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INSIDE COVER

2020 Indigenous Seniors.



Painting by Brydie Perkins-Brakels, which was created live at the Senior Formal.



ON THE COVER

2020 Seniors.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear St Joseph's Nudgee College community,

It has been a very busy semester at the College, following the COVID-19 affected Semester 1. Term 2 activities were pushed to Term 3, creating a GPS season unlike any other. Events were able to take place, but each one required a COVIDSafe plan. The adaptability and innovation of so many people in the College community has been incredible to witness.

This edition of *Behind the Stripes* features those events and activities that looked a little different this year. It also features stories about the brand new Mary Rice Early Learning Centre, what it was like to be a Senior in 2020, therapy dogs in schools, and much more.

I hope you enjoy perusing this edition of *Behind the Stripes*.

MS TIFFANY KELLER

Editor

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**STRENGTH
IN THE STRIPES**





Seniors singing in the Chapel on their final day of classes.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR PETER FULLAGAR

As I write this article, Year 12 students around the country are sitting their final school exams. This is a well-worn path, of course, except that their journey through this final year has been shaped and changed by the presence of a global pandemic. To highlight this reality, ABC's *Four Corners* recently featured an insightful episode focussed on the Year 12 class of 2020: young people from city and country settings, from a range of schools and undertaking a range of school pathways. Their honesty and openness was enthralling. Their struggles and those of their families, in some cases, was enlightening. Most stark and reassuring however, was their resilience and optimism about what they had learnt and gained through this unwanted life experience. This final point is a reminder to me of the privilege it is to work with young people. Their youthful enthusiasm and hope-filled outlook is infectious.

This edition of *Behind the Stripes* features one of our Year 12 students, Ben Weber, and his reflections on the Year 12 experience. Across Queensland, all Year 12s have also been the first cohort to undertake the new system of senior assessment and tertiary entrance, which features external exams for the first time in more than 40 years. The new senior syllabus and assessment processes have required a change of focus and approach to learning. All students, teachers and parents have had to adapt to the new landscape. While this adaptation has caused some strain and stress, ultimately this fundamental shift in senior schooling in Queensland is beneficial, both for the students themselves and the integrity of the system itself. The most obvious change for many will be the manner in which end of Year 12 results are recorded. Most Queensland students will now receive an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) as part of their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

It was indeed prescient that our Year 12 motto for 2020 was 'strength in the stripes'. Our Year 12s led the College in Semester 2 through events and activities that have all operated in new ways, and largely without crowds. They have had to discover new ways to express our famed Nudgee Spirit:



The Seniors' final cheering practice.



Senior class of 2020.

The online Year 12 choir leading the school song; the Nudgee Bear's weekly *Bear on Air* vodcasts; the 12th and 16th man banners in the Ross Oval Grandstand; live-streaming of events. All have been a creative response to a challenging scenario.

Formals, farewell days, Boarding dinners, the Awards Ceremony and Valedictory have all been held, but each event has been different from previous years due to public health requirements. Importantly, each event has also sought to authentically recognise the special place that Year 12s hold in the school in their final year and the uniqueness of the journey of the Senior class of 2020.

Beyond this, the year of 2020 at Nudgee College will also be remembered as the year we undertook three significant building

projects; a very uncommon undertaking even in the best of circumstances. The previous edition of this magazine featured an article on the Treacy heritage precinct project, which is still continuing. This edition focuses on both the Mary Rice Early Learning Centre at the MacKillop Centre and the Flats Sports Complex projects. Both are transformative projects that will influence the life of the College for many years to come.

While the Mary Rice Early Learning Centre will operate independently of the College, the daily presence of very young children on our campus will be influential. It will be a new chapter in the life of Nudgee College in 2021.

There are of course legendary stories from our past of games won and lost on the Flats. Many a knee or elbow have been grazed on those fields.

Importantly also, generations of families have gathered as a part of the Nudgee College community on those sidelines. When they do so in 2021 it will also be a new chapter in the story of the Flats.

In mentioning 2021, it is a reminder that next year the Nudgee College community will be celebrating 130 years as a leading Catholic school in Queensland. Since our founding in 1891, as a Catholic boarding school for boys from across the state, we have been enriched by the presence of boys, staff and families from all walks of life. Much like the Seniors of 2020, we have responded to many challenges throughout our history. In doing so, we have also continued a legacy inherited from the Christian Brothers to always strive to be *Signum Fidei* – a '*Sign of Faith*'.



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MARY
RICE

Early Learning Centre

MS TIFFANY KELLER



Ever since 2008, the youngest children to frequent St Joseph's Nudgee College were the Year 5s in the Junior School. From January 2021, however, children as young as six weeks old will have a place on campus at the soon-to-be-opened Mary Rice Early Learning Centre.

Mary Rice was the only child of Blessed Edmund, who after the death of his wife, also Mary Rice, remained committed to raising his young daughter, all the while establishing the Christian Brothers' community. The Centre was named as a nod to its connection to Nudgee College, as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

While the Centre is a separate entity to the College, it will be located in the refurbished Mary MacKillop Building. This facility was originally developed in the 1980s as the Nudgee International College. This school closed in 2012, and the space since then has been used as temporary accommodation, offices and an auditorium for House Assemblies. Ultimately, this space was being

underutilised, which led to Edmund Rice Education Australia in 2017 deciding to develop an early learning centre.

Early Learning Centre Project Director Ms Clare Nugent said childcare and early childhood education held a key place in the wellbeing of families and local communities.

"This has been strongly evident during this current COVID-19 climate," she said. "Childcare was front and centre of government packages because it is understood that children's development, social engagement and enabling families to fully engage in the labour market contributes to stronger families."

The Mary Rice Early Learning Centre will cater for 136 boys and girls, aged

from six weeks to pre-prep, who will be cared for by up to 44 staff. External specialists, such as speech pathologists and occupational therapists, will also visit the Centre to engage with the children. There will be nine classrooms in the Centre as well as shared spaces, such as a dining room, art room, theatre and library.

"There will also be an outdoor playground and green spaces," Clare said, "so the children who attend get to experience the best of our natural environment and our amazing weather while taking part in the play-based curriculum."

Independent exploration, inclusivity and learning through play were key guiding factors in the design of the Centre's outdoor spaces.



"We aim to achieve a sense of wonder, feeling, belonging to and loving the land, nature and other inhabitants of the earth," Clare said, "so that young children can develop lifelong respect, positivity and proactive attitudes to our environment and a sustainable future."

"The physical environment plays an important role in determining the quality of children's learning experiences."

Clare said inspiration for the Centre was taken from something that already exists at Nudgee College – that is, it takes a village to raise a child.

"We've married what we know about this community to create a place of belonging for our littlest people."

Clare also cited the Reggio Emilia education principles as providing inspiration for the Centre.

"In educational terms, the northern Italian town of Reggio Emilia has a firmly established worldwide reputation for forward thinking and excellence in its approach to early childhood education," she said.

The Mary Rice Early Learning Centre will be all inclusive, offering nutritious meals, nappies, hats, sunscreen and all curriculum-enhancing areas as part of the daily fee.

To make an enquiry and find out more information about the Centre, visit maryrice.com.au.



Introducing the Director

Ms Cristiane Romao has been appointed to the position of inaugural Centre Director at the Mary Rice Early Learning Centre. Cristiane is an experienced leader in children's early learning, having held positions including Start Up Manager, Centre Manager and Operations Manager of early learning centres in New South Wales. She complements her leadership experience with a sound academic record, including a Bachelor of Early Childhood and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Cristiane is excited about opening the Centre in January and looks forward to all of the joys and challenges of working with the youngest members of the Nudgee College community.



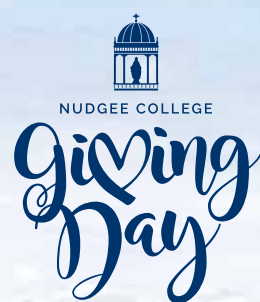
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Giving Day

MS TARA SHIPPERLEY

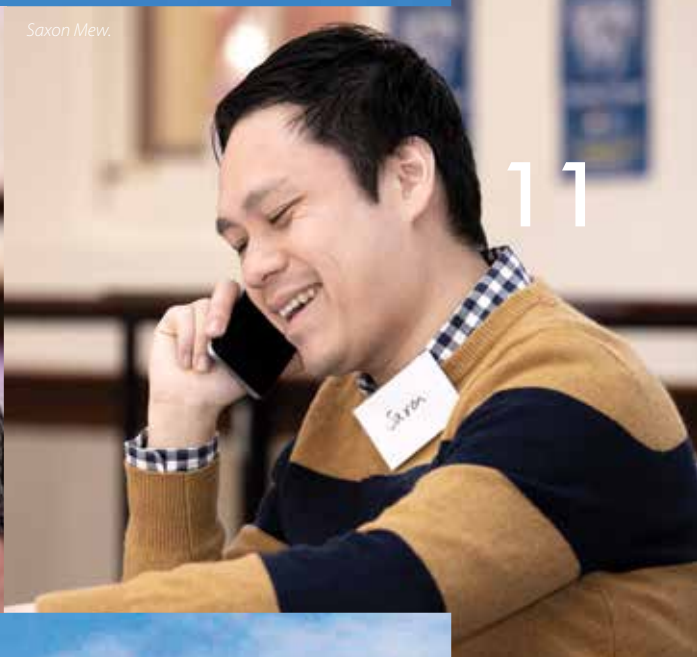
Mother Mary has stood atop of St Joseph's Nudgees College's heritage-listed Treacy Building since the 1950s keeping a watchful and protective eye over generations of students who have passed through the College gates.



Anna Fuller.



Saxon Mew.



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Beginning in January this year, the College commenced a significant renovation of the Treacy heritage precinct, which included in the scope was the restoration of Mary's Tower.

Principal Mr Peter Fullagar said once construction began recently, it became evident that Mary's Tower required more work than anticipated.

"The iconic symbols of Mary's statue and the tower bell were in need of specific attention," he said.

"The dome itself was in fair condition, but everything above and below had been eaten away by rot and lightning.

"The restoration work is important, not only to the College, but to greater Brisbane – everyone within 50 kilometres of the College can see what we are doing."

And that's when we called on the generosity and spirit of the Nudgee College community.

On Thursday 27 August the College went live with our inaugural Giving

Day for Mary's Tower and what unfolded was truly magical. We set the ambitious goal of reaching \$120,000 in 24 hours. We achieved the goal beyond expectations, raising an amazing \$162,547 from 731 donors! You can view the magic at www.charidy.com/nc.

This once in a generation opportunity to continue the legacy of the tower in our community was a celebration of our College, our boys, and our rich history.

"These improvements are to strengthen the College for future generations," Peter said.

"While our foundations are built from bricks and mortar, there are some traditions far greater that need to be preserved to honour those who went before us."

Integral to the success of Giving Day was our dedicated parent and Old Boy volunteers who manned the phones in the Operations Room. This was no easy task, and the College extends a

very special thank you to the following individuals for their generosity of time and support: Ms Karin Baxter, Ms Louise Best, Ms Anna Carlisle, Ms Louisa Christofferson, Ms Trina Delaney, Ms Dimity Emery, Ms Anna Fuller, Ms Sally Gardner, Ms Susanne Keene, Mr Chris Langton, Ms Mia Legaspi, Mr Saxon Mew, Mr Billy Muller, Mr Bronwyn Muller, Ms Carmel Nugent, Ms Lisa O'Driscoll, Mr Darryl Oehlman, Mr Rod Peardon and Ms Susan Warby.

Thank you to all who supported our inaugural Giving Day.

Without Mary's Tower, it wouldn't be Nudgee...

Without the stripes, it wouldn't be Nudgee...

Without the brotherhood, it wouldn't be Nudgee...

Without your support, it wouldn't be possible.

#nudgeespirit



Thank you to our parents, grandparents, Old Boys, staff and friends who donated so generously to Giving Day, the Nudgee College Building Fund and the Jack Ross Bursary in 2020. Your support of the Nudgee College Foundation ensures a vibrant and vital future for more young men and creates a legacy that transcends generations.

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REMEMBERING

Bridie O'Dea

MR PETER FULLAGAR

On Wednesday 11 November we were shocked to receive the news that long-term staff member Ms Bridie O'Dea had passed away. Bridie had courageously battled cancer for the past two years.

