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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear St Joseph's Nudgee College community,

This semester has been a whirlwind of action for our students, with so many events and extra-curricular activities, in addition to day-to-day College life.

This edition of *Behind the Stripes* features an overview of the 2021 Seniors' results, stories showcasing the College's engagement with regional communities, wrap-ups of Semester 1 Sport and Performing Arts activities, and much more.

I hope you enjoy the edition.

MS TIFFANY KELLER

Editor

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR PETER FULLAGAR

As I write this article, the rain continues to tumble down outside; an all too familiar sight over the first five months of the year in South East Queensland. Of course, the flooding rains of February are behind us, but the resulting devastation will remain in our hearts and minds for many years to come. It is hard to recall a time, when rain has so consistently affected day-to-day school life.

The disrupting presence of COVID-19 in the school, has also been a feature of the first half of the 2022 school year. The combined impact of rain and illness on our students, their families and staff, has meant that many valuable school days have been lost, daily school life was disrupted and changes had to be made to signature school events. Many school leaders have expressed that it has been the most disjointed school semester since the pandemic arrived in early 2020. I would concur.

It is true, that we have all learnt to be more resilient and creative over the past two years. In the school context, students and staff have learnt to adapt and change on very short notice. At Nudgee College, wherever possible, we have reimagined and rescheduled many significant occasions. Invariably, our staff have struck upon new ways of doing things, which have consequently given new energy to these occasions.

One such event in 2022 was the Senior Investiture and Blessing of the Year 12 school leaders, which is featured in this edition of *Behind the Stripes*. Much like our reimagined Year 12 Valedictory occasion of the past two years, the reimagined Investiture has received almost universal approval.

Two points from the Investiture bear highlighting here. Firstly, the outstanding speech delivered by 2022 College Captain Harry Roati.

It was a feature of the night. Harry was insightful and wise beyond his years. I share just a little of Harry's wisdom from that occasion:

The motto must encapsulate the core ethos and values of the College, while always reminding us to be Signum Fidei. It is with this in mind that I am proud to announce our motto for 2022, 'own your journey'.

Absolutely pivotal to the formulation of this motto was the desire to ensure that it encapsulated the values enshrined in our College star – inspiring Nudgee College men to act with authenticity, courage, community, excellence, justice and faith. It is through owning our journey, both during our time at the College and after we graduate, that we embody what it means to be Signum Fidei - a 'Sign of Faith'.

The motto is most astute. It can apply equally to any one of us as we make our way through life, just as it does for this year's Senior class.



Below (left to right): Andrew Tora, Harry Roati, Darcy Turner, Peter Fullagar and Damien Price at the Senior Investiture.

The second point is the clear articulation of values – in Harry's speech and throughout the occasion itself. These values help to define and shape the community that we aspire for Nudgee College to be. These values, that we proudly proclaim, are set within our context as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition. This tradition connects us with the educational journey that Blessed Edmund Rice undertook more than 200 years ago in Waterford, Ireland. Edmund's original vision of schools for the poorest boys of his time, has continued to evolve since that time.

Today, in Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) schools such as ours, his vision is expressed through the Touchstones of Inclusive Community, Justice and Solidarity, Liberating Education, and Gospel Spirituality. For Nudgee College to remain true to the foundational work of Blessed Edmund, there needs to be a continuing

connection between our values and the Touchstones. This connection is clearly apparent at significant events, such as the Senior Investiture. Importantly also, these values and Touchstones should be discernible in the day-to-day school life of the 1,700 students who call Nudgee College their school.

For all the challenges that I have referred to in my introduction, the sense of connection and belonging within the College community has remained robust and resilient. This deep sense of community is at the heart of Nudgee Spirit. It is something to be experienced and felt, particularly on occasions, such as Investiture. Further to this, it is the community aspect of the school that continues to bring families to Nudgee College. This is evidenced in the parental survey conducted at the end of 2021. The strongest reason for our parents choosing Nudgee College,

as identified in that school-wide survey, was a 'strong sense of community'.

In his book *The Power of Ideas: Words of Faith and Wisdom*, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, who was the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth from 1991 to 2013, highlights this point:

As it takes a village to raise a child, so it takes a community to sustain a school, and communities are hard to find these days. A community is held together by shared beliefs, traditions, rituals, stories, convention and codes: the regular enactments of a sense of shared belonging. Communities last longer than any individual, so they preserve a respect for the past and responsibility toward the future.

In 2022, we remain grateful that St Joseph's Nudgee College continues to be well sustained by its community, as it has been over the past 131 years.





THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2021

MS TIFFANY KELLER

For the second year in a row, the College's 2021 Seniors experienced a year of lockdowns, remote learning and cancelled events. Despite this adversity, the Year 12s rose to the challenge, achieving exceptionally high results as a cohort. They finished with a median score of 84.85, with 34.3 per cent achieving an ATAR of 90 or higher.

With an ATAR of 99.95, Mr Caine Day was one of only 32 students in Queensland to achieve the highest possible result. In February, he returned to the College, alongside several other high achievers, for an Assembly to celebrate the academic successes of 2021. During this, Caine was presented with his Dux of the

College award, and delivered a speech to inspire the current student cohort.

As a student who attended the College for four years before receiving an academic award, Caine spoke about how it's never too late to strive for success.

"I truly believe that at this terrific school anything is possible, as long as you are willing to apply yourself," he said.

He provided practical advice for students with dreams of following in his footsteps, which focused on time management, consistency and balance.

"Commit yourself completely to whatever it is you desire," he said.

"Do everything in your power to obtain it and trust me, you will be surprised by what you're capable of."

Caine is currently studying a Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics at the University of Queensland, and was awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship to assist with his studies. In the future, he is hoping to forge a career in fund management and stock analysis.

Under the ATAR system, Year 12 results are not available until late December. As such, the Academic Assembly in February was also utilised as an opportunity to recognise the Year 12s who achieved Dux of their subject in 2021. Congratulations to the following young men:

Left: Caine Day receiving the University of Queensland Application to Life Long Learning Award at the 2021 College Awards Ceremony.

2021 Year 12 Dux of Subjects

- **Aidan Dohnalek**
Dux of Sport and Recreation
- **Alexander Hardwick**
Dux of Design
- **Atticus Johnston**
Dux of Digital Solutions
- **Benjamin Neal**
Dux of Music Extension (Performance)
- **Caine Day**
Dux of Chemistry
Dux of Physics
Dux of Specialist Mathematics
- **Douglas Gemmell**
Dux of English
- **Dylan Lawrance**
Dux of Business
- **Finlay Schuster**
Dux of Fitness (Cert III)
- **George Pola**
Dux of Religion and Ethics
- **Harrison Smythe**
Dux of Accounting
Dux of Physical Education
- **Harry Joy**
Dux of Rural Operations (Cert II)
- **Ian Pantaleon**
Dux of Japanese
- **Jack Haines**
Dux of Essential Mathematics
- **Jake Robertson**
Dux of Business (Cert III)
- **James Khan**
Dux of Economics
- **Jesse Dando**
Dux of Engineering (Cert II)
- **Jonty Trethowan**
Dux of Industrial Technology Skills
- **Joseph Picone**
Dux of Modern History
- **Joshua Ferns**
Dux of Study of Religion
- **Lachy McGarry**
Dux of Chemistry
- **Leo Fairley**
Dux of Philosophy and Reason
- **Logan Azzopardi**
Dux of Biology
- **Matthew Johns**
Dux of Music Extension (Composition)
- **Mitchell Doyle**
Dux of Drama
Dux of General Mathematics
Dux of Study of Religion
- **Nikhil Lalwani**
Dux of Chemistry
Dux of Legal Studies
Dux of Literature
- **Oscar Toaldo**
Dux of Visual Art
Dux of Media Arts in Practice
- **Rohan Astbury**
Dux of Mathematical Methods
- **Samuel Rogers**
Dux of Geography
- **Tim O'Brien**
Dux of Agricultural Science
- **Tom Bishop**
Dux of Aviation - Remote Pilot (Cert III)
- **William Godson**
Dux of Construction (Cert I)
- **William Smith**
Dux of Essential English
- **Xavier Roati**
Dux of English and Literature Extension
- **Zachary Manitta**
Dux of Music
Dux of Business (Diploma)



2021 Year 12 high achievers (left to right): Ian Pantaleon, Simon Vollert, Nikhil Lalwani, Rohan Astbury, Caine Day, Keiran McCarthy, Lachy McGarry, Jesse Dando, Joshua Ferns.



TO LEAD IS TO SERVE

MR SEAN TOOVEY

There is a real need in our society for leaders who are not only strong, but authentic and empathetic. Director of Students Mr Sean Toovey has spoken with former and current College leaders to find out what they believe are important traits for great leaders.



Top: 2022 College Captain Harry Roati (centre), and Vice Captains Andrew Tora (left) and Darcy Turner (right).
Above: Students participating in the Big Brekky program, where they serve a hot breakfast to people suffering homelessness.
Opposite right: 2021 College Captain Leo De Clara.

Early studies on the psychology of leadership pointed to the notion that people are born with natural leadership skills. It was not until recently that formal leadership theories emerged, leading us to better understand how leadership is learnt rather than inherent.

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, we are of the mindset of continuously challenging each student to be 'leaders' in their own right. We ascribe to the servant leadership model whereby trust, cooperation, and high-performance standards within the context of the overarching values of the College are paramount. A servant leader focuses primarily on the growth and wellbeing of people and the communities to which they belong.

The servant leader shares power, puts the needs of others first, and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

As a cohort, the 2018 Seniors felt so strongly about the concept of servant leadership that it was reflected in their Senior motto, 'to lead is to serve'.

According to 2019 College Captain Mr Hayden Bygott (NC 2017-19), "if service is beneath you, then leadership is above you". From when he arrived at the College as a Year 10 student, Hayden said he was encouraged to be ambitious, but to give back where possible.

"Since graduating, I have missed the opportunity to be involved with the variety of social justice activities at your fingertips," he said.

"At the College, I learnt that by being in a fortunate position, you're called to try and serve others less fortunate, and to ultimately keep trying to make society more 'just', one person at a time."

Fellow former College Captain Mr Freddie Carlton-Smith (NC 2010-17), who led the College in 2017, said that there were several experiences that shaped him into the leader he is today, including developing close relationships with staff and students through a high level of engagement in extra-curricular activities.

"The diversity of the student body also resulted in less social hierarchy to discourage kids from putting themselves out there," he said.

With numerous changes to the College student leadership framework in the last few years, 2021 College Captain Mr Leo De Clara (NC 2015-21) said there is now a structure that ensures each student has the capability to lead, both formally and informally, within their chosen field.

The current College student leadership team model consists of:

- College Captain
- Two Vice Captains
- 15 Committee Prefects:
 - Three Identity
 - Three Studies
 - Three Community
 - Three Arts
 - Three Sport
- 27 House Prefects (three per House)

- Three Boarding Prefects (one per Senior House)
- Year level leadership groups in Years 8 to 10

The current crop of student leaders is passionate about what it means to be a leader in the Nudgee College context. Current Captain Harry Roati believes servant leadership involves sacrifice, as well as listening, caring, and acting with humility and gratitude.

"A common misconception at Nudgee College is that you are not a leader if you do not have a badge or title, but regardless of your year level, it is your duty to be selfless and inspire others," he said.

"In striving to become a servant leader you are opening yourself up to being the best version of yourself, embodying the College motto of being Signum Fidei - a 'Sign of Faith', and ultimately, a man who acts with integrity and authenticity."

