Kenny, Mitchell Keating, and Chris Bates.



YEAR 11 MENTORING BREAKFAST

The fourth annual Mentoring Breakfast for current Year 11 students was held in Ryan Hall on Thursday, 18 October, with more than 60 boys attending. They were divided into small groups, according to their fields of interest, and were placed with an Old Boy mentor working in that area. The 17 Old Boys attending were from a wide variety of industries, ranging from architecture to stockbroking. The format was very informal, with the students sitting around a table and chatting with their mentors over a hot breakfast. We hope this event begins a longstanding connection between these young men and their mentors as they progress with their Year 12 studies and future career pathways. I would like to thank Ms Laura Jiew, Ms Lara Morgan and Ms Marisa Lofaro for organising the event, and College Principal Mr Peter Fullagar for his presence and presentation to the Old Boy mentors.

MR ANDREW MCNAMARA
NCOBA Vice President

YOUNG ALUMNI WELCOME LUNCH

On Tuesday 6 November, our newest Old Boys – the Senior class of 2018 – were welcomed into the NCOBA with a lunch event on their second to last day of school. This event, now in its second year, is designed to connect with the Senior cohort to officially welcome the group to the Old Boy brotherhood.

The boys in attendance enjoyed a relaxed lunch as they learned about the NCOBA and had their first experience of what it is to be a Nudgee College Old Boy.

MR DOUG CARRIGAN
NCOBA Treasurer

IN MEMORIAM

The NCOBA and the College would like to acknowledge the Old Boys who have passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.



NAME	YEARS AT NUDGEE COLLEGE
• John Terence Deane	1945-46
• Dr Owen Thomas (Tom) Denmead AO	1946-49
• Patrick Gerard Faust	1971-73
• Patrick Phillip Finnimore	1950-51
• Wade Greig	1961-62
• Joseph Gerald Lavery	1955-59
• Ryan Hogan	1996
• Paul McAuliffe	1939-52
• Dr John Mario McCarthy	1950-54
• John Joseph McGregor	1949-50
• Bernard D'Barney Snr McQuillan	1939-39
• Dr Giobatta John Moro	1951-51
• Patrick Needham	1941-43
• Basil Nolan	1990-91
• Francis Patrick O'Driscoll	1946-46
• Liam George Rigney	1952-55
• John Thomas Salisbury	1948-49
• Dr Mark Xavier Triscott	1968-72

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