Bridie was an inspiring and much loved Maths teacher. She was a great friend and colleague to many on the staff. Bridie worked at Nudgee College since 2006. Beyond her Maths teaching, she was an evening tutor in Boarding as well as a tutor in the Indigenous Education program. She was a member of Ross House and also served as the Hodda Assistant Head of Boarding House. In October 2015, she was promoted to the position of Director of Administration on the Senior Leadership Team. This is an important role which manages day-to-day class operations, school and exam timetables, as well as teacher allocations. It is a vital role in the effective operation of a large

school such as ours. Bridie performed these difficult duties with the utmost professionalism and attention to detail. And always with a gentle smile.

Hundreds of people, including many past and present staff members, gathered at the College for Bridie's funeral on Friday 27 November. Having grown up in Victoria, Bridie had many friends and family in Victoria who were unable to attend due to border closures at the time. However, the moving service was able to be live-streamed.

Please keep Bridie, her family and her dear friends on staff in your prayers.

May she rest in peace.





Seniors taking part in the rose garden ritual on their final day of school.

The COVID Year

HOPE IN A TIME OF HOPELESSNESS

BEN WEBER

It has been a difficult year for many in the College community, with Year 12 students particularly drawing the short straw. 2020 Senior Ben Weber reflects on the Year 12 experience, which was unlike any other.

The Seniors of 2020 have every reason to feel like guinea pigs. Continuously subject to the initiation of multiple new pedagogical practices – from the introduction of the Prep year merging Year 7 into high school, to the transition from OP to ATAR (which brought with it a plethora of unique challenges for both students and teachers) – it was perhaps unsurprising that we too would be fated to complete our Senior year in the midst of a global pandemic. Yet, for all of the adversity of our schooling experience hitherto, we never resigned ourselves to being defined by our struggles.

Upon a quick browse of any major news site, you would no doubt find an article on how terrible it was to finish secondary education in 2020. Cancelled formals, lunches and sports left many students feeling

thoroughly underwhelmed by the crippling reality of their year in the spotlight. Yet, it has never been the Nudgee College way to dwell on lost opportunities. Instead, in the crucible of external exams and online learning, a more united, resilient and unique cohort than ever before emerged.

From the beginning, the 2020 Seniors have been different. I think most students would agree that we, as a group, had a lot of energy and felt that we could do great things this year. Powered by the desire to be remembered, the grandstand buzzed with a familiar yet special energy that we, as seasoned attendees, had come to know as Nudgee Spirit. Yet, for the first time in recent College history, Nudgee Spirit spread to unfamiliar areas of the campus. Senior A Debating was set alight by a

raucous crowd of boarders and day boys, both equally pushing to feel that camaraderie that would vanish all too soon.

And indeed, it did vanish too soon. By the end of Term 1 – and after a truly remarkable showing by more than 150 boys at the Debating round versus St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace – Nudgee College classrooms were to be shut down and online learning was to become the new norm. While some were initially relieved that their exams had been pushed back until at-school learning returned, the reality of isolation was a hard truth to accept. We had all become so conditioned to seeing our Nudgee College brothers five days a week that sitting alone at home on a Wednesday morning stirred feelings of hopelessness for many. To the





Ellis Mahoney and Joshua Parker on the Seniors' first day back at school after learning@home in Term 2.



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Ben Weber during GPS Debating in Term 1.

College's credit, the way in which the repercussions of COVID-19 were dealt with was extremely effective, and we – the students – were clearly the major focus of this plan. Furthermore, the wonderful teaching staff of Nudgee College continually excelled at conveying content in a way that was both engaging and familiar.

Despite the struggles of online learning, this period was definitive in creating a legacy of resilience and strength through adversity that has characterised the graduating class of 2020 throughout their schooling. It would have been so easy to give up; to quit; to say "it's just not our year". Yet, the boys had a different idea.

It all started with the introduction of the virtual choir. Since traditional protocol is to sing the College song at the end of Assembly, Director of Performing Arts Mr Robert Stewart had the ingenious idea to have the Senior cohort individually record themselves singing the song at home. These recordings were then patched together (and considerably auto-tuned) to create Nudgee College's first virtual choir. From this, Bill Ingham-Myers' weekly vodcast *Bear on Air* was launched to much acclaim, triggering a new tradition of self-examination that will likely continue for the foreseeable future. Further, the largest ever Year 12 study session was held in the Duhig Building – which

coincidentally occurred simultaneously with the 1st XV game on Ross Oval – with boys from all pathways combining to participate in some of the loudest studying ever seen at Nudgee College.

So, please, don't feel sorry for us. We might not have had the year that we expected, but it doesn't mean that it was any less grand. If the graduating cohort of 2020 could have one wish, it would be to be remembered for our achievements, not for the struggles imposed on us by forces outside our control. Because, if anything, the Seniors have learnt one thing this year – that, no matter what you are facing, anything is achievable when you are surrounded by your brothers.

Lachlan Gilbert, Ben Weber and Daniel Kuskie at the Senior Farewell Assembly.



A MOTHER'S WORDS

DR TRACEY HARBOUR

An important influence at St Joseph's Nudgee College is that of the female role model in our boys' lives. Mothers and special caregivers in particular.

Throughout 2020, Nudgee College has been blessed to have several pieces written or spoken from a mother's perspective. It is our joy to share with you an excerpt of Dr Tracey Harbour's address from the belated Year 12 Mother and Son Luncheon.

Before we commence our celebrations, I ask you to join me today in acknowledging the Turrbal and Yugera people whose land on which we meet and pay our respects to the First Nations people across the wider Brisbane area and right across our country. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and recognise their continuing connection and contribution to this land and the waters in which we all share and live in together; I extend this respect and acknowledge the First Nations women here today.

I would also like to acknowledge all of you today and recognise the diverse cultural backgrounds of each and every one of you. Even though we all come from different

cultures and all walks of life, we are connected as mothers through our relationships with Nudgee College. May we continue to walk gently and respectfully together with each other.

I welcome you all to our delayed luncheon, in doing so, I would like to honour and recognise all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, step mums, aunts, big sisters, carers and family friends whose hearts sustains, nourishes, feeds, tends and holds everything together. I would like to pay my respects to those mothers who are no longer with us. I would like to acknowledge those mothers who could not make it today; and I would also like to acknowledge the single dads who love and care for their children and take on the role of both mother and father.

Mother's Day is a day of celebration and reflection. It is a day for us all to take some time out to think about and reflect on the important role that we as mothers play in the lives of our sons and daughters. It is an equally important day for us to remember and

cherish the memories that we have of our own mothers, grandmothers or significant others who have influenced our lives and whose values are reflected in the way in which we love, care, grow and nurture our children. In Waluwarra, my mother's language, Nyarma means mother. I am mum to five children: Unngoorra, Injarra, Koolee, Sam and Jimmy. In Aboriginal culture, I am also mum to my brothers and sisters' children, sister-in-laws' children and my cousin sisters' children (many of you would relate to this as your first cousins). Nyarnya means grandmother in my mother's language. In Aboriginal culture I am grandmother to my brothers and sisters' grandchildren, my sister-in-law's grandchildren and my cousin sisters' grandchildren and play an important role in caring for, guiding and supporting my big extended family.

Being a mother is just as challenging as it is rewarding; and as mothers, we have one of the most influential and important roles in the world. I'm



Left: Tracey and Injarra Harbour at this year's Commencement Mass and Senior Investiture.
Below: Injarra Harbour, Tracey Harbour and Peter Fullagar.

sure that you have all worked out by now, that there are no fast and easy rules about being a mum. Just when we think we've got it right, we have another baby, and everything we thought we knew changes again as each of our children have their own personalities, wants and needs. Our roles as mothers have certainly changed over the decades, and our lives today are more challenging and complex than that of our mothers and grandmothers. Despite these challenges, we still manage our work and family commitments... even when there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day or the week. We are the glue that holds our families together.

A mother's love is unconditional and has no boundaries. From the day our first born comes into this world we are responsible for their every need and as they grow our role as mothers also grows and evolves. It is usually us mums who are working diligently behind the scenes. It has been well documented that mothers have many different roles.

We have become chefs – we prepare and cook for our families and go out of our way to make our kids their favourite meals on their birthdays. We are housekeepers – we clean up all kinds of mess, we wash up, we do the laundry, we tidy up the living rooms, we clean up spills and keep the home tidy and clean. We are event planners – we set and make appointments for school events, doctors' appointments, parties, family catch-ups and holidays. We are drivers – we drive our children to school, the doctor, the dentist and the physio, rugby (training and games), to the movies and to their friend's houses. We are skilful mediators, negotiators, and guides – when our kids find themselves in conflict with their siblings or their friends, we offer guidance on ways to manage and resolve conflict in our home and when they have had an argument with their best friends. We are counsellors – we listen with open hearts and are generally the first port of call when our kids fail a test, or when life for them has not worked as they had planned. We are the ones our sons talk to about their fears, their hopes and dreams. We are there when hearts are broken, and they think they will never love again. We are finance

managers; it is often left up to us to balance the family budget. We are activities directors – when our kids say to us “we are bored”, or “what is there to do today”, or “what am I going to do over the school holidays”, we manage and put in place plans to keep them occupied.

We are motivators – we encourage and support our sons and daughters to dream big and be the best they can. We are there for them to support and reassure them when things don't work out like they planned. We are health care providers – our children look to us first when they hurt themselves, or lose their first tooth, we check temperatures when they are unwell, we cook soup or go out and treat them to ice cream to make them feel better. We are spiritual healers and mend broken spirits; we teach our children to be resilient and how to deal with adversity. We are change agents – we change the way our children view the world and their place in the world. We model and teach our children about the importance of family and caring for and looking out for their loved ones; we also teach our children about the

importance of serving others with compassion and kindness in their hearts. When we teach our children about kindness and compassion, they are often the first to reach out to others who are alone or ostracised by their peers, they are the first to help the child being bullied at school and they are the first to volunteer their services. This is what fills the world with better human beings. And we are teachers – we are our children's first teachers, we teach them to love, to share, to care for others, to be respectful, gracious and humble. We teach our children everything. We teach them about life in general and important rules in life, we teach them the importance of manners, and we teach our sons how to be gentlemen. And it is from us that our sons and daughters learn about integrity, compassion, selfishness, indifference, resilience, kindness, honesty, respect, tolerance, patience, perseverance and hard work. We teach these things without even knowing we are doing it... and together with our husbands or partners, or significant other, we change the world with every child we raise.





THE ACADEMIC FIRSTS

MS DEE TYRRELL

This year the College implemented a new initiative; the Academic Firsts. Director of Pathways Ms Dee Tyrrell explains.

In the Learning and Teaching team, we often talk about persistence, making every lesson count and lifelong learning. There is a group of gentlemen at St Joseph's Nudgee College who have indeed been demonstrating these values – an effort that has led to some outstanding results.

These students decided to make learning their priority. They certainly had natural ability, but had to work hard, practise skills and demonstrate incredible persistence and dedication to achieve their results. No doubt they had bad days and disappointments along the way, and sometimes felt bored, tired and frustrated. However, they managed to overcome such

obstacles in a spectacular fashion.

In line with the College's Strategic Plan, *Advancing Nudgee College Spirit 2020*, and the stated vision to "champion a lifelong learning culture", the Academic Firsts program was developed and implemented in 2020 to acknowledge these students. This program aims to recognise the achievements of our highest-performing Year 12 students, with a view to creating an even more dynamic culture of striving for excellence in learning. They are also provided with additional services to improve career outcomes after they graduate from Nudgee College.

To be selected in the program, students must achieve in the top 10

per cent of the Year 12 cohort. The figures are derived from those who have received average raw scores above 90 per cent and/or have ranked in the top 10th percentile for four or more of their general subjects. In 2020, 32 students met these criteria.

The results are reassessed after each internal assessment task. In 2020, this was made difficult by the removal of one internal assessment task across subjects due to COVID-19; however, in coming years, we expect that assessment will occur after all three internal assessment tasks.

This year, students in the program participated in a variety of activities, each designed to improve their future outcomes.

Left: Dee Tyrrell, James Armitage, Ben Weber, Lieutenant Kyle Kudatz, Thomas Muellegger, Blake Keir, Owen Mitchell and Jason Sepetauc at an Academic Firsts event.

These included events with representatives from Queensland's major tertiary institutions, such as the University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and the Australian Defence Force Academy, where, importantly, pathways to university and scholarship opportunities were discussed. The final event was a luncheon on Wednesday 18 November, featuring CSIRO Education and Outreach Digital Careers Manager Mr Michael Page as the keynote speaker. Michael spoke about the effect of digital technologies on future careers. Last year's College Dux Mr Vidur Sehgal also spoke at the event.