One of this year's Vice Captains Andrew Tora agrees, referring to servant leadership as an inverse pyramid in which a leader values the input and wellbeing of all members of the community above themselves.

"In my formative years, I found a great sense of fulfilment through helping others, which could look like anything, from tutoring younger students with their homework, to cooking up a hot breakfast for the marginalised in the broader community," he said.

"Whilst I was unaware of it, I was utilising key principles of student service to support others, including humility, respect and compassion."

"Through these early stages of servant leadership, I have been able to employ my understanding and knowledge in a more official position at the College."

Dean of Identity Mr Stephen Meara said a mark of leadership is authenticity.

"As part of their journey to be Signum Fidei - a 'Sign of Faith', Nudgee College hopes to form young people and leaders committed to the love, compassion and justice of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," he said.

"Service learning challenges students to grow in their understanding that faith is not just a personal response to God's love, but a communal response to love one another as Jesus taught,



in order to make the world a better place for all."

From direct service such as tutoring and serving meals, to the indirect service of organising a fundraising event or collecting donations, there are many ways Nudgee College students can be leaders through service. Advocacy is also an important way in which the boys can serve others.

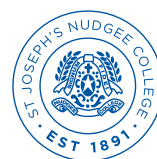
"When members of society have no voice or cannot be heard, others must stand with them in solidarity," Stephen said.

"We do not seek to speak for others, but to stand with them and ask that they be heard."

To be an authentic Signum Fidei - 'Sign of Faith' is not a finite journey. From our youngest men in Year 5, to our graduating Senior class of 2022 and beyond the gates of Nudgee College, the ideals and values of servant leadership will continue to evolve in our students.

American author and leadership coach Mr John C Maxwell articulates it quite simply by offering, "true leadership must be for the benefit of the followers, not to enrich the leader".

It is our desire to continue developing the leaders of tomorrow, for the next 130 years.







Harry Roati.

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INVESTITURE REIMAGINED

MR STEPHEN MEARA

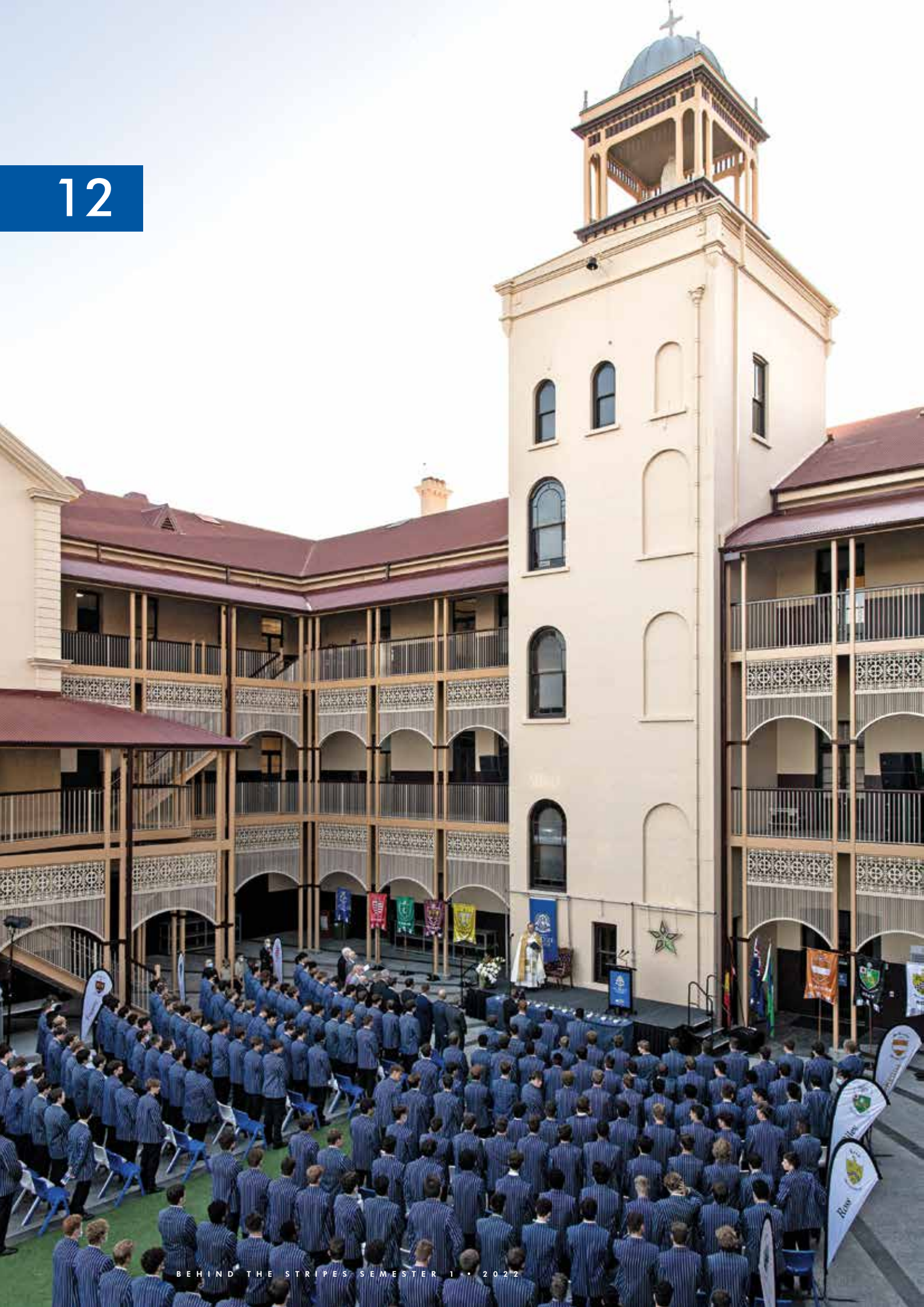
As the Senior students of the College, the Year 12 cohort bear the responsibility of leadership of our community. This is recognised at the beginning of the year at our Commencement Mass and Senior Investiture, where they receive their Senior badge, Pastoral Care Leader badge, and the Prefects receive their Prefect badge.

With the delayed start to activities on site at the beginning of the year, we had to rethink how we would mark the commissioning of our Senior school class – and keep it COVIDSafe.

The Year 12 students and their families gathered for an Investiture ritual in the Edmund Rice Mall, on the evening of Thursday 17 February. Led by College Chaplain Fr John Gillen SM, Director of Performing Arts

Ms Alexandra Khafagi and the Year 12 Choir, and witnessed on behalf of Nudgee College's student body by the Boarding community, the Year 12 men took their leadership pledge, received their badges and were addressed by 2022 College Captain, Harry Roati. The recently refurbished Treacy Building and Edmund Rice and Old Boys' malls, provided the perfect setting for this occasion.







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A REUNION TWO YEARS IN THE MAKING

MS KATE MCGRATH BURGESS

There have been plenty of reunion stories since the beginning of COVID-19 and borders re-opening. The Boarding community experienced their own reunion, welcoming back international students Anderson Dot, Daniel Yennie and Justus Joseph-Chaham, after almost two years away.

*Above: The welcome barbecue for the Boarding community in January 2020, only a few days after the first case of COVID-19 was detected in Australia.
Opposite page (left to right): Daniel Yennie, Anderson Dot, Justus Joseph-Chaham.*

In March 2020, after the COVID-19 outbreak in Australia, Anderson, Daniel and Justus made the difficult decision to fly home to Papua New Guinea and leave their Nudgee College family, for what they thought would be a short period of time.

Daniel remembers he was in a Study of Religion class, when his mum called asking him to come home.

"She said, COVID-19 is breaking out so you have to come back and I was shocked," he said. "So on Saturday, I went back to Port Moresby and the borders closed."

Daniel and Justus had both just started Boarding in 2020, Daniel in Year 10 and Justus in Year 8, and Dean of Boarding, Mr Casey Brealy, said it was the ultimate false start for them.

"They had just come here, found their feet and made their new home, and they were ripped away from that really quickly," he said.

"But for Anderson, it was different; he had spent years here, building relationships, building a connection with the school."

The boys were a part of *learning@home* for a few weeks; however, when other students came back on to campus and normalcy trickled back into College life, overseas borders remained shut.

"The heavy realisation was, months later, when COVID-19 wasn't going away, we had to start communicating with families the long-term options for schooling and having those difficult conversations that they'd have to find other places for their sons' education, because borders weren't going to open anytime soon," Casey said.

In their time away, Anderson, Daniel and Justus had similar ways of keeping in touch with College life. A common theme for the boys, was the strong connections they had made with their fellow Boarding 'brothers'.

"They stayed in contact with us, checking in with us, asking how we are doing and what the COVID-19 situation was like in Papua New Guinea," Anderson said.

"Things like that made our relationship with Nudgee College a



bit closer, because it was through the College that we all became friends and we grew up together in the Boarding Village."

All three also said they enjoyed watching the Rugby live streams, with Anderson mentioning 2020 1st XV Captain, Mr Lastus Auakai (NC 2015-20).

"He's a beast, so it was good watching him play," Anderson said.

The constant contact and connection went both ways. Casey said that Boarding staff kept in touch with the boys and their families.

"I think what the families found the most comforting, was the continued contact," he said.

"It was lovely that families would reach out to us with updates on how their boys were going and share those little stories of success.

"Because, ultimately, we had built that relationship which emulates family, so it was nice that they were sharing those moments."

Casey brought up how Daniel's mum, Ms Cecilia Yennie, would send through photos of Daniel with school awards, but donning his blue and white striped blazer. As Daniel laughed out of mild embarrassment, he went on to say how this small act made him feel a great sense of pride and honour.

"Nudgee College made me feel like, you can't miss home when you are at home," Daniel said.

"Putting my blazer on was a pretty special moment, it felt like I was representing something bigger and a part of something bigger."

2022 was a homecoming for them, as they travelled back to Australia. Sitting down with Anderson, Daniel, Justus and Casey in March, they reminisced on how it was exactly two years ago to the day, that they were flying back to Papua New Guinea.

Coming back to Nudgee College, there were mixed feelings from the boys; nevertheless, like muscle-memory, getting back into the Boarding routine came naturally to them.

"I had some mates from when I came in Year 8, so when I returned this time, I already knew some people," Justus said. "It was easier the second time around, I was really happy I got to see my mates and teachers."

Casey said you could see the sense of relief and comfort on their faces, the moment they stepped back on campus.

"There had been a build-up of two years of nervousness to come back and you just saw it all peel away quickly," he said. "Then by day two, it was like they'd never left."

'Home away from home' is a phrase often used when describing Nudgee College Boarding; for these boys to have been able to be reunited with their Nudgee College home, was a significant moment.

"It is a 'home away from home' type of feeling that you get, when you come to the College," Anderson said. "As far as Papua New Guineans, we come to Nudgee College and it doesn't feel like we're away from home."



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PATHWAYS, SKILLS AND TRAINING

MR PAUL DONELEY

Luke O'Sullivan.

With the diversification of opportunities in society for students and school leavers to engage with transferable knowledge, Director of Pathways Mr Paul Doneley explains how Nudgee College is preparing students to be adaptable in a changing workforce.

We must look outwards in an effort to ensure our young men are prepared for the opportunities and pathways, that current trends associated with 'Industry 5.0', and the evolution of remote working due to COVID-19, are affording them. No longer are pathways after school a linear journey from tertiary studies, industry or vocational-specific training into employment. Training and further studies pathways can be diverse and blended and the opportunities that this affords our alumni are vast. A key point of difference for Nudgee College is our ability to offer a range of Skills and Training-focused pathways through our vast and well-resourced facilities, compounded by capable, competent and qualified vocational teaching staff.