Although the program is still in its infancy, we plan to develop further activities and events for future cohorts to ensure that our graduates are meeting the expectations of employers. Programs will be focussed on building industry partnerships, and developing university relationships and human capability skills, which the Australian Government and employers have declared essential in preparing students for the future world of work in Australia.

The 2020 Academic Firsts were:

- James Armitage
- Benji Bowker
- Declan Cabot
- James Clark
- Mattias Dahlstedt
- Bailey Dellapina

- Joseph Duffy
- Rohen Ferreira
- Caleb Giorgas
- Max Grant
- Declan Henry
- James Hong
- Oliver Horwood
- James Hueppauff
- Blake Keir
- Patrick Kelly
- Zachary Krogh
- Hamish McLaughlin
- Owen Mitchell
- Thomas Muellegger
- Xavier Nicolaidis
- Luca Romano
- Kyle Schramm
- Sam Schimming
- Elton Shibble
- Kehan Sully
- Harrison Swane
- Cooper Tamer
- Aaron Tran
- Thomas Walsh
- Alec Watson
- Ben Weber

It is because these students have established a priority for lifelong learning, that I am confident they will continue to grow in knowledge and acquire new skills. This behaviour will ensure their success. I have spoken to many of them about their plans for the future, and the options they have are very exciting.

This is a lesson for all of us. Imagine what we could achieve together as a College if we all made every lesson count; every day count. Thank you, gentlemen, for showing the way.



WE CHAMPION A LIFELONG LEARNING CULTURE BY:

- continuing to progress the Habits of Mind to develop thinking dispositions and a community of self-directed, critical thinkers.
- providing an innovative and creative high performing environment that meets the needs of a diverse student population.
- driving continuous school improvement through use of data, evidenced based practices, targeted professional learning and collaborative teaching and learning processes.
- maximising student outcomes through implementing changes in the Queensland senior assessment and tertiary entrance system.

Above: Excerpt from the College's Strategic Plan: Advancing Nudgee College Spirit 2020.

Below: Academic Firsts Breakfast event in June.



PAWS

WITH PURPOSE

DR LORRAINE SLAVEN

A new member of the College community has been bringing smiles to many boys' faces during what has been a particularly difficult year.

He is extremely friendly, energetic and brightens the day of everyone with whom he comes into contact. He's also very furry and walks on four legs. Dr Lorraine Slaven is one of the College's Clinical Psychologists, and also the proud owner of Kobe. Here, she explains the benefits of therapy dogs in schools.

Kobe is a one-year-old Groodle puppy, a cross between a golden retriever and poodle. He was bred by Groodles Australia, which is an organisation that breeds many assistance and therapy dogs. Kobe and I are at the start of a very long journey in his training as a therapy dog. He lives with me and my retired therapy dog, Marley. Marley is a golden retriever that specialised in working with young people with Autism and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Marley made a difference in the lives of many young people –

Kobe has very big paws to fill!

Therapy dogs are selected for their temperament, trainability, love of humans and calmness – although we have a way to go in the calmness department! Kobe also has a low allergy coat.

I started in the area of animal-assisted therapy many years ago when I worked with traumatised and highly-anxious children and adolescents. It became clear that the animals made an enormous difference to the calmness and engagement of these young people. Therapy dogs also made a significant difference to children who were refusing to attend school, resulting in improved attendance numbers.

Research consistently shows that therapy dogs can reduce stress and social anxiety and make it much less threatening when a young person

has to see a psychologist. Kobe loves the boys and he loves putting on his Nudgee College uniform in the morning. He already appears to have a sense of when the boys need a hug and he is always very willing to provide it.

Kobe and I work in the Boarding Village together two nights per week, and the boarders love it when he comes to visit. He helps to create a family environment in Boarding, with many of the boys a long way from home and missing their own dogs. He is a popular visitor in classrooms as well, particularly at times of high stress around exams. He also loves a game of soccer with the Junior School boys on a Friday afternoon.

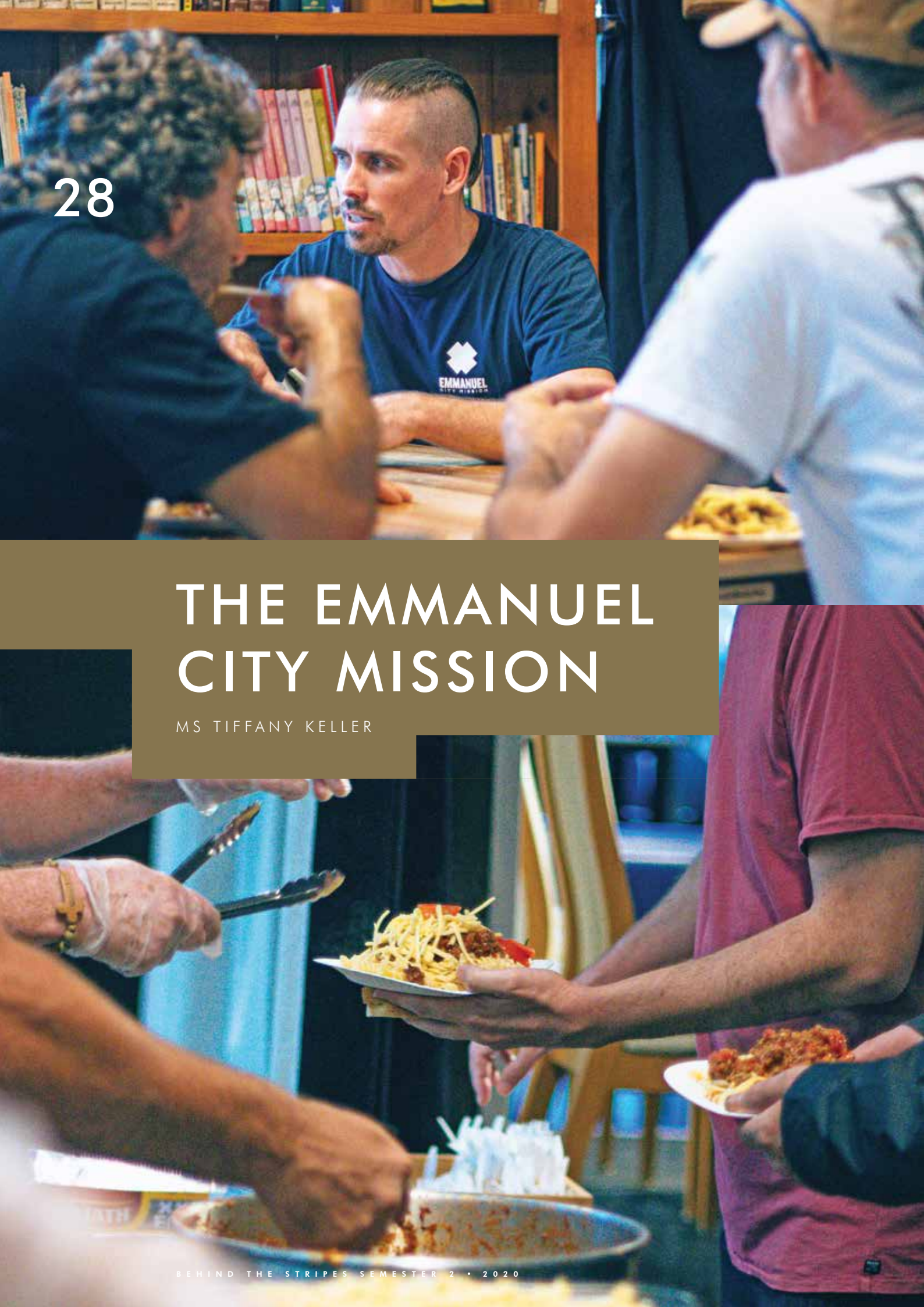
When you see us around the College, please feel free to come and say hello. Kobe is always up for a pat or a cuddle.





Opposite: Kobe 'playing chess' with new students at the Boarding Orientation Sleepover.

Inset: Current boarders Tariq Tanner, Jake House, Rowand Kelly and George Pola with Kobe.



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THE EMMANUEL CITY MISSION

MS TIFFANY KELLER

This year's COVID-19 restrictions in Australia impacted many facets of society, and St Joseph's Nudgee College was certainly not exempt. From *learning@home*, to modified Sport and Performing Arts programs, Nudgee College had to pivot every which way to adapt to a COVIDSafe environment.

Director of Identity Ms Sian Kennedy said one such area greatly impacted was the Social Justice program.

"When COVID-19 restrictions were implemented and we had to suspend all our outreach programs, we became increasingly concerned that there were many people out in the community who would suffer," she said. "So we wanted to do something productive."

After reading an article about the Emmanuel City Mission, Sian reached out to the organisation to see if the College could be of any assistance.

"Initially, we decided to take a food drop over there each week until we were able to start our own programs again," Sian said.

"However, the partnership developed was so strong that, thanks to some external financial assistance and the amazing support of the College's Catering team, we have been able to continue this work."

Every day the Mission aims to care for the homeless and vulnerable of Brisbane, creating a space where they can feel safe, cared for and valued. Emmanuel City Mission Director Mr Roby Curtis said the organisation's aims could be segmented into four areas:

1. *Wellness*: Showers, toilets and laundry
2. *Harvest*: Breakfast and lunch
3. *Pathways*: Facilitating engagement with other homeless agencies
4. *Sanctuary*: A space where people can rest and be safe

"Each of these areas are resourced with volunteers, and this is where the magic happens," Roby said. "Positive relationships are formed, where both the volunteer and the homeless person can experience the joys of care."

In terms of Nudgee College's involvement with the Mission, Roby said the school has been an amazing support.

"COVID-19 had the potential to close Emmanuel City Mission because we were fast running out of resources," he said.

"Nudgee College stepped up and reached out to us by offering meals for the homeless that we could only dream of and pray for.

"Apart from saving us a lot of money, Nudgee College's obvious passion for quality sent a message best described by a homeless man who was given a superb meal of fish one day.

"He said, 'I didn't think people would think I was worthy of this meal'.

"Sometimes it's hard to identify impact, but I think those words say it all."

Supporting the Emmanuel City Mission has been a College team effort. A mix of teaching and support staff initially completed the weekly food drop. Because of the rising demand, the College's Catering team generously increased their workload to ensure excess food in the kitchen was saved and then dropped off to the Mission by members of our Transport team. Sian said when COVID-19 restrictions

eased in Term 4, even boarders were given the opportunity to volunteer their time preparing and serving food at the Mission.

"Most importantly, we now have a very happy and positive relationship with this amazing organisation, which we hope will continue into the future," she said.

When asked how the wider community could help, Roby cited the following mantra: Give, Volunteer, Voice and Prayer.

"We understand that not everyone is in a position to give money, but they may have time they can spare, or they might be able to say good things about the homeless and the work we do," he said.

"And we wouldn't be who we are if we didn't value prayer.

"We believe in what we do and honestly believe that we are strengthened by the prayers of others.

"So I think there are ways anyone can help change the lives of the homeless and vulnerable – even if it is just for a moment."



Roby Curtis serving food.



A BOARDING SCHOOL FOR THE NATION

MS TIFFANY KELLER



Left to right: Roland Johnson (ACT), Ben Wyatt (SA), Daniel Maiava-Tapusoa (Vic), Kane Johnson (Tas), Harry Coventry (NSW), Daniel Atkins (WA), Liam McBride (NT) and Billy Banks (Qld)



Boarding students.

For almost 130 years, St Joseph's Nudgee College has been a school where boys from all walks of life could develop their strengths, learn new skills, and find a place in which to belong. Today, in 2020, this remains the same, with boarders from every state and territory in the country among the almost 300 students who call Nudgee College their home.

Year 10 student Kane Johnson has come a long way to board at Nudgee College, with his family residing near Launceston in Tasmania. An avid swimmer, Kane said one of the benefits of attending the school was the world-class sporting facilities it offered.

Fellow southerner Ben Wyatt is in Year 11 at the College, arriving at the Boarding Village from South Australia for the first time at the start of 2018. He said the educational opportunities were an important part of why his family decided to enrol him at Nudgee College.

Just across the New South Wales border is the Coventry family's property. Their son Harry is in Year 11 at the College and has boarded since Year 8.

"My family chose to send me to Nudgee College because of the versatility the school offers," he said.

"There are so many different pathways to choose from."

Another boarder from outside Queensland is Year 8 student Liam McBride, whose family lives in the Northern Territory. Liam's family first came into contact with the College several years ago at the Darwin Show, during one of the school's regular visits to the communities of its students and Old Boys. As an only child, Liam said one of the best things about Boarding was getting to spend so much time with his friends.

"There is always someone to talk to and hang out with," he said.

Coming from Victoria, Daniel Maiava-Tapusoa has been in a tough situation with the COVID-19 travel restrictions this year. Daniel started at the College in 2019 and is currently in Year 11.

He is a talented rugby player and, under normal circumstances, would have had his family visit several times in Term 3 to watch him play. Despite these challenges, Daniel said he was grateful to be at Nudgee College.

"I was a bit scared when I first arrived, but the boys really are a big part of what makes this school so good," he said. "Everyone has a smile on their face."

"There are also a broad range of opportunities at the College, offering many different pathways."

Dean of Boarding Mr Christian Oneto, said it was a privilege to care for so many boys from all over the country and to see them develop into fine young men during their time at the College.



THE SCENE PROJECT

MS ALISON KILGOUR

Queensland Theatre offers schools the opportunity for students to engage in an authentic theatre experience through the Scene Project. Head of The Arts Faculty Ms Alison Kilgour explains how the College has been involved with this program.

The Scene Project first grabbed my attention in 2018. It is a program that invites young artists from schools throughout Queensland to participate.

At St Joseph's Nudgee College, the program is offered as an extension to the curriculum. It is a platform that engages boys who have an interest and passion for acting and other performing arts. Extending them beyond the curriculum, the program brings together students from across different year levels and gets them working collaboratively on a shared vision to perform text of a professional play. Working in a variety of roles, including that of actors, writers, designers and creative directors, the students develop their 21st century skills and get to truly own the final product.

For the program, Queensland Theatre commission a professional playwright to develop a play that is suitable for young people, with the ability for the script to be reshaped and reworked. Our boys really enjoyed the creative process they were able to embark on with this. To witness young boys energetically and passionately sharing their ideas and supporting each other is exciting. The boys' intelligence and ability to collaborate, negotiate and problem-solve were outstanding. With their enthusiasm filling Tierney Auditorium, the energy just hits you the moment you open the doors.

In 2020, the Scene Project was rolled out via a different format during *learning@home*. Queensland Theatre created series of fantastic online workshops, videos and resources, and our boys were super keen to participate. While actor and Old Boy Mr Jacob Elordi (NC 2014–15) was in lockdown in Brisbane, he offered to come and workshop ideas

with the boys throughout the early development stages of their project. It was wonderful to see the boys share their ideas with Jacob on how they could structure their performance for the final Outcome Day. And it was great to have him as a mentor and share stories of his own challenges and successes in the acting world.

The final Outcome Day in August was wonderful. Students from Mount Alvernia College joined us for the first performances on the Bille Brown Theatre stage. The students were super excited and it was just great to experience live theatre again. Their performance of *Wisdom* was powerful, thought-provoking and engaging. Following are two students' reflections of the experience.

As a Year 12 student, I have been blessed with the opportunity to have an involvement in the Scene Project for three years now. I originally really wanted to be involved because it was a fantastic opportunity to mix with boys in the older year levels who also had a passion for drama. However, after experiencing it for three years, it has also given me the benefits of creating, devising, directing and performing with groups of like-minded students. It has provided a brilliant opportunity to dissect and rebuild original pieces of work from some of Australia's most adored playwrights, such as Mr David Burton and Ms Angela Betzien. Having an involvement in this project has allowed me to cultivate my skills in transforming one piece of work into another, with focuses on themes, ideas and dramatic meaning as we have taken these texts and reimaged them into our own story with very specific ties and relations with the original scripts. There is much to be enjoyed and absorbed from doing the Scene Project

but, overall, the most enjoyable part is when everyone is working together and doing what we all have a passion for – creating theatre.

JOSHUA PRICE

Year 12 student, Dux of Drama and winner of the Creative Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts

*The Scene Project provides an opportunity to practice all skills of drama. Provided with a script, devoid of any stage directions or notes on themes and character, we are invited to tear it apart, engaging in the full creative process. Each year begins with a script read, after which we discuss what stood out to us: themes, monologues or key moments and ideas that we can carry through to the final product. Conventions and techniques of political and epic theatre were used to create performances that might unsettle our audience and invite them to critically reflect on the story and how it becomes applicable to today's society. Most recently, through Mr David Burton's *Wisdom*, we explored political voice and the effects of young people on government. Each year, the project concludes with an Outcome Day, where multiple schools come together to perform their take on the script. During this day we get the opportunity to interact with professionals in the industry to question and reflect on their individual creative experience. The Scene Project furthered my experience as a director by providing me with the opportunity of working with directors from Queensland Theatre. Overall, my three-year participation in this program was enjoyable and gave me opportunities that I would not have otherwise had.*

PARKER PROUT

Year 12 student and winner of the Theatresports Most Improved Improviser Award





Jamie Dickman, Mitchell Doyle, Luke Rohan and Dylan Eastland.



INCURSIONS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR CHRIS CAWLEY

Director of Junior School Mr Chris Cawley explains how the Year 5 and 6 students experienced the joy of excursions without leaving campus in 2020.

Much will be written about the impact on education during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our obvious impact in the Junior School was the six weeks our boys spent undertaking *learning@home*. I'm deeply grateful to the staff of the Junior School who made this time a rewarding and enriching experience for our students. It was certainly a challenge, but one I believe we responded to with an excellent program.

What we did lose during this time were the many external experiences our boys usually benefit from, such as camps and excursions. The fact our year level camps had to be cancelled, and then unable to be rescheduled, was very disappointing. Our annual excursions to the goldfields and

the Cathedral of St Stephen, also cancelled, left a hole in our curriculum delivery.

So, we decided to bring these experiences to the boys on campus.

YEAR 6 STREET SCIENCE

During Term 3, the Year 6 Science students focussed on changing states of matter. To introduce the unit, the cohort attended an incursion run by Street Science, where the boys thoroughly enjoyed the interactive nature of the sessions, learning new scientific concepts and language through hands-on experiments. The boys made two different 'perfect polymers' – slime and snow. The presenters were entertaining, making balloons filled with gas

explode, clouds in a bottle, elephant's toothpaste and different-coloured fire balls. Don't try this at home kids! This high energy science show was engaging and fun for the boys – just what the doctor ordered in the current climate.

YEAR 5 PORTABLE PLANETARIUM

Science in Semester 2 continued to be a portal for investigative learning, coupled with wonderment and awe. Term 3 saw Year 5 students explore the galaxy and our solar system, as well as space technology developed throughout the years.

The boys visited a 'portable planetarium', provided by Starlab Education, which was set up in the College's Christian Brothers' Conference Centre. This experience took the Year 5 students on a trip through the deepest parts of our solar system without having to leave the school. Our students were shown images and videos, and learnt how space technology has helped develop the world we know today. The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive, and it was an experience they will remember for a long time:

As you are all aware, we haven't been able to go on any camps or excursions this year because of COVID-19. It is disappointing that we can't go anywhere so it was great that Starlab brought the excursion to us. Throughout this term, Year 5 has been learning about the solar system and how it is explored. During this incursion, we were able to look through the solar system



Natalie Webber, Chris Cawley and the Number Facts Challenge finalists.



Inside the Planetarium.



Above: Street Science.
Left: Portable Planetarium.

using technology on the inside of a big dome. The 3D experience made it feel like we were actually in space. We lay on the floor so we could see everything projected on the dome ceiling. There were different types of telescopes, images of the planets, and we learnt how the planets were discovered through these telescopes. Besides learning about the planets, we learnt about how our eyes transfer light to our brain, which is all part of how our vision works. It was a fun experience because we got to witness what was in space without leaving Nudgee College. (Liam – 5B)

YEAR 5 NUMBER FACTS CHALLENGE

Normally positioned at the beginning of the year, the Number Facts Challenge of 2020 was very different from previous years because of the early finish to Term 1. It was decided that we would restart the challenge at the beginning of Term 3, and we weren't disappointed with the results.

Throughout Term 3, the Year 5 cohort were engaged in a battle of epic proportions to find the 2020 Number Facts Challenge Winner. Every second Friday, each boy in Year 5 would complete the two-minute challenge, which posed 100 number-fact questions based on the four operations of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.

When we started the journey in Term 1, class averages were about 30 or 40 out of 100; in Term 3, however, those averages were between 60 and 70. The improvement of each student across the year level was outstanding



and is testament to their hard work and practice. In the culmination of this challenge, 21 students represented their class in the Final on the last day of Term 3. This was the largest number that we've had in a Final and it was difficult to split them because of the close scores. These 21 outstanding young mathematicians were:

- Lewis Abdy
- Harper Cameron
- Daniel Carey
- James Carroll
- Joshua Chaffey
- Marcel Conti
- Rocco Croucamp
- George Dart
- Ethan Ferris
- Liam Ganley
- Tobias Grant
- Antoni Harbeck
- Caleb Hopsick
- Ryan Khatmimaab
- Sebastian Mattiussi
- Eamon McCarthy
- Edward McDonnell
- James Neubecker
- Oliver Ransby
- Reuben Rayner
- Daniel Simpson

On the day of the Final, the tension and nerves were through the roof. The support from the audience was amazing and, as the competition began, it was clear that each boy was there to win. Each of the finalists gave an excellent account of themselves and should be extremely proud of their efforts. It was a fantastic culmination to the term and an outstanding achievement for the six boys who made it into the final round:

- Lewis Abdy
- James Carroll
- Rocco Croucamp
- Antoni Harbeck
- Ryan Khatmimaab
- Eamon McCarthy

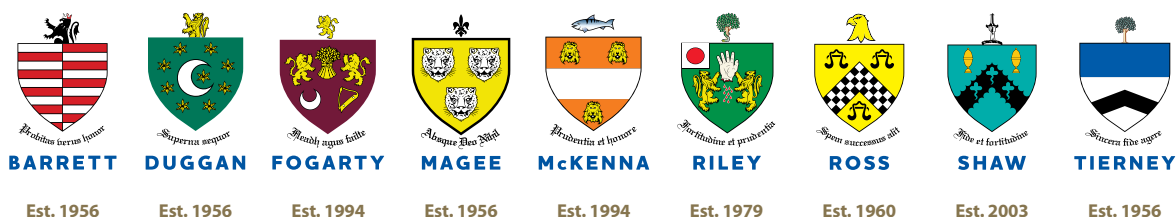
These boys were separated by just six seconds in the final round and, for the first time ever, two boys finished tied for first. A tie-breaker was needed to ultimately crown the 2020 Number Facts Challenge Winner – Ryan Khatmimaab.

Congratulations to Ryan and all of the boys for their fantastic efforts throughout the Challenge.



THE HOUSE SYSTEM

MR JOHN SAYER



St Joseph's Nudgee College Archivist Mr John Sayer shares the journey of how the nine Houses came to be at the College.

In 2006, Dr Ian Marshall (NC 1949–1956) wrote to the Principal of the day, Mr Daryl Hanly, reminiscing about the 50-year interval from his time at the College. In 1956, Nudgee College moved away from the colour teams of Red, Blue, Green and Yellow, and the now famous Barrett, Duggan, Magee and Tierney Houses were formed. Prior to this, a student was allotted a colour team when they first arrived at Nudgee College and they tended to stay with that team, although that could vary. The College leadership would occasionally move boys to another team if there were an imbalance in strength. There were no overall team captains as such. Some pundits suggest that the spirit of competition among the boys resided with, and was encouraged by, the Brothers, who orchestrated these groups. Dr Marshall remembered that,

in the early 1950s, he was in Green for Swimming, but in Blue for Athletics.

The first Inter-house competition was the Swimming carnival and, from the very first event, the Inter-house system proved an enormous success with the boys – very vocal, very competitive and very loyal. Interestingly, the school hierarchy who instigated the House system did not attach much importance to it; neither did they foresee the importance it would play at Nudgee College, because it did not rate a mention in the 1956 College Annual. In that year, the following mentions were made: The College Golf Tournament, the Leo Williams Championship Cup (won by John O'Donoghue), the Under 16 Cup (won by Robert Parer) and the Under 15 Cup (won by Kevin Warlow). The Handball Championship went to Ken Williams. Br Virgil Riley was the

College Sportsmaster that year, and it is not without irony or logic that he eventually had a Nudgee College House named for him in 1979; the year after his passing.