Supporting students to find their way beyond the gates of Nudgee College, is in part my responsibility as the Director of Pathways. My role is to lead the career development and Skills and Training programs at the College. Prior to this role, I was the Head of Technologies, during which I spent three years evolving and re-shaping this faculty, to reflect the future trends and requirements of society's needs from its citizens.

The Director of Pathway's purpose is to empower and inform each student, so that they are able to make well-informed subject choices in preparation for life beyond school. I work with Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and Work and Further Study (WAFS) programs, to ensure that each area is vibrant, current and satisfies legislative requirements. To this end, the role is future-focused and is driven by industry and employment needs.

In 2023, the College will offer opportunities for our young men to achieve qualifications in the areas of Business, Construction, Electrotechnology, Engineering,



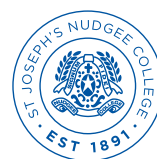
Left to right: Hugo Bolton and Trent Palmer.

Technical Drawing, Fitness, Manufacturing, Rural Operations and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Remote Pilot). We are also members of the Gateway to Industry in School's Program (GISP), with a specific focus on Advanced Manufacturing, Building and Construction, Minerals and Energy (mining), Information Communication and Technology (ICT), and Agribusiness.

More than 36 per cent of Nudgee College graduates choose not to go into tertiary studies pathways and instead move directly into work or other studies, including direct employment or completing a trade or vocational qualification. Many students are also now choosing to include a qualification as part of their pathways into tertiary studies, meaning they study subjects from our suite of ATAR General and Applied subjects, as well as our vocational options. This gives them both an

ATAR and a vocational or trade pathway option. One such example of a student who has chosen this 'blended pathway', which will afford him a diverse range of options after school, is 2022 Studies Prefect Harry Blackmore. Harry's subjects include an Advanced Diploma in Business, Engineering (General), Industrial Skills and General Maths, Essential English, and Religion and Ethics. This gives him the opportunity to apply to the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) for a tertiary studies pathway using his Diploma or move further into vocational employment when he finishes his time at Nudgee College.

"I wanted to challenge myself in a non-traditional, educational pathway," Harry said. "And to leave Nudgee College knowing that I made the most of all the opportunities this school has to offer."





Left to right: Hudson Stein-Smith and Mark Rieken.



Riley Law.



Alessio Bianchi.



Left to right: Owen Rowbotham, Trent Palmer and Dominik McNamara.

Employers are no longer waiting for students to graduate they are seeking to hire our young men directly from school or while still at school and place them into highly rewarding and in-demand, future-focused employment pathways. One such employer, Watkins Steel, is looking at a diverse range of pathways, including steel fabrication, drafting, robotics engineering and virtual design. The owner of Watkins Steel is Nudgee College Old Boy Mr Des Watkins (NC 1981-85). He said the pathway from school to full-time employment is an important recruitment process for his business.

"With industry constantly changing due to the advancements in technology, there is incredible value in offering exposure to Nudgee College students, who we have found embrace the opportunity," he said.

"The traditional trade pathway now encompasses advanced robotics.

"This is supported by our drafting, and our Research and Development department, which is now developing

virtual reality and augmented reality to assist in the construction process.

"There is so much more on offer than just the traditional trade, including laser scanning and even the field of animation, which is opening up huge opportunities for us."

Over the past couple of years, the evolution of pathways beyond school have diversified so immensely and the opportunities that are arising for our young men are so prolific that the school has had to respond, by appointing a new Head of Faculty for Skills and Training. The appointment of Mr Michael Byrne, who was previously Ross House Dean, to this role sees a consolidation between the important curriculum and pastoral aspects of careers. Michael's background in the electrical trade brings a consolidation of knowledge around industry skills and expectations. His experiences in both these areas are a driving force behind his passion to see Skills and Training offerings at Nudgee College, act as a growing gateway for students to realise their potential and pursue

pathways that align with their skills and interests.

What is becoming more apparent, is that the pathways our students can choose are as diverse as the young men who are choosing them. Employers are recognising the need to engage with students earlier in their career journey and, as such, we as a school aim to ensure we are preparing our young men for what those employers are looking for. Over the coming months, the school will launch a Career/Pathways hub on the College website, as well as a strategic plan for the future of Skills and Training at Nudgee College. Both of these will be key sources of information for parents and students as to what Nudgee College will offer in terms of pathways, as well as how to access them. Keep an eye on social media and the newsletter for more information.

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Louise Nardi and Oliver Bryans.

THE ART IN ALL OF OUR LIVES

MS ALEXANDRA KHAFAGI

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Performing Arts at Nudgee College traverses everything from Music, Theatresports and the biennial College Musical, to Debating and Chess, as well as Visual Art. We have been encouraging students to 'try the new in 22' and get involved in an Arts activity.

As the Arts Prefects of 2022, Oliver Bryans, Baxter Giorgas and Tom Sands have shared how they have 'owned their journeys', with a particular focus on the Arts. They spoke to several College teachers to discover how some others incorporate art into their lives. But they had to dig deep – no teachers from the Arts Faculty could be interviewed, these candidates are better known for other things.

Oliver Bryans has been involved in many facets of what the school has to offer, particularly the Music program. Since starting at the College in 2015, he has enjoyed spending time rehearsing and practising music with his mates. He has had the opportunity to travel to Japan, as well as around rural Queensland. In 2021, Oliver 'tried the new' and got involved in the College Musical. With a long and intense six-month rehearsal process, Oliver learnt how to effectively manage his time, as he juggled school work, sports commitments and music. This year Oliver is singing with Stage Band and NC Brotherhood (choir), and takes violin lessons. In June, he took part in the Music Tour of Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Biloela, Theodore and Chinchilla.

Oliver chatted to Ms Louise Nardi about music, especially singing! Louise is best known at the College for her role as the Head of Mathematics Faculty. But did you know that music has been a big part of her life since

primary school? Louise played the violin for five years – in orchestras, string ensembles and at music camps. She learnt the piano for seven years. She sang in the school choir as well as a madrigal group, and in the chorus of musicals during high school.

Louise continues to sing in a community choir and listens to music as often as she can, particularly in the car and at home. Louise finds music to be "incredibly soothing and beautiful", and likes how it can always brighten her mood, relax her and make her smile.

When asked what music means to her, she responded:

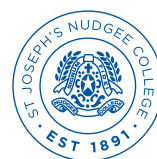
I seek out music as often as I can. I am in awe of anyone who can share their musical gifts and talents and truly appreciate this. I find music to be uplifting and good for the soul! You can get lost in the beauty of it and feel totally relaxed. I enjoy listening to lyrics in songs and love how you can find songs to relate to, that describe different things you have been going through or are going through in your life. Music, to me, is like a friend who is always there and never leaves you. Music can make you feel lost in the moment.

Music has always been a big part of Louise's life. Her mother is very musical and was the driving force behind instrument lessons and singing. Louise loves going to see live music,

whether it's big concerts, something at a small and intimate venue, or musicals. A lot of her favourite memories come from performances from different moments in her life, and with different people. Music has helped Louise through tough times in her life, as well as providing amazing happy moments.

Baxter Giorgas was encouraged to 'try the new' last year, when he became involved in the Scene Project, a student-led program that provides complete freedom to reimagine a script and make it something entirely new. Usually, it is led and directed by a Nudgee College Old Boy, last year being Mr Josh Price (NC 2015-20), and Head of The Arts Faculty Ms Alison Kilgour supervises. The Scene Project is an opportunity for students from Years 9 to 12 to work together and have ownership of a dramatic production. Baxter highly recommends that any boys who have a passion for acting or directing give it a go.

He has been involved in Drama since Year 7, learns guitar and plays in Rock Band 3. He joined NC Brotherhood this year and was also involved in the Regional Music Tour. Baxter impressed upon younger students that getting involved in Performing Arts activities doesn't stop you from continuing other activities at Nudgee College – it certainly hadn't prevented him from participating in Cross Country!





Matthew Miller and Baxter Giorgas.

Baxter jumped at the chance to chat to Mr Matthew Miller, who is regularly seen with a guitar in his hand.

Matthew has been teaching Biology at Nudgee College for the past 28 years. He has been playing guitar for 12 years, and was pushed towards music saying, "I always wanted to play a few favourites for myself, which led me to find a passion in playing". Matthew plays, on average, about six times per week, and music has always played a significant role in his life. When asked why he plays to his students, Matthew answered, "so they can see that I am far from perfect, vocally and instrumentally, and hopefully they understand that you don't have to be perfect to sing or to play an instrument".

During his time at Nudgee College, Tom Sands has been thoroughly involved in Visual Arts. Art is something that he enjoys significantly and which gives him a lot of time to destress, relax and express his creativity. Looking forward, Tom is keen to study art, design and drawing next year and beyond. He even creates pieces for a side business.

Along with Visual Art, he has been encouraged by myself and a few other teachers to give NC Brotherhood a go. Although initially hesitant, he has actually really enjoyed it. Recently, Tom and the rest of NC Brotherhood performed with Birralees Blokes, a singing group based in Bardon. He said it was fantastic and he relished the opportunity to experience what a large group of men can do with their

voices together. It makes him wonder what 10,000 brothers can do.

Too many times, Tom hears boys say "no, I can't do that, it's not my thing", but he advises them to have a go anyway, because they don't know if they haven't tried. He wanted to share the following message with current students:

You don't have to be good at just one thing, and you don't have to be the best either. Just as long as you enjoy it. Don't count yourself out. I encourage you to give something a go and 'try the new in 22'.

Tom spoke to Mr Sean Graham about his experience in the arts. Sean is best known as Nudgee College's Rugby Director, and is currently the Acting

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Introducing our New Director of Performing Arts



Alexandra comes from a background of music education, graduating from the Queensland Conservatorium with further studies at Griffith University. Having taught at St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace from 1997 to 2004 and Anglican Church Grammar School from 2008 to 2016, she is passionate about the education and involvement of boys in the arts. Most recently, Alexandra was the Music Program Leader at Mt Maria College Mitchelton, where she is proud of building a program and a culture where music is a part of everyday life. She is also a teacher and conductor at the Young Conservatorium and works with students from all over Queensland through the State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP), both in regional centres and in Brisbane. Alexandra is thrilled to be on board at Nudgee College and is determined to lead her team to incorporate Performing Arts activities in the lives of the boys, in addition to their academic and sporting pursuits.



Sean Graham and Tom Sands.

Assistant Director of Sport. But did you know that he enjoys music and photography? He listens to a lot of music, enjoys going out to see live music, sang in the choir at school and played percussion in a band (he's not sure he did such a great job with the last one). Sean was also the organiser of a boutique community music and arts festival that ran for nine years.

Sean finds that listening to music is a great way to unplug, relax, refocus his thoughts and recharge his batteries. He finds that "participating in and creating music is a creative outlet that is very different to what I do in my daily life and activates a different part of my brain, which is important to me".

Music has helped Sean to be more creative in his decision-making and to

look at new situations he faces with a different lens. A lot of the skills he learnt while organising a community arts event are also transferable to what he does in his role at Nudgee College, including event management, sponsorship, scheduling and managing stakeholders.

To our current students, I encourage you to keep your ears and eyes open for 2022 Arts Prefects Oliver, Baxter and Tom, and have a chat with Ms Nardi, Mr Miller and Mr Graham about their arts journeys. Maybe even discover the hidden talents of other staff members. And, most importantly, keep challenging yourself to 'try the new in 22'.