The four inaugural House Captains in 1956 were Ian Marshall, John Rasmussen, John Sugars and Ross O'Donoghue. Dr Marshall had the unique distinction of winning the first ever event in Inter-house history at Nudgee College – the A Division Open 50 metres freestyle – much to the disgust of Swimming coach Br Ray 'Speed' Miller. In theory, going by previous trials, he should have come only third or fourth; hence he was stuck out in lane eight in the Valley Pool. When he touched first, Barrett House students, who were right beside him in the old Valley stands, were screaming and shouting their brand-new war cry. As he looked back





Above: Inter-house Cross Country, 2018.
Right: Matt Gardiner, Bruce Barlow, Maggie Shaw
and Luke Gavioli, 2003.

over those 50 years, Dr Marshall was indeed very proud of that moment, and Barrett went on to win that carnival.

The 1960 College Annual reports the addition of a new House – Ross. This was a small memento of the phenomenal work done by Mr John Elliott ‘Jack’ Ross in his, by that point, 51-year association with his alma mater. The House Captains in 1960 were Darcy Condon (Ross), Peter O’Regan (Barrett), Dallas O’Neill (Duggan), Martin O’Donoghue (Magee) and Ray de Hayr (Tierney).

In the mid-1990s, the Principal of the day was Br Peter Harney. Nudgee College had just celebrated its centenary and the College was experiencing an extraordinary increase in enrolments. The Boarding House was well on the way to the halcyon days of 570 boarders on the campus, and the day boys were starting to outnumber those who lived at 2199 Sandgate Road. Br Peter initiated a number of reviews of the College curriculum and pastoral



care systems, with the upshot being the addition of two more Houses – Fogarty and McKenna.

By the early 2000s, the challenge of ensuring that a boy does not go ‘missing’ in the ‘aircraft’ carrier that is Nudgee College (large operating community; awesome firepower; once up to cruising speed, quite unstoppable; slow to change direction, but capable of doing so) led to the decision in 2003 to add a ninth House. In respect to the magnificent contribution, service and loyalty gifted to Nudgee College by the College Principal’s Secretary Ms Maggie Shaw, Shaw House was named for her. The inaugural House Dean was Mr Bruce Barlow and the House Captains were Matt Gardiner and Luke Gavioli. In

its inaugural year, the new Shaw House won the Inter-house Track and Field competition and secured solid placings in the Swimming and Cross Country events.

Nudgee College now has a structure that ensures each boy meets in a small group with a tutor who has the privilege of undertaking that Nudgee College journey with them. I can attest to the immense pleasure and enjoyment of this role after two decades being responsible for Boarding Houses and Houses in the day school. I had the opportunity to join Barrett House, and I like to think that I have made many friends who have grown from boys to men in their time there.

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NC SNAPSHOT





Top left: In Term 4, the College announced the student leaders for 2021. Congratulations to College Vice Captain – Studies Xavier Roati, College Vice Captain – Sport Douglas Gemmell, College Vice Captain – The Arts Morgan Chippendale, College Captain Leo De Clara, College Vice Captain – Community & Boarding Basil Nolan and College Vice Captain – Identity Chad Oehlman (left to right).

Above: Year 12 student Sam Schimming has been awarded the prestigious Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship from Griffith University for achieving academic excellence.

Right: The College's Dean of Learning and Teaching Mr Jason Sepetauc was shortlisted for an Innovation in Teaching award as part of the Queensland College of Teachers' TeachX Awards. Jason was nominated following the successful implementation of the College's learning@home program.

Below: On Saturday 17 October, Year 11 students Mitchell Doyle, Morgan Chippendale, Dylan Eastland and Ethan Petcos (left to right) performed at the Queensland Youth Shakespeare Festival Showcase. They won their respective categories, with Dylan and Ethan performing an excerpt from Julius Caesar, and Mitchell and Morgan completing a rap battle inspired by Romeo and Juliet.

Bottom left: In August, 18 students participated in the Write a Book in a Day competition, which involved planning, writing, editing and illustrating a book in 12 hours. The College entered two teams, one with Years 5 and 6 students and the other with boys from Year 9.





N C EVENTS

Awards Ceremony

Instead of an evening event, as per previous years, the 2020 College Awards Ceremony was held across two morning sessions on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 November to comply with COVIDSafe guidelines.

The first event featured all of the awards for Years 5 to 9 students, in addition to music and dramatic performances, as well as art and video presentations.

The following day followed a similar format, featuring the awards for Years 10 to 12 students, as well as staff and community awards.

Congratulations to all of the award winners, and special mention to the following winners of Awards of Distinction:

- *Year 10 Ladies' Auxiliary Award for Conduct, Study and Sport:*
Lachlan Barrett, Ben Gunter, Harry Roati and Nate Scott
- *Year 10 Richard James Hutton Elliott Bursary for Social Justice and Community Service:*
Oliver Bryans
- *Year 11 Past Mothers' Association Sign of Faith Award:* **Basil Nolan**

- *Junior Sportsman of the Year:*
Tom Kewley
- *Excellence in Sport Award:*
Thomas Raymond
- *James J Delahunty Award for Sportsman of the Year:*
Maurece Jackson
- *The Arts Committee Creative Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts:*
Joshua Price
- *Shirley Agnew Memorial Award for Outstanding Participation:*
Bill Ingham-Myers
- *W A Collins Memorial Award for Conduct, Study and Sport:*
Declan Cabot
- *W Carlton-Smith Memorial Award for Leadership, Study and Sport:*
Xavier Bundock
- *Sam Sciacca Memorial Award for Character and Citizenship:*
Mattias Dahlstedt and Ben Weber
- *University of Queensland Application to Lifelong Learning:*
Ben Weber
- *Kelleher Family Award for Consistent, Unrecognised Achievement:*
Blake Keir
- *W Carlton-Smith Memorial Award for Leadership, Study and Co-curricular Sport:*
Oliver Horwood
- *Caltex All Rounder Award for Study, Activities and Service:*
Patrick Kelly
- *John Francis Treacy Award for Service to the Boarding Community:*
Joshua Atkins
- *Old Boys' Award for Outstanding Service to the College:*
Injarra Harbour
- *Lawrie Cusack Signum Fidei Award:*
Parker Prout
- *Br J G Hodda Memorial Award for Leadership and Diligence:*
Injarra Harbour, Lastus Auakai, Oliver Horwood, Michael Jones and Patrick Kelly
- *Sustained Academic Excellence Award:* **Sam Schimming, Declan Cabot, Caleb Giorgas and Xavier Nicolaidis**

The Dux of the College will be announced at the first Academic Assembly in 2021.

Opposite Top: Students at the Years 5 to 9 Awards Ceremony.

Right: Peter Fullagar, Sam Schimming, Xavier Nicolaidis, Caleb Giorgas and Declan Cabot at the Years 10 to 12 Awards Ceremony.



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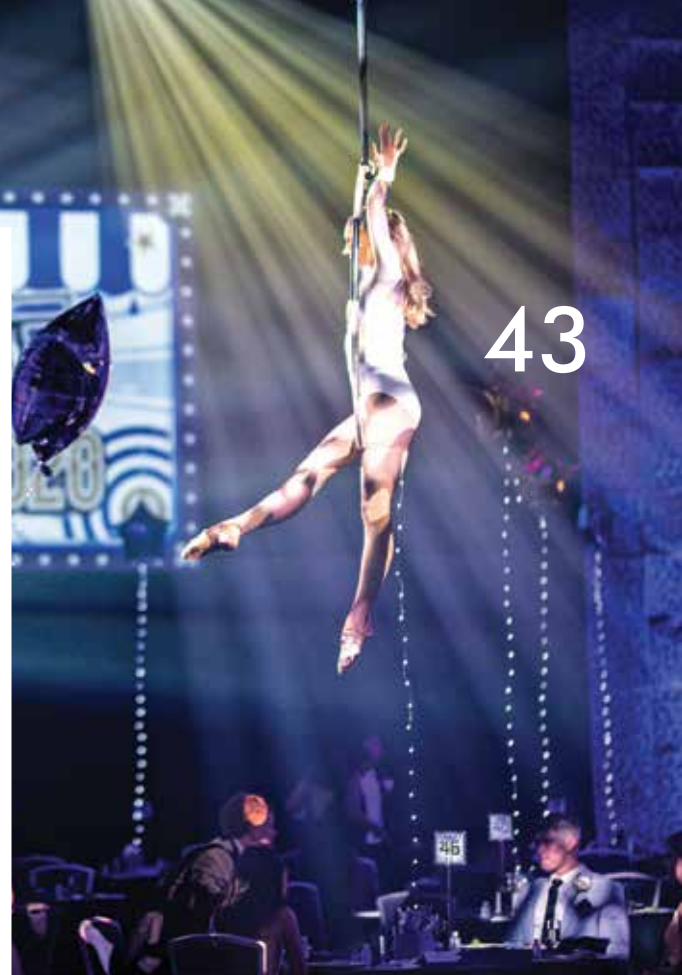


Dimensions Arts Festival

This year's Dimensions Arts Festival featured a student art exhibition, held on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 September in the Cleary Art and Music Building. The event was more intimate than years gone past, with fewer attendees due to COVIDSafe guidelines. In addition to student artworks, the event also featured performances by Music and Drama students. College Arts Committee President Ms Margie Hutchinson said the festival showcased the incredible talents of many students.

Thank you to the Arts Committee, Mr Raoul Carmody and the AV Crew, and the Art, Drama and Music staff for bringing this event to fruition.





Formal and Semi Formal

While the Year 12 Formal needed to be postponed from its original June date due to COVID-19, the Seniors were thrilled to learn that the event was able to be rescheduled for Sunday 20 September. Held at the Royal International Convention Centre, the Year 12s and their partners enjoyed a sit-down dinner. With restrictions on dancing, the evening featured many entertainment options, including aerial acrobatics, live music, circus performers, putt-putt golf, roving magicians and a photobooth. Contemporary artist Ms Brydie Perkins-Brakels also painted an original artwork live at the event.

The Year 11s' Semi Formal was able to proceed on its original date of Thursday 13 August at Gusto Da Gianni in Hamilton. Similar to the Senior Formal, the Year 11s enjoyed an evening of alternative entertainment to previous years, which included ball games, giant connect four and jenga, a graffiti wall, roving magicians, live music, a DJ and active food stations.

Thank you to the Student Office, Mr Raoul Carmody and the AV Crew, and the many parent helpers for their work in planning and organising these two signature events for the students.



Above: Sione Tapuosi, Maea Mitchell and Matthew McPherson at the Senior Formal.

Above Right: Chad Le Blanc, Declan Rigney and Ryan Trout at the Senior Formal.

Below: Senior Formal.





Lachlan Barrett touring a group at Open Morning.

Open Morning

In a year of many firsts and changing landscapes, the College's Open Morning was another event that needed to be reimagined in the time of COVID-19. Alumni and Community Manager Ms Erina Hitchings explains how this event came to fruition.

With the success of our first-ever online Open Day in May, we decided to again offer an online experience for our prospective families. Based on feedback, we further extended this online event to enable interactive chat questions from our attendees during a live Q&A. The Q&A was hosted by a panel of staff, students

and community members. The online event also offered a video tour experience, created by Onion TV, which proved very popular. We were also fortunate to be able to host limited on-campus tours using a COVIDSafe plan.

In 2019 there were 160 prospective families attending our on-campus Open Morning. This year was our biggest on record, with 242 families attending our online event and about 50 attending on campus.

Our online guests were from all over the world and interstate. We had

registrants from the United States, Bahrain, Papua New Guinea, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Sydney, Tamworth, Drillham in Western Queensland, Tranmere in South Australia, Muirhead in the Northern Territory, and across metro and country Queensland.

Thank you to all involved in making both the online and on-campus experience happen, including our Q&A panel, our on-campus student tour guides, and our many staff and community members who helped make the event such a success.

Valedictory

The final event for our Year 12 students needed to be completely reimagined in 2020 to comply with COVIDSafe guidelines. Instead of an evening Mass in the Chapel and dinner in the Conference Centre, as per previous years, the 2020 event was held in the morning on Ross Oval.

On Thursday 19 November, the Year 12 boys gathered into the Ross Oval Grandstand one last time for their Valedictory Mass, which was celebrated by the College's Chaplain in Residence, Reverend Fr John Gillen SM.

Following the Mass, the Year 12 students were presented by House Deans and Heads of Boarding House. College Captain Injarra Harbour gave an inspiring address, which was followed by his father Mr Travis Harbour's response on behalf of the Year 12 parents.

Two guests per student were able to attend, enjoying the celebration from the temporary grandstands that were installed either side of the main grandstand. For those who couldn't attend, the event was live-streamed.

Thank you to the many people who helped make this event possible, including Identity staff, Student Office staff, Mr Raoul Carmody and the AV Crew, as well as several parent helpers.





Sports Luncheon

The Cricket program's annual Sports Luncheon was held on Friday 16 October at the Gabba's Queensland Cricketers' Club.

Channel 7 sports reporter and media personality Mr Pat Welsh emceed the event, and was joined by guest speakers Mr Matthew Mott (Australian Women's Cricket Coach and current parent) and Mr Michael Kasprovicz (Former Australian cricketer and current parent).

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, the venue was at capacity with 142 people in attendance. The atmosphere at the club was buzzing as guests enjoyed a three-course meal and entertainment.

This fundraising event raised a significant amount of money for Nudgee College Cricket, which will go towards the development of coaching staff and enhancing training programs.

Thank you to the Cricket Support Group, particularly President Mr Randall Corless, for their organisation of this event.

Pat Welsh, Matthew Mott and Michael Kasprovicz at the Sports Luncheon.



**STRENGTH
IN THE STRIPES**



Chess

This year, the College's 1st IV Chess team featured four experienced Year 12 players. Chess Captain James Hong played on Board 1 and achieved solid victories against The Southport School, Toowoomba Grammar School and Brisbane Boys' College (BBC) during the season. On Board 2, Thasindu Chandrasekara also saw resounding wins against Ipswich Grammar School, Brisbane Grammar School and BBC. Boards 3 and 4 were filled by Jazz Born and Jacob Martin, who have both been part of the Nudgee College Chess program since they were in Year 5. This year, Jacob set a new Nudgee College record by being the longest continuing member of the 1st IV, having been part of the team for six years in a row.

During the GPS season, there were a number of players who achieved major upsets by defeating higher-rated players than them, including Cooper Hunter, William Kewley, George Coorey, Dominic Stein, Jack Weaver, Tejas Ashok, Yago Ortega-Quintana, Tanush Patel, Benjamin Bloomfield, Joseph Wesche, Lachlan Collins, Oliver Chaffey, Rafael Chase, Jett Parker and Dylan McGraa.

While there were less playing opportunities during the year due to COVID-19 restrictions, Chess Directors Mr Martin Harmon and Mr Matthew Gilpin said the boys still managed to participate in a few competitions and camps, including the Brisbane Secondary Inter-School competition. As a result, several students earned their Queensland Junior Ratings this year.

With preparations already underway for next year, 2021 is shaping up to be an exciting year for Nudgee College Chess.



Darcy Hill.

Theatresports

Sit Down Comedy Club's annual Youth Theatresports Queensland competition was impacted greatly this year due to COVID-19, with the Years 7 to 10 teams unable to compete.

Fortunately, St Patrick's College were able to host a friendly competition on Monday 31 August, which was also run by Sit Down Comedy Club. The College entered two teams into this competition; Senior A and Senior C. Theatresports Director Ms Alison

Kilgour said it was a fantastic evening, during which the boys competed against St Patrick's College and St John Fisher College.

"The Nudgee College boys competed in their usual, entertaining style," she said. "The night saw all of the passion and creativity of the regular competition, and it was thoroughly enjoyable for all involved."

"I look forward to the return of the normal rhythm of Theatresports and upcoming competitions in 2021."





Above: Tanush Patel.



*Below: Senior A Theatresports team (left to right)
Owen Mitchell, Thomas Walsh, Joshua Price,
Jamie Dickman, Matthew Voysey and Parker Prout.*

THE FLATS

SPORTING COMPLEX

MR ANTHONY CONNELLAN

With the Flats undergoing a transformation this year, Director of Sport Mr Anthony Connellan explains what the College community can expect from the redeveloped facility in 2021.

The Flats, as we know them, were commissioned by Br Maximus O'Connor in the 1950s. His energy and vision saw a seven-field playing facility, after original earthworks carved out by Br Patrick Smith and Br Nicholas Smith (also blood brothers) in the early 1900s.

The following is an excerpt from the 1954 College Annual:

The day of the Nudgee College Gregory Terrace fixtures, 5 June, was the day to remember, as that marked the first occasion when so many fields were in operation at Nudgee College at the one time. On several occasions throughout the Football season we were able to play well over 20 matches on the same day.

Although there is ample space within the College grounds for as many fields again, it is felt that present and future needs are adequately met by the splendid facilities now available, which provide a full playing field for every 40 boys in the school.

Fast forward 66 years and our requirements are almost double, with 40 games of Football or Rugby being played on any given winter Saturday.

Again, the vision and energy of our current College leadership has seen years of planning come to fruition, with the Flats Sporting Complex redevelopment project beginning in late March this year.

The state-of-the-art redevelopment is an 18-hectare project, which includes:

- 14 hectares of sports fields
- 10 full size multi-purpose playing fields for Football and Rugby
- Six Cricket fields, three turf pitch blocks and three synthetic pitches
- A 28-pitch practice facility, with 20 synthetic and eight turf pitches
- A new water storage dam, which holds 19.5 megalitres
- A state-of-the-art pump station managing irrigation and drainage





College campus aerial view with the Flats redevelopment taking place to the right.

- A Cross Country course, which includes 800m, 1,200m, 2km, 4km and 6km distances

The facility consolidates our Cricket practice, with all training now on the Flats. Hosting up to 120 boys in the synthetic nets, with a further 30 on the turf, quality fielding spaces and opportunity for three centre-wicket sessions going at once will transform opportunities for the boys in our Cricket program. Game days will see three full size fields on turf and three junior fields on synthetic.

The 10 full size multi-purpose fields will be well received by our Football and Rugby players. An incomparable standard of surface quality will lead to best-practice coaching and training,

continual increase in player safety and as close to all-weather playing and training as possible to ensure maximum participation for all boys at the College.

The new Cross Country course aims to drive the culture of running at Nudgee College. With five different distance loops, there will be a track for every level of runner. This also gives coaches and athletes many options for training and hosting meets.

The new facility is for every boy, and our hope is that all students will make the most of the new Flats Sporting Complex, whether in a competitive sport program, physical education, or to improve their health and fitness.

The sky is the limit for opportunities afforded, with further chances for our Track and Field team to do training on grass, our rowers to return to pre-season 'strongman' training, and to have some of our Strength and Conditioning program make use of the extra field space. The facility also gives the College the option to host significant sporting events, or for professional teams to use Nudgee College as a camp base.

The handover of the sports field redevelopment is a staged process over five months, which began in October. The College is extremely happy with the quality of work and is looking forward to making use of the improved facilities in 2021.

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Left: Nicholas Cardiff.

*Opposite: William Storey, Oliver Cresswell,
Harry Williams and Jordy Freshwater
at the Bell Show.*



NC SPORT

Basketball

Despite the challenges COVID-19 presented, the Nudgee College Basketball program saw more than 250 boys participate in the 2020 season.

The first four rounds of the GPS season saw the 1st V encounter traditional powerhouses of Basketball – Anglican Church Grammar School (ACGS), The Southport School (TSS), Brisbane State High School (BSHS) and St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace (GT). 1st V Head Coach Mr Mik Scott said the team developed as each round passed, with the opposition scoring fewer points and the 1st V scoring more.

"This laid a fantastic foundation for the second half of the rounds, during which we finally hit our straps against Ipswich Grammar School (IGS), with a convincing 20-point win," he said.

The following week the 1st V travelled up the range to take on Toowoomba Grammar School (TGS), in a game that Mik described as controversial.

"We were ahead early with a substantial lead and unfortunately couldn't hold on," he said.

"The game was played with great sportsmanship, but our fouls got

the better of us, eventually allowing TGS to take the game."

After the bye round, the 1st V rallied to comfortably defeat Brisbane Grammar School (BGS).

"We completed the season with an absolutely amazing effort against a talented Brisbane Boys' College (BBC) team," Mik said. "We fought tooth and nail but went down in the dying minutes.

"The boys can be extremely proud of the way they played and fought until the very end, displaying great tenacity."

Ultimately, the 1st V finished seventh on the GPS ladder.

Cattle Club

The Nudgee College Cattle Club and Show Team experienced a very different year in 2020, beginning with the cancellation of their annual training weekend at Highfield Park due to wet weather. Instead, the training weekend was held at the College. Cattle Club Manager Dr Rachel Wilson said this was a great introduction for the new students.

"This was also a good opportunity for the boys to develop showing and judging skills, and an excellent

learning experience for our recently broken in cattle," she said.

On Saturday 29 February and Sunday 1 March, the Cattle Club attended the annual Bell Show.

"This was a great success," Rachel said. "We had a lot of new students attend their first show, which was really exciting."

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic hit soon after, and the remainder of shows on the Cattle Club's calendar were cancelled for the year.

"We took the opportunity to send our cows out to get in-calf and the good news is, they are both due in January 2021," Rachel said.

"We also used this year to get our home-bred bulls broken in and used to being handled."

The bulls have been registered with the Droughtmaster Society and their names are Nudgee College Tim Tam and Nudgee College Top Deck.

"Top Deck has a very distinctive white tail, while Tim Tam is tan all over," Rachel said. "They are both leading well and are very ready for the triennial Beef Australia exhibition in 2021."





Junior Cross Country Captains Alex Smith and Billy Connellan.

Cross Country

Following the postponement of the GPS Cross Country season due to COVID-19, the Nudgee College runners were excited to learn that the GPS Championships were rescheduled for Tuesday 4 August. Adhering to a COVIDSafe plan, reduced team numbers saw a spectator-free event take place over three time slots. The Junior teams raced first, with Rocco Croucamp winning the 10 Years race. With strong performances from his team mates, the College's youngest runners won their age group. The 11 Years boys followed, earning second place overall. Rounding out the Junior portion of the day were the 12 Years runners. The first boy across the finish for Nudgee College was Alex Smith, who placed second, followed closely by Elfie Piper in third place. The College achieved third place overall in the 12 Years event, resulting in a win for the Junior team – their sixth in a row since 2015!

The middle session of the day consisted of the 13, 14 and 15 Years

events. The 13 Years runners were first, putting in a solid effort. The next event saw the 14 Years boys race, with Blake Turner crossing the finish first for the College to achieve fourth place overall. The 15 Years boys put in a valiant effort next with their 4km race.

The final portion of the day featured the two 6km events. Struggling with the heat, the 16 Years runners pushed through the two 3km laps. In the highly anticipated Open event, Leo De Clara was the first runner to cross the line for the College.

With the Senior team finishing in ninth place, Cross Country Director Ms Jaimee Trembearth said this was not indicative of the boys' efforts.

"The final score for the Senior team did not reflect the incredible preparation, self-discipline and resilience that the boys sustained throughout the entirety of the extended 2020 season," she said.

"Visible in their eyes, faces and bodies, it was clear that all of our runners ran not just with their legs, but with their hearts."



Football

After a productive pre-season in Term 1, the GPS Football season, which normally takes place in Term 2, was postponed until Term 3 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Football Director Mr Jamie Pybus said it was with a sense of relief when the boys finally returned to the field for the first round of fixtures in July.

"Though the days were longer and the crowds were quieter, our boys were able to play," he said. "Across the age groups morale was high, enjoyment was evident and results were strong."

The 1st XI started the season with a strong win against reigning Premiers ACGS, defeating them 4-1. 1st XI Head Coach Mr Nick Green said resilience and consistent performances as a

collective were the team's aims for the season.

Round 2 saw the boys head to TSS, where they suffered a resounding defeat.

"The BSHS game in the third round epitomised a professional bounce back from our uncharacteristic performance in dreadful conditions at TSS, with a solid display and our second victory in three games," Nick said.

The following week the boys took on GT, resulting in their second and final loss for the season. This match was followed by a draw versus IGS, in what Nick described as a gritty, resilient and strong performance. The final three matches against TGS, BGS and BBC were resounding victories, with the 1st XI ultimately finishing in third place on the ladder.

Joshua Allen.

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Maurece Jackson.



Rugby

Leading up to the 2020 GPS season, Rugby Director Mr Sean Graham said the use of video technology, along with the core skill, position-specific and conditioning programs held throughout Term 2 and the mid-year holiday period, set the boys up well. More than 750 boys played across 38 teams, including eight teams in the Open division. With 18 teams finishing the season undefeated, the program saw remarkable results in 2020.