A Q&A ABOUT NUDGEES COLLEGE DEBATING

MS JULIANNE DAUNT

Mr Dominic Carroll (NC 2004-08) and Year 11 student Oliver Kele have many things in common. They both belong to the 10,000 strong Nudgees College brotherhood, both were/are in Barrett House and they both have a passion for all things Debating. Debating Director Ms Julianne Daunt interviewed the pair to get their insight into the world of Nudgees College Debating.

Left: Oliver Kele during the 2022 GPS Debating season.
Right: Dominic Carroll.

What has been your involvement in Nudgee College Debating?

Dominic: I was a Senior A debater in 2008. I have had two stints coaching the Senior As in 2009 and 2010, when I was fresh out of school, and most recently from 2020 to now.

Oliver: I have been in the Senior A team in 2021 and 2022. I trialled for Senior A in Year 9 and was selected in Year 10. In 2021, I made the top 24 in Queensland and was named in the top 12 this year. Our team also made it to the Semi Finals of the Queensland Debating Union (QDU) competition in 2021, which is the best result for the College to date.

What made you decide to do Debating?

Dominic: My older brother did Debating and I was under the impression that he loved it. Turned out he didn't, but I started in Year 8 (the first year of high school back then) and I did love it. My illustrious start was with the 8Cs, along with Mr Damian Riggall and Mr Mark Cutler.

Oliver: When I was in Year 7, my House Dean, Mr David Kelly, needed someone from a younger year level to be part of the Inter-house Debating team. We were knocked out in the first round (unfairly I might add). I then went on to GPS Debating in Year 8. When I trialled for Senior A in Year 9, I thought 'what's the harm' and I had no expectations.

What are your personal Debating highlights?

Dominic: When I was in the mighty 8Cs, we defeated the Senior As. It was amazing. You don't need to know that the Senior A team had 15 minutes of preparation and we had a month!

Oliver: For me, it was the debate against St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace this season. The Nudgee College boys outnumbered Terrace on their home turf by about 50 to one. Afterwards, so many of our supporters gave great analysis as to why we should have won!



What is exciting about Nudgee College Debating this year?

Dominic: The amount of energy from Old Boy coaches and teachers is outstanding. Coaches are sharing expertise from their university studies. We also have a great depth of talent among the debaters. We've opened up Senior A possibility to Year 9s, as a result of seeing some debaters, such as 2021 Senior A Captain Mr Shannen Gerard Solker (NC 2014-21), coming through as juniors. Witnessing Old Boys succeeding in debating outside school is gratifying. For example, Shannen and Mr Blake Keir (NC 2015-20), have been sponsored by QDU to travel to Melbourne to debate in a national competition at Monash University. They have joined the likes of world class debaters. We are also working more in conjunction with other bodies, such as the QDU, and that is helping us improve our processes.

Oliver: I've noticed that we have a lot of new students joining Debating. We've had some exciting results in the junior years, with some teams being undefeated. There is palpable energy around Debating with masterclasses, the Great Debate and now pre-season training.

What do you admire about each other?

Dominic: I admire the amount of effort and determination that Oliver has to improve, after every debate. He is developing into a very good technical debater and that's the product of talent and hard work. Oliver is also good at working out how to get the best out of the team.

Oliver: Dominic is very good at guiding conversations, assuring that everyone has their say and the best ideas are on the table. He is driving a growth culture in Debating and is inspiring coaches and debaters to be their best.

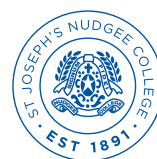
Do you have any tips to help others succeed in Debating?

Dominic: Don't be afraid to take the hard line and own your own side of the debate, no matter what.

Oliver: Always explain your points, in terms of 'what does this look like in real life'.

The 2022 Great Debate will be held as part of the Dimensions Arts Festival in Term 3. More information will be available closer to the event on the College website, app and social media.

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A SERIES OF IMPORTANT LESSONS

MS TIFFANY KELLER



Top: Sex, Drugs and Violence presenter Peter Shields with students.

Above right: LIVINWell facilitator Damon Millard with students.

Right: YOU CHOOSE facilitator Melissa McGuinness with students.

With the holistic development and formation of each student being a key mission of the College, it is important to cover content that broaches significant issues facing adolescents, in addition to the day-to-day academic timetable.



As part of the Student Formation program, the College regularly invites expert guest speakers to provide important lessons that cover serious topics, beyond the curriculum. This semester featured several of these presentations, covering everything from consent, to road safety and men's mental health.

In May the Year 12s attended a presentation titled Sex, Drugs and Violence, led by Deputy President of the Queensland Parole Board Mr Peter Shields. One student who attended was Luke Blackwell, who said Peter's words on consent stood out the most.

"Consent is something that should be clearly and freely communicated," he said.

"Peter's presentation taught me how a verbal and affirmative expression of consent can help both you and your partner to understand and respect each other's boundaries."

The Year 12s were also invited to hear from speaker Mr Damon Millard from LIVINWell about breaking the stigma surrounding mental health and promoting positive mental health.

"This presentation most certainly made me more aware of certain mannerisms of those around me," Luke said. "Ultimately, it has made me understand that everyone is different and has their own individual coping mechanisms."

Alessio Bianchi said that it is extremely important for young men to have these mature talks to help prepare them for life after school.

"I, myself, have learnt a lot from these lessons, including when to know your mental health is spiralling and also

legal meanings and repercussions surrounding consent, violence and drugs," he said. "I think it's a great thing that Nudgee College has provided us with these resources."

The Year 11s have also experienced powerful presentations this semester, one of which was by YOU CHOOSE Youth Road Safety.

Xavier Farrell praised the courage of the YOU CHOOSE presenter Ms Melissa McGuinness, whose 18-year-old son, Jordan, was speeding and under the influence of alcohol and drugs when he drove his car into a stationary vehicle, killing four young victims in the other car and also himself.

"My parents have always spoken of the time when I will be driving, but

to hear Melissa get up and speak about this has made me aware of the implications of making the wrong choices," he said.

"I would be devastated to think that my mother was ever put in that situation.

"It made me more conscious that if ever I see my friends looking to make poor choices, to step in and tell them no, take their keys and put them in a cab."

Aidan Easton said that Melissa's talk was an eye-opener. "This presentation really got to the heart of a lot of my friends and I to help us gain better road safety knowledge, but also the knowledge of possible consequences of our actions," he said.

Jacob Gillam agreed, saying it was extremely valuable to hear first-hand experiences from a presenter who had lived through a tragic situation.

"The powerful messages delivered will hopefully influence not just our own driving behaviours, but also make us accountable for protecting our friends and family," he said.

"On a personal level, while the reality of the presentation was confronting, the emotional connection made me think about my own family and the consequences of my choices.

"It had a profound impact on me as a young driver and is one that I will never forget."





Images clockwise from left:
Ken Mitchell with Bathersby Cup.
Barbecue in the Boarding Village.
Casey Brealy speaking during Assembly.
Bathersby Cup activity.
Rock Around the Clock.





NATIONAL BOARDING WEEK

MS KATE MCGRATH BURGESS

National Boarding Week is a time where the whole Nudgee College community comes together to celebrate Boarding. During an Assembly, Dean of Boarding Mr Casey Brealy said that the College was founded on boys from the bush and is proud to uphold that important pillar.



"It is time for us to reflect on the diversity, passion, culture and vibrancy that our boarders bring to Nudgee College," Casey said. "Moreso, it is a time for us to celebrate how we are enriched by this influence and be grateful for our connection to this great boarding school."

To kick it off, boarders competed for the Bathersby Cup in a gruelling challenge: filling up one big bucket with small cups of water; first to fill the bucket wins. After some creative tactics, Hodda claimed their first Cup win of the year.

Barbecues are a regular occurrence in the Bathersby Boarding Village so

it wouldn't be a Boarding celebration without one.

The O'Brien boys and staff welcomed many non-boarding staff and day students into their home for afternoon tea for the O'Brien Open House. Boarders came together that night to participate in the sacred tradition of Rock Around the Clock (the Boarding version of cheer practice).

To finish off the week, families travelled from far and wide to attend Evening on the Green, a great opportunity to catch up with their sons, staff and other families (more on Evening on the Green can be found in the NC Events section).

Keep up to date with all things Boarding by following @nudgeecollegeboarding on Instagram



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THE GREAT WHEELBARROW RACE

MS TIFFANY KELLER

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After a hiatus of two years due to COVID-19, the Great Wheelbarrow Race returned, to the excitement of eight young Nudgee College boarders who decided to take on the challenge.

This mammoth course takes race participants along a 140km route, aptly named 'Wheelbarrow Way', from Mareeba to Chillagoe in Far North Queensland.

Year 11 boarders Samson Naawi, Jack McBride, Alex Toua, Luke Power, Lawson Denniss, Angus Wishart and Ben Mills, and Year 12 boarder Cooper Luce, made up the Nudgee College team.

Jack said a highlight of the experience was forging close friendships with the boys and having a laugh, even when times were tough.

Cooper and Alex both expressed how proud they were of themselves and their team mates.

"The determination shown by the boys to push through and never quit was amazing," Cooper said.

While it was an incredibly tough experience, Samson said he would recommend it to students in the future.

"It was great seeing new places, meeting new people and running beside the boys," he said.

Boarding Recreation and Activities Coordinator Mr Vladimir Savovski said all that were involved banded together to make the race a unique experience.



Front Row: Jack McBride, Vladimir Savovski, Brent Mitchell, Samson Naawi, Cooper Luce.
Row 2: Angus Wishart, Alex Toua, Ben Mills, Lawson Denniss, Luke Power.

"Considering they were a team of eight when every other team had 10 runners, they put in a monstrous effort," he said.

"The boys also created a remarkable bond of friendship that will be remembered for years to come."

After the gruelling three-day race, the boys finished second in the Schools

division and fourth overall. They also raised more than \$5,000 for Little Windmills, an organisation which provides financial support to families with seriously sick or injured children who are from regional, remote and rural Australia. The Boarding Support Group extended their efforts, raising a further \$3,500 for Little Windmills, through their Boarders' Barrow Raffle.





NUDGEE COLLEGE SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

MR SEAN GRAHAM

At the end of each year, the Nudgee College Sport department puts down their whistles, stopwatches, straw hats and clipboards; and takes time out to reflect, assess, analyse and look for ways to continue to grow and improve for the year ahead.

One of the key themes that came out of last year's planning day was the desire to have a positive impact on our wider community by spreading our sporting resources beyond the College gates.

Whilst running community sport clinics is not a new concept for the school, our goal in 2022 has been to increase our reach and provide a Nudgee College sporting experience to as many communities as possible. Across Swimming, Football and Rugby clinics, so far this year we have already reached more than 1,000 boys and girls from Townsville, the Sunshine Coast, Greater Brisbane, Yamba, Goondiwindi, Chinchilla and Roma. We still have more to come this year

for these sports, as well as Nudgee College Cricket.

There have been many highlights of the year so far:

Rugby

- In February we visited St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Chinchilla and took the Years 5 and 6 classes through a rugby skills and modified games clinic.
- As part of the 1st XV's Easter camp, we ran a community clinic at Kawana for approximately 80 local juniors. The squad and coaches assisted, giving the locals a great experience.