In the 1st XV division, Round 1 saw the College take on GT, in what turned out to be a tight 24-19 win. The following week the boys played IGS. Despite suffering a few yellow cards, the team worked hard to earn a 21-0 victory. A Round 3, 43-14 win against TGS led the team into the bye. Upon resuming, the 1st XV earned

another victory against BGS, winning 47-5. This result set up a Premiership-defining match against BBC. 1st XV Head Coach Mr Andrew Scotney said the team entered the game confident, playing near perfect rugby to lead 12-0 early in the match.

"Momentum swung just before half-time, with a BBC try and some tough penalties," he said.

"This was combined with an excellent kicking game from the opposition, meaning the team was under pressure in the second half for long periods.

"To the team's credit they never gave up during this 33-22 loss, forcing BBC to produce a quality performance to earn their victory and Premiership title."

A final round 28-20 win versus ACGS saw the 1st XV finish the year in second place.

Benn Dalle Cort.



Lastus Auakai.



Sione Tapuosi.



Tennis

GPS Tennis started in Term 1 with pre-season training; however, the GPS season was unfortunately postponed from Term 2 to Term 3 due to COVID-19. When the season resumed, Open Tennis Coordinator Mr Declan Peace said the 1st IV were coming off the back of three solid weeks of training during the holidays and high expectations.

"The first week was tough, with the boys losing narrowly on countback after finishing the day tied at four matches all," he said.

"They showed great resilience after this early setback to record a great win next up against BSHS, before once again losing a close one on countback to GT."

Declan said the boys' ability to overcome adversity was certainly on display during the season, with the 1st IV recording great wins against IGS and TGS in the following two matches.

"These efforts saw them sitting in third place on the ladder heading into their bye round," he said.

After the bye, the 1st IV suffered two losses against BGS and BBC in the final rounds to finish the season in fourth place.

Callum Stringfellow.





Above: Junior Track and Field team.

Below: Bond Bradley.

Right: Track and Field All Age 4 x 400m team
(left to right) Jacob Johnson, Lachy Hoban,
Findlay Jones and Harrison Turner.

Below right: Malachi Tuck.





Ethan Petcos.



Michael Williams.

Track and Field

For the second year in a row, the College hosted the GPS Junior Track and Field Championships, which took place on Friday 16 October. Junior Track and Field Coordinator Mr Nick Toohey said the 10 Years athletes were superb on debut.

"Aitorai Appo and Rocco Croucamp led the age group, with multiple event wins, while the 4 x 100m relay team, consisting of Aitorai, Rocco, Thomas Gibb and James Neubecker, won by four seconds," he said.

The 11 Years age group saw winning performances by William Campbell, Harrison Beirne, Roman Jones, George Dart, Baden Cloete, Oliver Mattiussi and Cooper Pentti.

"The highlight, however, was the victorious efforts of both relay teams," Nick said.

"Despite ACGS edging our boys in the individual 100m races, our baton

exchanges meant we were able to record two dominant relay wins."

The 12 Years group saw many exciting performances, with Sean Watkins and Campbell McBride securing victories in the 100m events.

The College finished the day on 711 points to take out the 2020 GPS Junior Track and Field title.

The Senior Championships followed a week later at the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre. Track and Field Director Mr Jack Dahms said the throwers were sensational, with Nudgee College earning the most points out of any school in the javelin events.

"Podium finishes by Koby Washington, Alex Pattison, Callum Wallace and Izayha Kelly-West saw us take home an incredible 38 points," he said.

Jack also commended the College's jumpers.

"Ed Kasproicz did well to win the 13 Years high jump and produced

a personal best in the 13 Years long jump to finish third," he said.

"Track and Field Captain Ethan Petcos won the Open long jump with an incredible leap of 7.1 metres."

The College sprinters also excelled, with Year 10 student Ashley Wong finishing first in all three of his individual events.

"The real depth of our sprinting talent showed in the relays, where all but one of our teams finished in the top three," Jack said.

The 15 Years 4 x 100m relay team of Lachlan Cox, Thomas Mallet, Alex Romano and Jhairah Taylor won their event, setting a new GPS and school record with a time of 43.57secs. The All Age 4 x 400m team of Jacob Johnson, Findlay Jones, Lachy Hoban and Harrison Turner also won their event by almost 10 seconds.

At the conclusion of the competition, the College earned a spot on the podium with a third place finish.



NCOPA President's Message

The Nudgee College Old Boys' Association (NCOPA) has managed, in a careful way, to continue our engagement with Old Boys and friends of our Association over the last few months, and we have greatly appreciated all of the support we have received. The annual NCOPA Golf Day was a success, and we were very pleased with the engagement and fun we had with the online 'Ultimate 1st XV' competition. Our congratulations to Mr Scott Kennedy (NC 1981-86) and Mr Chris Ure (NC 2003-07) for their winning entries

(each receiving vouchers to lunch at Old Boy-owned venues). Various peer year groups did manage to celebrate their reunions, some in more limited ways, and we are aware that other groups have delayed their reunion until next year. Importantly, the Old Boy community made an excellent contribution the College's inaugural Giving Day, NCOPA Vice President Mr Andrew McNamara ensured a successful Mentoring Breakfast event took place on Wednesday 7 October, and we have begun planning for a busy 2021.

Obviously, many Old Boys had a difficult year, and we lost some amazing alumni and friends in 2020, but we will recall them fondly and often. We remember to do our best to be *Signum Fidei* – a 'Sign of Faith', and to look after one another.

My thanks to our executive members and key supporters. We wish the entire Nudgee College family a safe and fun holiday period. We look forward to seeing you in 2021.

MR HUGH HAMILTON

NCOPA President

Nudgee College Captains: Where are they now?

It has been a strange and unpredictable year, with COVID-19 challenging us all. One of the many repercussions of COVID-19 has been the cancellation of events, including most of our NCOPA reunions. These events are a way to catch up with friends you see often, but, more importantly, to touch base with those you might not have seen since school. In light of the cancelled reunions we thought we would catch up with a few Nudgee College Captains from the past five decades and see where they are now.

► Mr Ben Rada Martin

What years did you attend Nudgee College? 2008 to 2015.

Were you a boarder? No.

What is your current job title? Equity Research Analyst at Goldman Sachs.

What industry do you work in? Investment management.

What city do you currently live in? Sydney.

What is your fondest memory of Nudgee College? Walking down the guard of honour from the Chapel to the McKennarley Centre on the last day of Year 12.

What is the most important thing you learnt at Nudgee College? We have a collective responsibility to hold ourselves, each other and our society to a higher standard.

What is your proudest achievement in your current profession?

I have only started my profession in the last 12 months, so securing my current role (working for Goldman Sachs), would be the achievement of which I am most proud. Outside of that, receiving the Tuckwell Scholarship for my undergraduate studies at the Australian National University, and placing third at the World Rogaining Championships in 2019 would be other highlights from my time at university.

Are you still in touch with your Nudgee College mates?

I am still in touch with a core group of mates, and other friends from my time at Nudgee College. We call on a regular basis, see each other (when possible) and continue to message through group chats.

► Mr Wesley Denning

What years did you attend Nudgee College? 1996 to 2000.

Were you a boarder? Yes.

What is your current job title? Executive Vice President of Development and Programming at Eureka Productions.

What industry do you work in? Film and television.

What city do you currently live in? Los Angeles.

What is your fondest memory of Nudgee College? Walking on the pool deck for the GPS Swimming Championships is something I'll always remember. I was fortunate to be right in the middle of a purple patch for Nudgee College Swimming. Undefeated since 1992 – to be leading the school and also the Swimming team to another GPS



Left to right: Ben Rada Martin, Wesley Denning, Steven Cook.



Championship is something I'll always cherish. I was fortunate enough to come to Nudgee College with some Seniors in 1996 who were rock stars in the pool, and our team had multiple future Olympians who took the sport to levels I could only dream about as a young man. There's no question the swimmers older than me, the Swimming program and all of the coaching staff and team shaped me into the person I am today.

What is the most important thing you learnt at Nudgee College?

How to be a leader is something that I'm still working on today, but there's no question I learnt a lot about leadership at Nudgee College. And I made mistakes, big mistakes, while I was at school. I was suspended in Year 11 and it was one of the biggest kicks in the butt that I've ever had, because being a leader at the school is something I wanted since I was in Year 8. To see that virtually taken away from me was devastating. I learnt a lot from that experience – about how you handle yourself in the face of adversity and failure. I often think about how fortunate I was to have a group of fellow students to lead the way and the power of having great friends and peers around you.

What is your proudest achievement in your current profession?

Being a creator and seller of original content is something I love to do. I've been based in New York and now Los Angeles since 2008 and I've been fortunate enough to create, develop, sell and produce original formats and series to the biggest networks and studios in the USA, from ABC Network, Netflix, Discovery and HBO, to name a few, with series playing in more than 55 countries around the globe. A current series I'm extremely proud of is Holey Moley, which has been a ratings hit for ABC (in the USA). It has gone on to win multiple awards, including Format of The Year, and received critical acclaim around the globe. The series is currently being adapted for Australian television, which I'm excited for the world to see.

Do you have a family? *I have twin boys who are four – and future flankers for the 1st XV (no pressure) – and a little girl who is two. So my wife and I definitely have our hands full at the moment. We live a mile from the beach in Santa Monica and you'll find us in the ocean most weekends!*

Are you still in touch with your Nudgee College mates?

Many of my best friends to this day are Nudgee College boys from my year. Josh Davoren, Chris Cavallaro, Cade Elliott, Phil Rowell (2000 College Vice Captain), Jordan Bennie (2000 College Vice Captain), Julian Spencer, David Murray and Eddie McDougall are just a few of the legends that I call as soon as I get back home on holidays. I have two brothers Drew (NC 1998–2002) and Tim (NC 2000–04), who are also my best mates.

► **Dr Steven Cook**

What years did you attend Nudgee College? 1986 to 1990.

Were you a boarder? Yes.

What is your current job title? *Medical Specialist (Anaesthetist) at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.*

What industry do you work in? *Health.*

What city do you currently live in? *Brisbane.*

What is your fondest memory of Nudgee College? *The Boarding House.*



Left to right: John Kanowski, Peter Burke.

What is the most important thing you learnt at Nudgee College?

Discipline and character.

What is your proudest achievement in your current profession? *Serving overseas with the Australian Defence Force.*

Do you have a family? *Yes, I am married with three kids.*

Are you still in touch with your Nudgee College mates? *Yes, Steven Frederiksen (Orthopaedic Surgeon in Brisbane) and Ben King (Business Consultant).*

► Mr John Kanowski

What years did you attend Nudgee College? *1976 to 1980.*

Were you a boarder? *Yes.*

What is your current job title? *Chief Science Officer at the Australian Wildlife Conservancy.*

What industry do you work in? *Nature conservation.*

What city do you currently live in? *Wondelba in Queensland's Tablelands region.*

What is your fondest memory of Nudgee College? *Playing touch footy on the Flats after school in rainy weather – mud and fun.*

What is the most important thing you learnt at Nudgee College?

That's a hard question. Teenage years are formative, so a fundamental part of who I am was developed during my five years of boarding at Nudgee College. Some of it I gladly embrace, some I've tried to rebel against or un-learn, and much I probably don't even comprehend. There is a certain stoic good-humoured masculinity that I value, recognise in others and think probably came from the culture of my mates at Nudgee College.

What is your proudest achievement in your current profession? *Being part of a team effecting positive, pragmatic solutions to nature conservation problems.*

Do you have a family? *Yes, I have three daughters, aged 25, 16 and 11. I've been step-father to a number of other children as well.*

Are you still in touch with your Nudgee College mates? *No, but I have good memories of the mateships I formed at Nudgee College, and shared a house with various Old Boys while at university. Apart from the occasional reunion, I haven't tried to keep in touch as I've gone my own way. I run into the odd Old Boy in my work, but not many – it's a bit of a niche field.*

► Mr Peter Burke

What years did you attend Nudgee College? *1973 and 1974.*

Were you a boarder? *Yes.*

What is your current job title? *Architect.*

What industry do you work in? *Property development and construction.*

What city do you currently live in? *Gold Coast.*

What is your fondest memory of Nudgee College? *Bonding with a lot of boys from all sorts of backgrounds and cultures.*

What is the most important thing you learnt at Nudgee College? *Comradeship and to support each other.*

What is your proudest achievement in your current profession? *Setting up an office overseas in Brunei and completing a large resort hotel and golf course for the royal family. This led to other opportunities, and I spent more than 10 years living and travelling around overseas.*

Do you have a family? *Yes, my wife Elizabeth and two children. My son Michael attended Nudgee College in 2008 and 2009.*

Are you still in touch with your Nudgee College mates? *I am still in contact with about half of the class and about a dozen on a regular basis. We organised our first reunion with partners over a weekend stay and continued organising our own reunions. We had our 40th reunion dinner a few years ago.*

MS ERINA HITCHINGS
Alumni and Community Manager





Mike Tyler performing.

A Little Bit of Old Boy Magic

The concept of magic dates back as far as 2,700 BC. There is something in the mystery and wonder which has captivated humans for centuries. As the famed British writer Roald Dahl once said, “a little magic can take you a long way”. This is certainly the case for Old Boy Michael Edward Smith (NC 1995–2000). Mike Tyler, as he is now known, has built a career many wouldn’t dare to dream of. From competing in the widely popular *America’s Got Talent* US television program, to having his show become the first Australian magic act to headline with a residency in Las Vegas, Mike Tyler’s magic has unequivocally taken him a long way in his career.

Before LA, Vegas and sold out shows around the globe, a young Mike loved his time walking the halls and training in the pool at Nudgee College. He acknowledges he is a competitive guy by nature and that the Nudgee Spirit and the ‘never say die’ attitude was a strong focus throughout his academic, sporting and cultural life at school. He said it helped make his College experience a memorable one.

“While the academic lessons were important and worthwhile, for me it was more the life lessons we learnt at Nudgee College that I value the most as an adult,” he said.

Mike credits having a strong mind, supporting your mates, a positive and competitive attitude, learning how to win (and lose), and the Edmund Rice principles as being lessons learnt during his time at Nudgee College.

Mike was a competitive swimmer as a student, and it was this passion that gave him the best of both worlds – the experience as a day boy and as a boarder. While mostly a day boy, Mike also boarded during most of the Swimming seasons when he trained on-site at Nudgee College. With 5.00am starts for morning training, and often a 6.30pm finish for afternoon training, it was much more practical to be a boarder during those months. Perhaps the discipline, drive and passion Mike displayed with his swimming has all been useful in his success in an extremely competitive and unique career as a performer and magician.

Like many adults, Mike did not find himself rolling out of high school and into his dream job. After finishing school, he wasn’t sure what career path he wanted to take but found himself studying IT for a year at the Queensland University of Technology. Then followed a three-year business degree, before going into finance working as a Lending Officer at the Commonwealth Bank. It was during this time he found his passion for magic and took the leap to pursue it as a full-time career.

“In hindsight, I probably should’ve studied drama and the arts more at school,” he said. “It’s never too late for a change of path.”

After trying his hand at a few career paths, the most valuable insight Mike gained is to do something you love.

“Do something that positively impacts others and find a way to turn it into a successful career,” he said. “Whether it’s helping others forget about their problems and making them laugh, or saving a life in surgery, make sure it’s something you love doing.”



He adds that too many people choose a specific career because it's their family business, or because their parents told them to, or because the industry pays well.

"We only have one life and it's too short to spend doing something we're not passionate about," he said.

Mike is the perfect example of someone who has followed his dreams and made a success from his passion. In 2019, his show became the first Australian magic act to headline with a residency in Las Vegas. The show was six nights a week at MGM Grand, Las Vegas' biggest hotel and casino. Becoming the first Australian magic show in 50 years to perform a season on London's West End is another of Mike's incredible feats. On top of this, he has appeared on more than 100 primetime TV shows across America and Canada, including *Entertainment Tonight*, *America's Got Talent* and *E! News*. Since 2015 he has performed more than 1,000 ticketed on-stage magic shows in more than 250 cities across seven countries.

With COVID-19 hitting the arts industry the hardest, and effectively leading to the cancellation of all Mike Tyler Magic shows across the US and

Australia, Mike has come back home. He has never forgotten his roots, making appearances at the 2020 Nudgee College Semi Formal and Senior Formal and generously giving up his time at the NCOBA Mentoring Breakfast for current Year 11 Nudgee College students in October.

If there is anything Mike has learnt from his unique experiences, it is to be extremely passionate about your chosen field.

"Never be in it for the money or recognition," he said. "Start learning and developing the required skills when you're young, but always be smart about it and have a backup plan."

"I didn't become a full-time entertainer until I was 28 after obtaining a degree and some financial freedom that a 'nine-to-five' career provided me with."

It is never too late to add a bit of magic to your life and to work hard for what you want to achieve. This is what Old Boy Mike Tyler has displayed through his flourishing career in magic.

MS ERINA HITCHINGS

Alumni and Community Manager

Golf Day

The NCOBA 2020 Golf Championship was held at Virginia Golf Club on Sunday 25 October. We managed to dodge the bad weather and Old Boys turned out in force.

The winner of the Golf Championship was one of our most senior Old Boys, Mr John Gallagher (NC 1954-57). John had a great round of golf in pretty challenging conditions, receiving plenty of tips from his playing partners.

It was great to see such a broad range of men spanning the decades of the 10,000 brothers. There are not many events that provide the opportunity to engage the Old Boy community to this extent. In 2020, it has been even more important to maintain these connections.

The feedback was very positive from the players. We've committed to the last Sunday of October to host the NCOBA Golf Day at Virginia in 2021.

Thanks to Dr Simon Carter (NC 1974-78) for his assistance in overseeing the golf elements of the day.

MR BRENDAN WILLIAMS

NC 1988-92

Mentoring Breakfast

The 2020 Mentoring Breakfast had a change of scenery this year, moving to the larger venue of the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre on Wednesday 7 October. The format was also revised to suit the current COVID-19 climate, with an Old Boy panel on stage and more than 120 Year 11 students seated cabaret-style.

The 12 Old Boy mentors generously gave up their time, offering immense insight and interesting discussions about their career journey. There were obvious themes that came out of the panel discussion, including the very real influence Nudgee College and the GPS community had on their careers, offering often pivotal opportunities. Another commonality among the successful Old Boy mentors is that they changed careers quite a few times before they found their dream job. This adaptability and perseverance are essential





Above: Young Alumni Welcome Lunch.

Young Alumni Welcome Lunch

It was a lively afternoon on Tuesday 20 October in the Tierney Auditorium amphitheatre as our 2020 Seniors gathered for an informal welcome into the NCOBA over lunch. NCOBA member Mr Aldo Varricchio (NC 1987–91) spoke to the boys about the opportunity to be part of the NCOBA community as they transition from student to Old Boy. It was fitting that Aldo spoke at the event as his son, Oscar, was a Year 12 Nudgee College student. We wish the Seniors of 2020 all the best in the next stage of their lives – they will forever be a Nudgee College Old Boy.

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requirements in the 21st century workforce.

The Year 11 students were fortunate to have the opportunity to engage with such a wide range of mentors from all types of industries, which included an internationally acclaimed magician, a paramedic, a race trainer and manager, a tradesman, an entrepreneur, an IT specialist, an engineer, a barrister, a real estate agent, a teacher and an accountant.

The panel discussion was perfectly navigated by MC and NCOBA Vice President Mr Andrew McNamara.

Thank you to all of the Nudgee College staff, NCOBA executive members, Old Boy mentors and student attendees who made the event possible.

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Below: Mentoring Breakfast. Front Row: Peter Fullagar, Chris Anderson, Michael Trusler, Alex O'Regan, Andrew Talbot, David Purcell and Matt Rudolph. Row 2: Andrew McNamara, Perry Edmondson-Clark, Marc Gardiner, Ryan Peter McVeigh, Rory Young, Chris Jeffery and Mike Tyler.



John Gallagher, Andrew Way, Alan Staines and Jason Akermanis at the Golf Day.



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Main image: Memorial Mass.

Below: Memorial Mass live-stream in Ryan Hall.

Memorial Mass

The 2020 Memorial Mass was particularly poignant given the challenges, heartaches and losses faced by so many this year. The Mass was held on Saturday 7 November, the week of All Souls Day. Our future 2021 College Captains attended and were part of the ceremony as we celebrated the lives of those we have lost in our community in the past 12 months, namely deceased Christian Brothers, Old Boys and family members.

For the first time, the Mass was live-streamed so all community members could feel part of the morning. Thank you to all staff involved in the delivery of the event and to the NCOBA representatives, particularly Mr Vince Rao (NC 1955–56). Special thanks to Fr John Gillen for presiding, organist Ms Elizabeth Ridgway and vocalist Mr Murray Browne (NC 1963–66).

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NCOBA AGM

The NCOBA held a successful AGM and catch up on Thursday 12 November at Brothers Rugby Club in Albion. It was a good occasion for Old Boys to touch base and plan for 2021. We also held an excellent panel discussion about the challenges and opportunities ahead in 2021 and beyond, with Old Boys Mr Des Watkins (Watkins Steel, NC 1981–85), Mr Sean Hardman (Orcoda Ltd, NC 1990–94) and Mr Mark Power (Goodwill Projects, NC 1995) speaking about their values, experiences and future expectations. It also provided a great dialogue between Old Boys from different sectors and outlined worthwhile ideas and contingency plans for Old Boy-related business and community activity. The executive members for 2021 were confirmed as President Mr Hugh Hamilton, Vice President Mr Andrew McNamara, Treasurer Mr Doug Carrigan and me as Secretary. The first meeting for February 2021 will be set aside as a planning day for the NCOBA. Hugh thanked all of the hard-working executive members and the College for their ongoing support. All attendees enjoyed the evening and wished the NCOBA every success for the year ahead.

MR TONY GLEESON

NCOBA Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	NUDGEY YEARS	DATE OF DEATH
Fr John Edmund Barry OSA	1950	25/12/2019
Most Rev John A. Bathersby DD	1951 - 1954	09/03/2020
Mr Christian James Bennett	1963 - 1966	16/08/2019
Mr Raymond 'Ray' George Blatchford	1956	10/04/2020
Mr Royce August Bonisch	1960 - 1961	27/09/2019
Mr John Joseph Brangan	1951 - 1952	20/01/2020
Dr Edward Peter Chan	1956 - 1960	30/06/2020
Mr John Curro AM MBE	1948 - 1949	07/11/2019
Mr John Gordon Hennessy	1952 - 1953	18/09/2019
Mr Michael Gorman Henry	1957	07/12/2019
Mr Sunny Man Fai Ho	1996 - 1997	13/12/2019
Mr Scott Andrew Jablonski	1991 - 1995	02/03/2020
Mr Peter Joseph Lee	1944 - 1946	11/06/2020
Mr Richard Francis Lutvey	1945 - 1949	26/04/2020
Dr John Philip Masel	1945 - 1948	26/03/2020
Mr Paul McCarthy	1972 - 1976	03/10/2019
Mr Terence Edward McCoy	1947 - 1950	16/02/2020
Mr Edward John McCoy	1977 - 1979	06/12/2019
Mr Keith William McGown	1943 - 1944	10/06/2020
Mr Patrick James McKewin	1947 - 1949	24/04/2020
Mr Neil Patrick McMeniman	1958 - 1961	11/05/2020
Mr Peter Joseph Moloney	1947 - 1949	07/07/2019
Mr John Benedict Moss	1978 - 1980	02/02/2020
Mr Bernard John Murphy	1976 - 1977	13/10/2020
Mr Thomas James Richard O'Brien AM	1957 - 1959	04/06/2020
Mr Francis Brian O'Hara	1941 - 1945	08/05/2020
Mr Bruno John Origlasso	1949 - 1952	20/12/2019
Mr Kenneth Edward Joseph Power	1959 - 1960	08/04/2020
Mr Brian Martin Phelan	1948 - 1949	30/04/2020
Fr John N Rasmussen	1953 - 1956	10/01/2020
Mr Kenneth Maynard Savage	1949 - 1951	23/11/2019
Mr Richard Arthur Schmiede	1963 - 1966	09/07/2020
Mr Alexander Dale Seccombe	2008 - 2015	08/07/2020
Mr Peter Daniel Sherman	1978 - 1982	23/03/2020
Mr John Gerald Taylor	1947 - 1949	28/6/2020
Mr Michael Leonard Tostevin	1949 - 1950	18/11/2019
Mr Kevin 'Kev' Versace	1945 - 1948	01/03/2020
Mr William Roy White	1979 - 1983	16/03/2020
Mr Benjamin William White	1977 - 1981	02/05/2020



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