- During the Easter break we ran a clinic in Yamba on the way through to Armidale. Forty-five local junior players and coaches enjoyed an indoor training/coach education session (fields were still closed due to flooding). We handed out nearly 100 pairs of boots (donated through the boot drive) and also some training gear (balls, tackle bags, etc.) for those flood-affected communities in this region.
- An under 13 Boarding team played two games at the Country Rugby Day in Goondiwindi in May against The Southport School boarders and the local Goondiwindi Emus side. We also ran some community clinics for more than 100 local junior players while we were at the grounds.
- The Roma Echidnas hosted us for a clinic for 40 local rugby league players as part of our visit for the Roma Rugby Race Day weekend at the end of June.

Swimming

- In January, Nudgee College Swimming and Boarding staff, as well as three students, attended Goondiwindi to host a Swimming clinic across two days. More than 100 boys and girls from the region attended. The group also enjoyed a barbecue at the conclusion of day two.



Football

Locally and regionally, Nudgee College Football and our Tottenham Hotspur partnership engaged with close to 400 young footballers so far this year.

- Two-day camp in June in partnership with Edds Football Academy in Townsville.
- Eight-week programs with Moreton Bay Academy and Virginia United Academy, which ran from April to June.
- Several events with Caloundra Football Academy throughout the first half of 2022.
- Six additional Football clinics open to local players in January, April, May and June.



Townsville Football clinic in June.



Last year's Cricket clinic in Warwick.



Chinchilla Rugby clinic in February.

Nudgee College Sport is heading to the following locations in the second half of 2022

- **31 August**
Rockhampton (Rugby)
- **16-18 September**
Warwick and Dalby (Cricket)
- **18-19 September**
Roma (Swimming)

For more information email
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Number Facts Challenge top six.

SEMESTER 1 IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR CHRIS CAWLEY

Director of Junior School Mr Chris Cawley recaps the first half of the year for our youngest students.

First Day of Year 5

Monday 24 January saw 131 students begin their eight-year Nudgee College journey. It was a fabulous day filled with great anticipation, excitement and a little bit of nervousness. The boys were excited to finally be here. They had attended Orientation, testing days and Cricket camps, but now their Nudgee College experience was real. A couple of the new boys shared what they were excited about:

Over the next eight years of my Nudgee College journey, I am looking forward to the amazing opportunities this school has to offer. I'm really excited to learn Engineering and Digital Technologies, as I am especially interested in these subjects. - Stephen

Over the next eight years, I'm looking forward to the many opportunities that will be presented to me. I am especially looking forward to doing Science and Engineering when I am older. - Daniel

Year 5 Retreat

In Term 1, our Year 5 students participated in their first Nudgee College retreat. The school's retreat program forms an integral part of the boys' development throughout their time at the College. The Year 5 retreat is also held early in the year, as it provides another layer to the boys' orientation to their new school.

The focus of this first retreat is on introducing the boys to key values within our College. This includes exploring how we walk in the footsteps of Edmund Rice and his connection to the history of the College, along with finding out what it means to be Signum Fidei - a 'Sign of Faith'. To do this, the boys participated in a range of activities including mindful meditation, planting seeds and painting.

Whilst heavy rain forced us to relocate to a new spot on the day, the students still got to enjoy time away from their

regular environment in the O'Neill Junior School precinct. Overall, the day was a great success, with our Year 5 students' eight-year journey at Nudgee College now fully underway.

Year 5 Number Facts Challenge

Throughout Term 1, the Year 5 cohort was engaged in a battle of epic proportions to find the 2022 Year 5 Number Facts Challenge winner. Every second Friday, each boy in Year 5 would complete the two-minute challenge, which posed 100 number facts questions based on the four operations of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Initially, class averages were around 30 or 40 out of 100 and only one student managed to complete all 100 questions in the two-minute time frame. By Week 8 of term, class averages were well over 70 and many boys in the cohort completed the challenge in less than



Junior GPS Captains with the Championship shields.



Year 6 camp.

two minutes! The improvement of each student across the year level was outstanding, and is a testament to their hard work and practice. As a culmination of this challenge, 18 students were set to compete in the Grand Final on the last day of Term 1. Unfortunately, due to isolation, some boys were unable to compete. The 18 outstanding young mathematicians were:

- Mitchell Windahl
- William Campbell
- Hayden Rice
- Max Watson
- James Manning
- William Campbell
- Deezil Piper
- Stephen Mineo
- Nate Mawer
- Matthias Beckers
- Dihain Dewage
- Hudson Heathcote
- Janav Patel
- Parker Taylor
- William Griggs

- Jack O'Brien
- Jaxon Doidge
- Sebastian Geinit

On Grand Final day the tension was palpable. Excitement grew as the class with the greatest improvement would win a class pizza party, and it was 5Z who took out the prize. The support from the audience was amazing and as the competition began, it was clear that each boy was here to win! It was a fantastic culmination of the term and an outstanding achievement for the final six in the competition. Congratulations to Dihain Dewage, Sebastian Geinitz, Nate Mawer, Stephen Mineo and Max Watson who made it this far, and to our Grand Champion, Hayden Rice, well done.

Year 5 Science Incursion

As part of the Adaptations unit in Year 5 Science, we were lucky enough to be visited by Wild Rangers. The boys were able to get hands-on experience with a range of animals and learn about all the evolutionary changes needed to thrive in the various Australian biomes. It was

fantastic to see so many 'a-ha' moments as the boys were able to connect their in-class learning with real-world knowledge. Our teachers also joined in the fun, handling a number of our native creatures.

Championship Shields

When our Junior GPS Swimming team took out the Championship in March, Nudgee College held all three Junior GPS Championship Shields for the first time in three years. What an incredible achievement from our athletes across Swimming, Cross Country, and Track and Field.

Term 2 saw both year levels participate in our annual camp program. Our Year 6 students also visited the Brisbane Synagogue and the Cathedral of St Stephens, where they attended the daily Mass and took a tour of the Cathedral precinct.

Our Junior School students have had a fabulous start to 2022, despite the impacts of COVID-19 and the flood closure. I look forward to our boys' continued growth in Semester 2.



In Week 7 of Term 2, the College hosted an online format of the annual da Vinci Decathlon, an academic competition covering the disciplines of engineering, mathematics and chess, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative producers, cartography and legacy. One-hundred and thirty-five teams in Years 5 to 11 competed across three days. The Nudgee College teams excelled, taking out 17 academic awards, including first place across all disciplines for Year 10.

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NC SNAPSHOT





One weekend before the end of the semester, a group of boarders enjoyed a bonfire down the back of campus.

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For National Reconciliation Week, the Junior School enjoyed a presentation from some of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students as well as some Indigenous-themed art activities.





On Monday 13 June, the Year 9 Business and Economics students hosted a Market Day for the Years 5 to 8 students, with stalls, games, food and music. As well as raising more than \$1,000 for childhood cancer charity Bravery Box, the event provided the Year 9 students with experience in running a business venture.





Award-winning documentary series The Season returned to Nudgee College for a second series, which followed the 2021 1st XV Rugby team. The episodes are available to view on the Nudgee College Rugby YouTube channel.

To mark the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence in March, the Year 7 students formed the word 'kindness' on Ross Oval.

KINDNESS



On Friday 6 May, the Junior School welcomed boys' families to the O'Neill undercroft for a Mother's Day celebration. The boys enjoyed breakfast with their mums and mother-figures before starting school for the day.

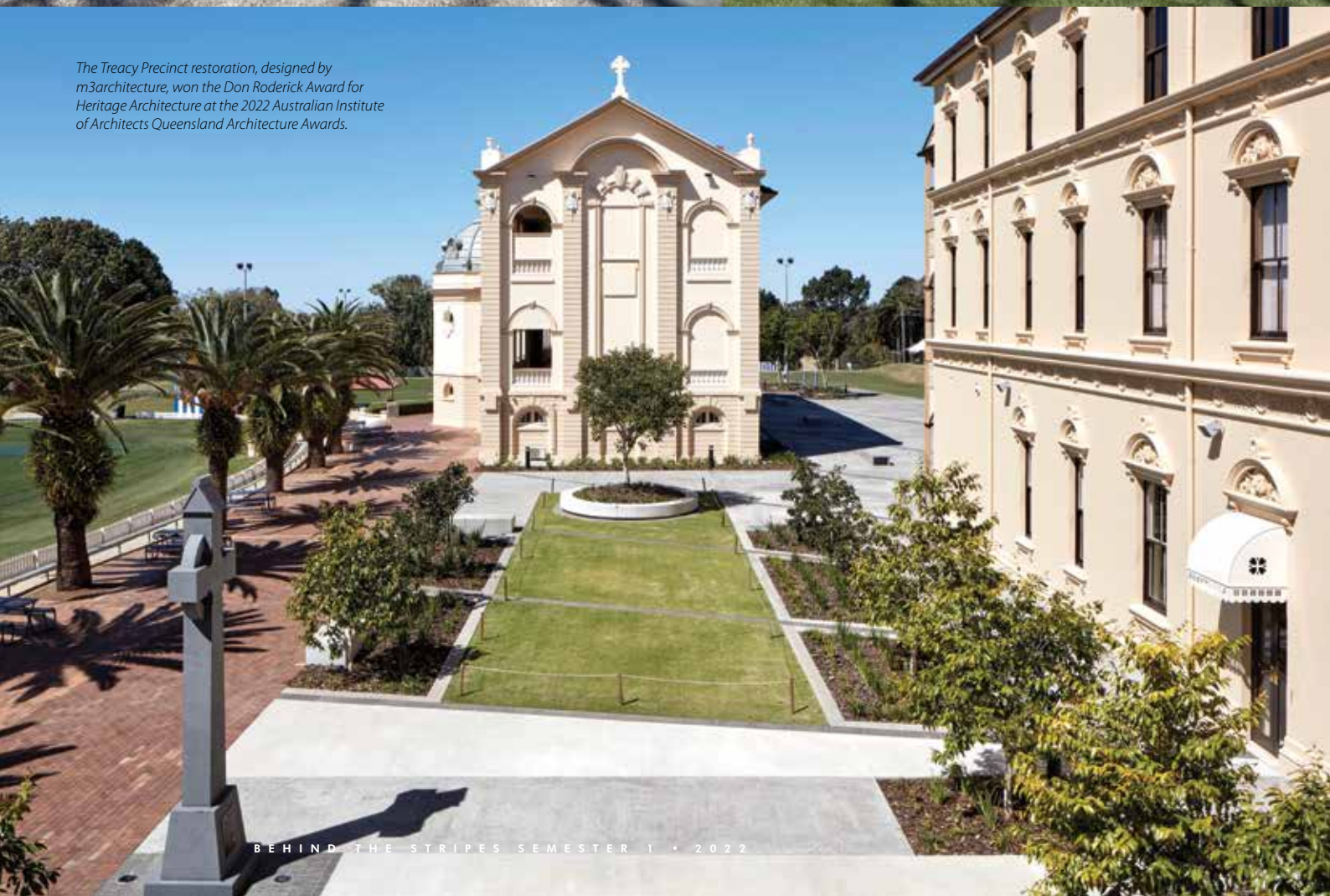


In March the College marked the beginning of Lent with a liturgy for Ash Wednesday.





The Treacy Precinct restoration, designed by m3architecture, won the Don Roderick Award for Heritage Architecture at the 2022 Australian Institute of Architects Queensland Architecture Awards.





Secure your legacy in the Grandstand



Are you the proud parent or relative of a Nudgee College Senior graduating in 2022? Or a son, father, grandfather or relative of a Nudgee College Old Boy?

Now is the time to secure a permanent spot on the Ross Oval Grandstand – a personalised plaque placed on the steps of this iconic College landmark!

The Grandstand underwent a significant restoration in 2019 and now stands resplendent as it has since 1927 and for future generations of the College. The heave of Nudgee College boys showing support for their team, the unmistakable sounds of war cries echoing from the stands, the true essence and hub of Nudgee Spirit.

A donation of \$1,000 or more to the Nudgee College Foundation will purchase a blue plaque and donations

of \$5,000 or more will purchase a silver plaque placed centrally on the 'N' or 'C' in the Grandstand.

Treat your loved one and buy them a permanent place on the Grandstand, honouring their time at the College, forever etched into the fabric of its future. All plaque purchases are a tax deductible donation to the Nudgee College Foundation and the funds will be used to support the continued advancement of buildings for future generations of the College.

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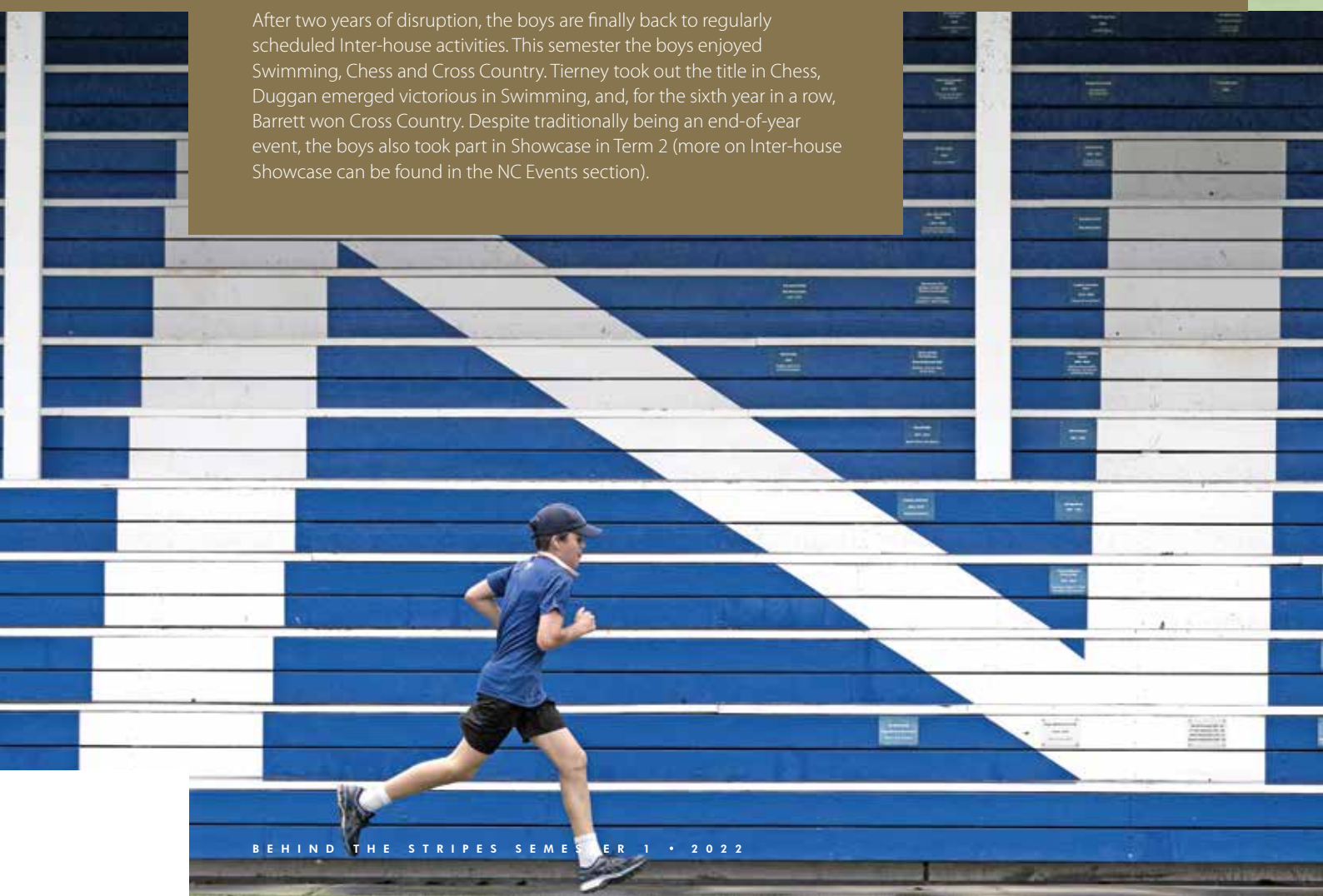
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INTER-HOUSE SNAPSHOT



After two years of disruption, the boys are finally back to regularly scheduled Inter-house activities. This semester the boys enjoyed Swimming, Chess and Cross Country. Tierney took out the title in Chess, Duggan emerged victorious in Swimming, and, for the sixth year in a row, Barrett won Cross Country. Despite traditionally being an end-of-year event, the boys also took part in Showcase in Term 2 (more on Inter-house Showcase can be found in the NC Events section).







NC EVENTS

Anzac Day

The College community gathered on Ross Oval on Friday 22 April for the annual Anzac Ceremony. College Old Boy Captain Thomas Boase (NC 2009-10) was the guest speaker for the event. Thomas was commissioned into the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps and was posted to the 6th Engineer Support Regiment as a Troop Commander in 2015. He is currently an Operations Officer for Australia's Federation Guard, and has been deployed on Operation Flood Assist North Queensland, Operation Render Safe in the South West Pacific

in 2019, and numerous operations in the Middle East in 2021. During his address to the crowd, Thomas spoke about the significance of Anzac Day in honouring the collective sacrifice of soldiers at Gallipoli, and indeed all service men and women.

"These sacrifices ripple through our community, and are felt at the individual, the family and the community level," he said.

"I'd like everyone to keep in their thoughts that these sacrifices also represent the highest qualities of the

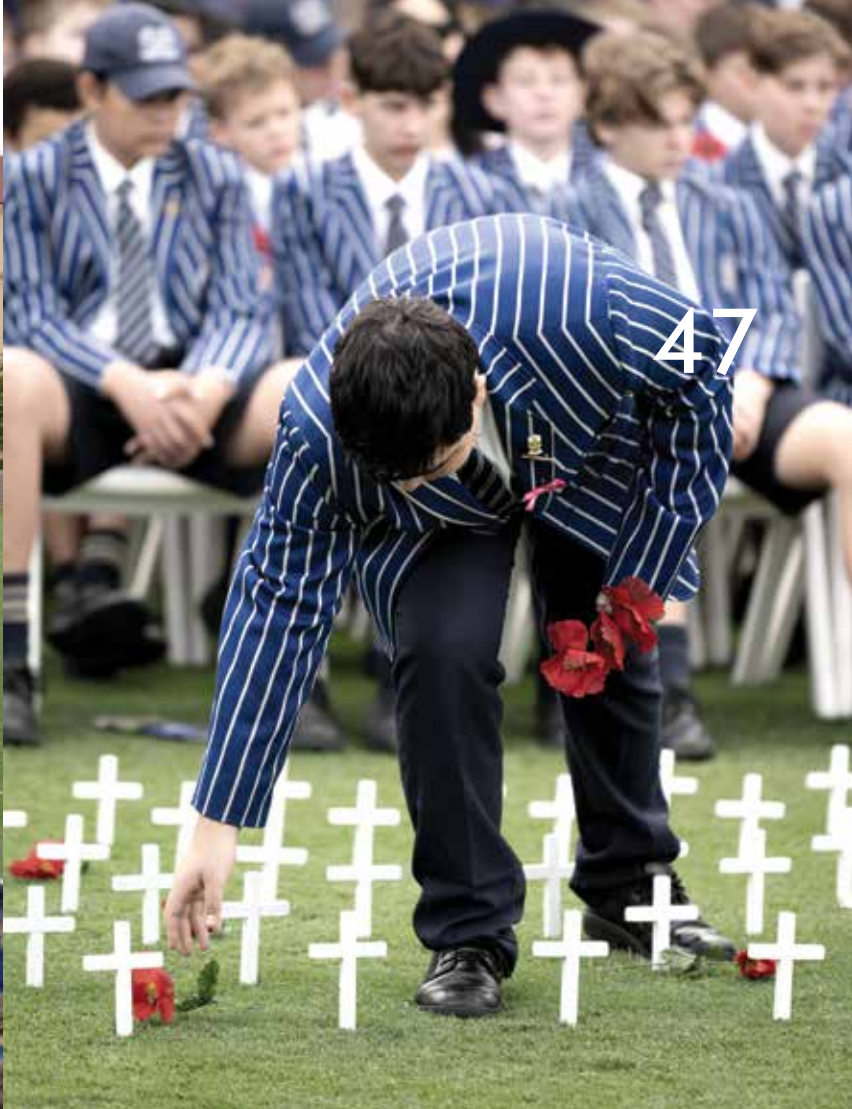
Australian soldier – willing to meet utmost adversity with courage, loyalty and selflessness."

During the ceremony, representatives from different factions of the College community joined together to each lay a wreath to honour the fallen.

The event concluded with the special guests walking across Ross Oval towards Ryan Hall through a guard of honour formed by the Year 12 students.

Lest we forget.

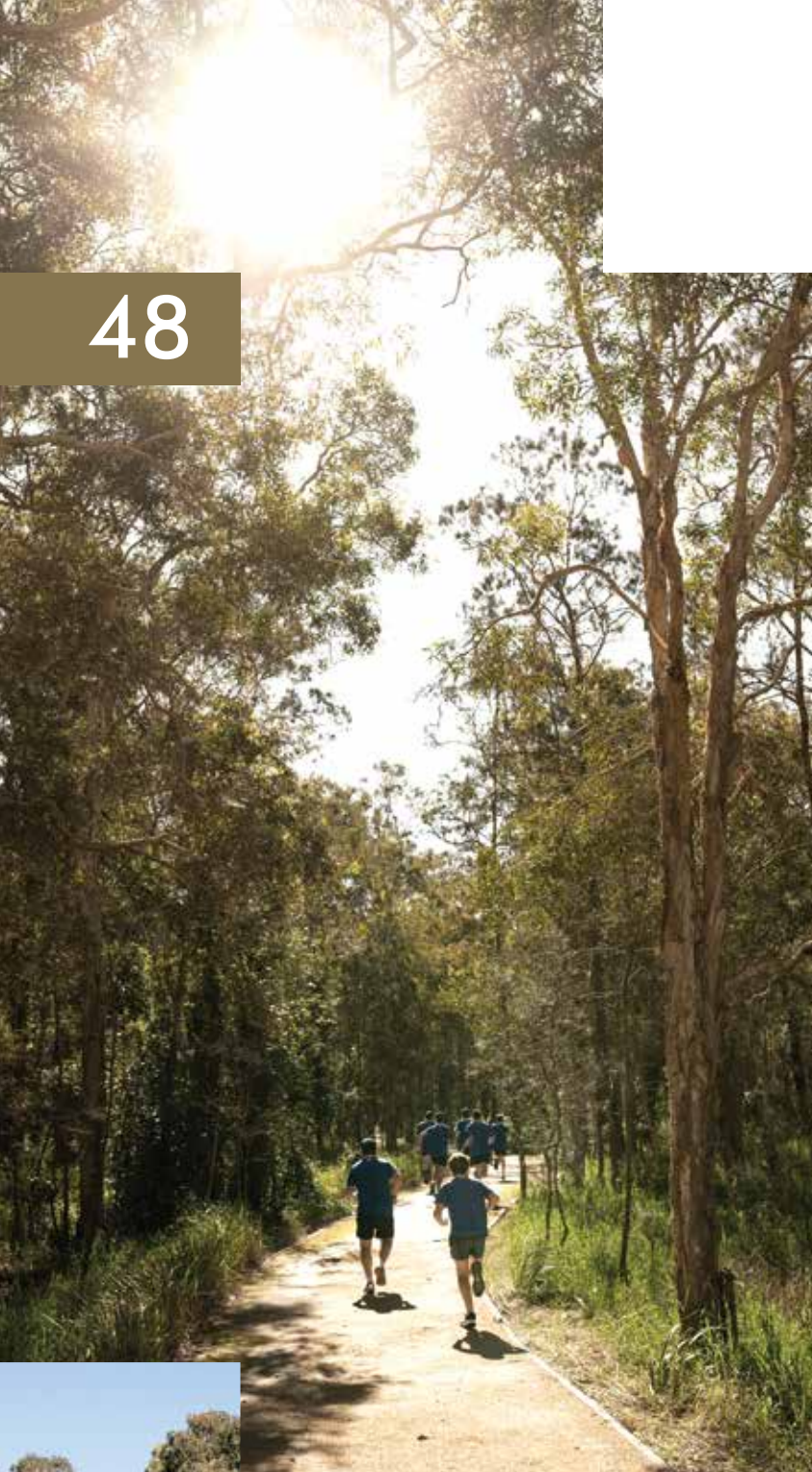




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*Captain Thomas Boase speaking
at the Anzac Day Ceremony.*





Walk for Edmund

The annual Walk for Edmund was the perfect way to conclude Term 2 on Friday 17 June. The path from the College to the Boondall Wetlands was a sea of blue as boys from Years 5 to 10 made the return journey. As a fundraiser, this event saw more than \$18,000 raised for Edmund Rice Foundation Australia to support sustainable community-based education programs in developing countries and projects for marginalised and disadvantaged groups in Australia.





Edmund Rice Liturgy

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The Nudgee College community gathered on Wilkes Oval on Thursday 5 May for the annual liturgy to mark the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. This year's liturgy was led by some of our Senior students. 2022 Prefect Gus Rossl began by detailing the story of Blessed Edmund Rice. College Captain Harry Roati, and Prefects Harry Blackmore, Al McEwan, Jim Collins, Matthew Wendt, Akot Akot, Jack Hallett, James Chapman, and Sam O'Brien contributed to the remainder of the ceremony through readings and leading prayers. The liturgy concluded with the singing of *Sign of Faith* together.

Akot Akot speaking at the Anzac Day Ceremony.





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Alex Ward getting his head shaved by Kylie Watson for the World's Greatest Shave fundraiser.

World's Greatest Shave

More than 40 students, as well as a few staff members, shaved their heads on Thursday 3 March for the College's annual World's Greatest Shave event, which raises funds for Fogarty's House charity, the Leukaemia Foundation. This year's efforts exceeded previous year's, with \$23,900 raised to support people facing blood cancer. In addition to those who chose to shave, more than 100 students coloured their hair to support the cause.

Thank you to all those who donated, as well as the volunteers who shaved and coloured hair on the day.

Boarding Evening on the Green

Nudgee College Boarding hosted the annual Evening on the Green on Friday 20 May. This event provides Boarding families with an opportunity to join together as a community, catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Although the annual touch football competition between the Boarding Houses was cancelled due to the weather, it was still a wonderful evening for all. Thank you to the Boarding Support Group for assisting in bringing this event to fruition.





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McKenna House.

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Tierney House.



Shaw House.



Ross House.



Inter-house Showcase

The most anticipated Nudgee College event of the year, Inter-house Showcase, was held on Thursday 5 May. With the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre commonly reaching capacity for this event in the past, this year guests were able to spill out into a seating area under a marquee, which featured an LED screen streaming the show, as well as food and beverage options.

Kicking off at 4.00pm with Rock Band performances, the campus was buzzing with energy as the Houses prepared for their moment to shine.

MCs Angus Williams and Oliver Bryans provided comic relief in between the House performances, which were a mix of funny and thought-provoking. At the end of the evening, a panel of House parents awarded the win to Ross House, whose performance centred on the theme of 'community'.

Mother and Son Luncheon

The annual Year 12 Mother and Son Luncheon took place on Sunday 1 May, beginning with Mass at 10.00am at the Cathedral of St Stephen's. The mums and their sons then ventured to the Main Auditorium at Brisbane City Hall to enjoy a two-course, alternate-drop meal together.

College Captain Harry Roati delivered a speech about gratitude for mums, and indeed all influential mother-figures in everyone's lives. He also detailed a few moments of joy he has with his own mum.

"What inspires me the most about mum is that she balances being a GP, deals with four sons, is Nudgee inside and out and still manages to put us boys first," he said.

"Mum's selfless dedication to myself and my brothers to give back and the sacrifices she makes is something that I will always strive to emulate."

Harry's mum, Ms Sarah Roati, responded with a speech of her own, sharing details about her motherhood journey.

"As a very proud mum of four Nudgee College boys, I am grateful for the opportunities that the school has

provided my sons and for the proud mum moments I have been able to witness," she said.

"The smile on Isaac's face whilst watching him in the 5E Cricket team on the last flat as he misses a catch because he was looking at the cows.

"The thanks mum for watching my debate every Friday night, and the huge hug from Oscar when his Debating team recently beat Terrace for the first time.

"Watching Harry and the members of the Stage Band tap their toes and sing their hearts out at Open Days.

"The humorous emoji texts and word abbreviations from Xavier when he has forgotten something or lost something.

"These are just a few of my special moments that have made me laugh, and although we all have had different journeys and experiences, I am sure that you have all had your precious moments along the way."

Dean of Students Mr Anthony Connellan said it was pleasing to see the fine young men host their mums so beautifully.

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Sarah Roati speaking at the Mother and Son Luncheon.





Open Day

Despite the wet weather conditions, the College community welcomed many prospective families to the school on Saturday 21 May for Open Day. Football home games coincided with the event, adding to the atmosphere of the day. Families enjoyed various subject and extra-curricular displays, student-led tours, music performances, and a Q&A panel featuring various members of our diverse school community.

If you missed Open Day, but would like an opportunity to tour the school, feel free to contact our Admissions team on admissions@nudgee.qld.edu.au.



2000
Lessons
Per Week



1708
Students



400
Lessons
Per Day



298
Boarders



150
Support
Staff



147
Teachers



Above: Grady Turner (left) and Mike Silcock speaking with a family at Open Day.
Below: David Johnston speaking on the Q&A Panel at Open Day.
Below right: Jacob Gillam greeting prospective families at Open Day.



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Classrooms



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Lessons at
One Time



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Extra
Curricular
Choices



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House
Groups



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Year Levels



1 Boy

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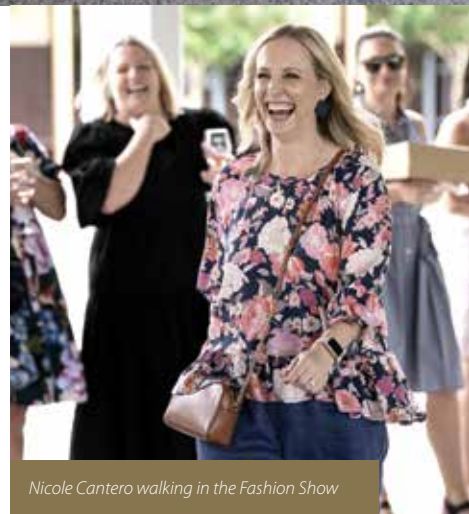


Ladies' Auxiliary Welcome Luncheon

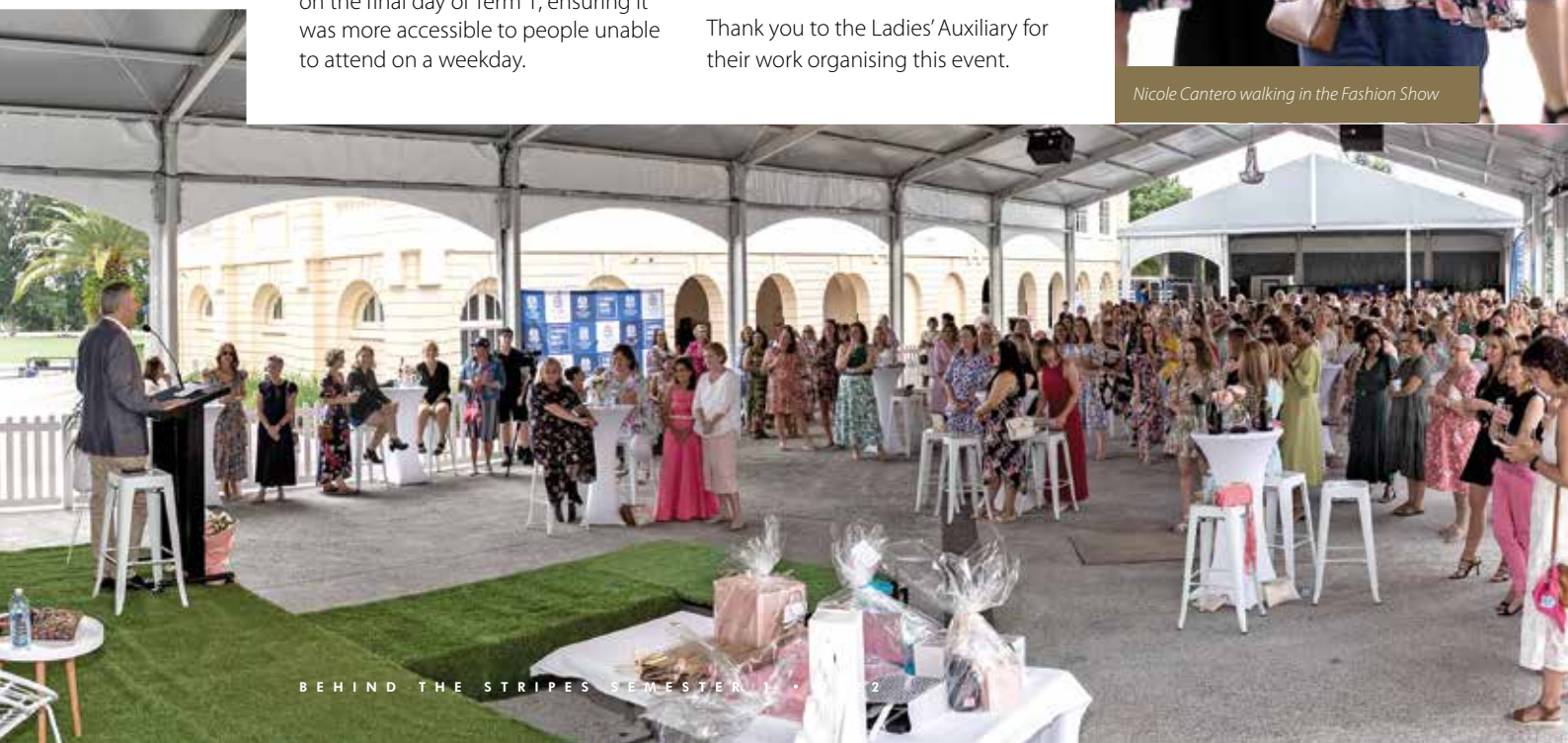
On Saturday 12 March, the Ladies' Auxiliary hosted the inaugural Welcome Luncheon under the Edmund Rice Mall marquee. This event took the place of the annual Easter Morning Tea, traditionally held on the final day of Term 1, ensuring it was more accessible to people unable to attend on a weekday.

Attendees enjoyed an individually boxed brunch and a fashion show as they mingled at this cocktail-style function. There was also a raffle, which raised money to support the victims of the Queensland floods in February.

Thank you to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their work organising this event.



Nicole Cantero walking in the Fashion Show



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NC PERFORMING ARTS

Debating

This year the Senior A boys defended the rights of workers, pushed to extend juror prudence and negated generational bias in our electoral system. A season full of split decisions reminded us of the subjective nature of this sport. However, the unprecedented lengths the panels took to deliberate encouraged the boys to come out swinging week after week.

I was most proud of the Senior As in Week 7 of Term 1, during which they debated Anglican Church Grammar School in the Queensland Debating Union (QDU) competition on the Wednesday, and St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace in the GPS competition on the Friday. The boys faced two of the strongest school teams, with two complex topics: 'we regret the AUKUS Alliance' and 'capitalism stifles the arts'. It's hard to describe just how big an ask this week was. Nonetheless, Jack Hallett gave as good as he got defending the AUKUS Alliance



against a national team debater's Points of Information (POI). Josh Ford's knowledge of the metaphysics of art and practicalities of economics systems shone against Gregory Terrace. Sam Aggs methodically dismantled each push the opposition produced at third. Oliver Kele showed the technical skill and depth of intellect that put him in the top 12 debaters in the state this year.

I think it's important to note that the game has changed in recent years. Expectations are that our Senior As are able to deliver nuance to university-level topics. Although often only one of the three adjudicators thought we did this better than the opposition, I was proud to see this skillset from each one of the Senior A debaters throughout the season.

Mr Dominic Carroll
Senior A Debating Coach



Regional Music Tour

On Thursday 16 June, a group of Nudgee College Music students embarked on a Music Tour of regional Queensland. The tour group began in Bundaberg and travelled to Rockhampton, Biloela, Theodore, Dalby and Toowoomba. Each concert along the journey kicked off with a performance from the Drumline, followed by the NC Brotherhood choir, and concluded with Rock Band 1.

From performing in a cave, to bustling markets and primary schools full of excited children, the tour provided the boys with many different opportunities to showcase their talents.

Year 11 student Michael La Monaca said their concert at the Cathedral Cave in Carnarvon National Park was a highlight, despite the challenge of manoeuvring large, heavy instruments through the cave's steep, narrow pathways.

"The views were stunning and experiencing the acoustics of the cave as a performer was truly incredible," he said.

Fellow Year 11 musician Mladen Markovic cited the school

performances as his standout experiences from the tour.

"While performing at Our Lady of Lourdes in Toowoomba, it was amazing watching the audience participate in all of the songs," he said.

In addition to the concerts, the boys greatly enjoyed their recreation time, which included visiting the Rockhampton Zoo and movie nights. Year 10 student Daniel Cross cited playing rugby on the beach and enjoying fish and chips with friends as particular highlights.

Director of Performing Arts Ms Alexandra Khafagi said it was great watching the Nudgee College musicians engage so positively with their audiences and respond with such energetic performances.

"For me this tour confirmed that music brings out the best in people of all ages, and is a language that brings joy," she said.

"Watching little kids dancing alongside their teachers in front of our student musicians was a true privilege."

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Drumline performing at Our Lady of Lourdes in Toowoomba.

Below: NC Brotherhood performing at the Rockhampton Markets.





Daniel O'Sullivan at the Toogoolawah Show.

NC SPORT & ACTIVITIES

Cattle Club

2022 has proven to be a very challenging year for the agricultural sector. While we all pray for rain most of the time, the amount that fell between January and May had some catastrophic effects on those in the South East corner of Queensland. We saw three of our first four shows cancelled due to floods, from Bell to Proston, while we also struggled to manage wet paddocks and all that entails for cloven-hoofed animals.

We saw the arrival of our first Droughtmaster heifer calf in March, from the cow we purchased in September of last year. The name Coco was chosen after a great response by the College in various polls. We got out and about to the Warwick show in March, which had a fantastic result for both students and cattle. From there we attended the Toogoolawah

Show in June, which also held the Brahman Feature Show the day before.

The boys competed well in the Young Judges section where out of nearly 40 finalists, 11 were Nudgee College boys. Our own cow and calf placed third in their section against extremely strong competition, the winning cow of which went on to be Supreme Exhibit of the show. The stud cattle walked away with many seconds, thirds and fourths.

The team camaraderie is the strongest I have seen throughout the years. With more than 80 boys involved in Cattle Club it is pleasing to see the calibre and interest in agriculture at such a high point. We eagerly await the 2022 Ekka, in which we will see 12 cattle exhibited, and the entire team rotating in rosters to maintain the animals and our presence.

Mr Troy Reynolds

Cattle Club Manager

Cricket

Nudgee College Cricket dealt with many challenges in 2022, including the cancellation of the annual T20 Cricket Season Launch, as well as GPS rounds, due to COVID-19 restrictions and wet weather events. Despite this, Nudgee College fielded 31 teams full of eager young cricketers who were keen to make an impact in 2022.

The 1st XI kicked off their season by taking on 2021 Premiers The Southport School and emerging victorious. Round 2 saw a similar result, with the 1st XI defeating Toowoomba Grammar School by 60 runs.

The team's first loss of the season was against Anglican Church Grammar School via the Duckworth-Lewis method, after the rain caused delays in play.

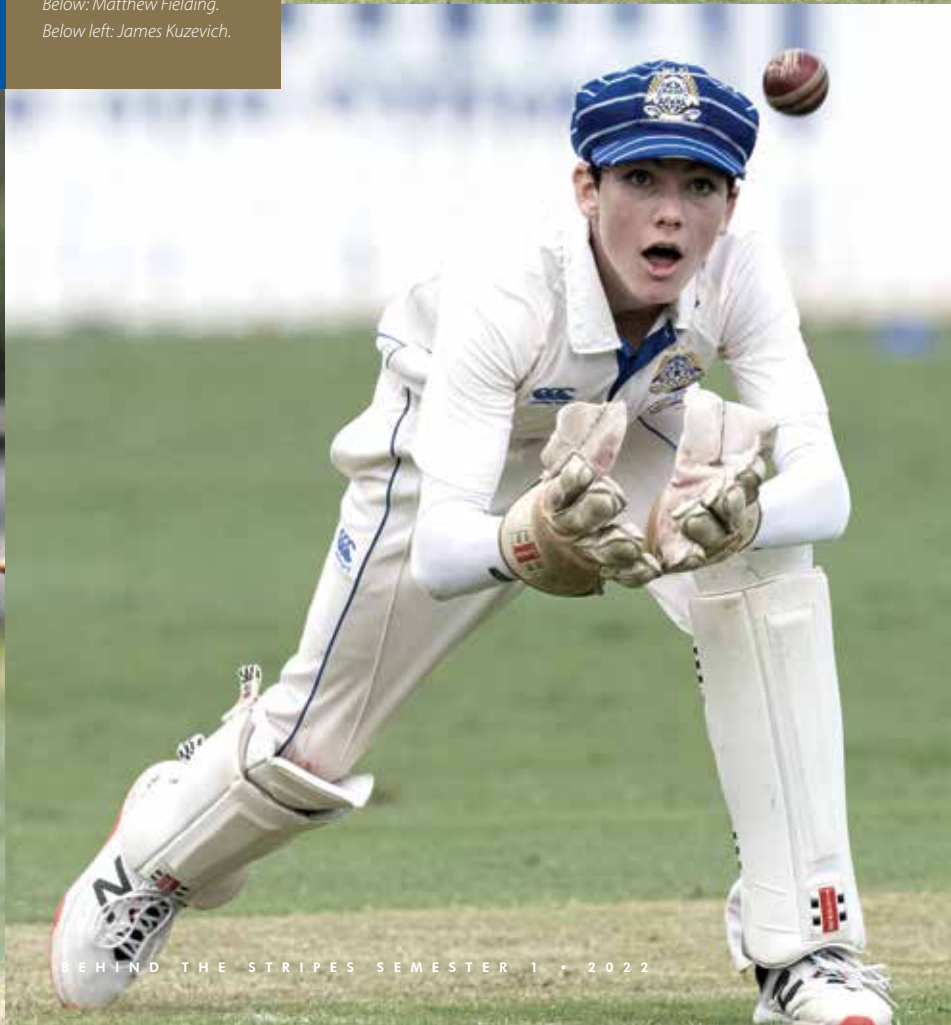




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Above: Fergus McFadyen.
Below: Matthew Fielding.
Below left: James Kuzevich.





Nudgee College home Cross Country meet.

Round 4 saw another exciting win, with the 1st XI chasing down a massive 230 total from Brisbane Boys' College, and succeeding in the second to last over.

The following two rounds were cancelled due to the weather; however, the sun shined just in time for the boys to take on St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace at home in Round 7. The Nudgee College boys batted first and were bowled out for 208 in the 46th over, but were ultimately defeated when Terrace scored their winning runs with four balls remaining.

The 1st XI's final game of the season against Ipswich Grammar School was a tough one. The boys were all out for 128, before Ipswich amassed the runs they needed for victory in the 37th over.

With three wins and three losses, the boys finished the year in third place.

Cross Country

On Thursday 19 May, the College's Cross Country team headed to Limestone Park, Ipswich for the annual GPS Cross Country Championships.

The Junior competition kicked off first with the 10 Years, 2km race. The youngest runners excelled, earning first place overall, with Will Zillman crossing the finish line in second place, closely followed by Braxton Cummins in third. The following 3km races saw the 11 Years runners take out second place, and the 12 Years finishing fifth, which placed the Junior team in second position on the podium at the end of the competition.

The Senior races followed, starting

with the 13 Years, 3km event. Alexander Wain ran brilliantly, crossing the finish line first, closely followed by William Kisby in second place. Overall the 13 Years runners finished in third place.

The 4km races were up next, with the 14 Years runners finishing fifth overall and the 15 Years boys taking out fourth place. 15 Years runner Ned Curran had a great race, crossing the finish line first.

The gruelling 6km races capped off the day, with the 16 Years runners earning fifth place and the Open competitors finishing eighth, resulting in fifth place for the College in the Senior competition overall.

Cross Country Director Ms Jaimee Trembearth said she could not be more proud of this year's team for their dedication and discipline throughout the season.



Augustus Moloney, Noah Wilson and George Gillam racing at the Senior GPS Cross Country Championships.



Ryan O'Keeffe.

Football

The 2022 GPS Football season got off to a rocky start for the 1st XI, with a red card and an injury in the first match. Despite this, they still managed to secure a 2-0 win over The Southport School, and things only improved from there. Rounds 2 and 3 saw two more wins, defeating Toowoomba Grammar School 5-1 and Anglican Church Grammar School 3-1.

Round 4 almost wasn't meant to be due to poor weather conditions, but the 1st XI managed to take to the field, resulting in a 5-0 victory over Brisbane Boys' College. The next round followed a similar storyline, with the 1st XI defeating Brisbane Grammar School 6-0.

With an undefeated season on the line, the pressure was on when the 1st XI faced Brisbane State High School in Round 6. Football Director Mr Jamie Pybus said the boys showed some real character during this match. After trailing by one goal for the majority of the game, the boys turned things around in the final 30 minutes to get up 3-1.

Round 7 was another big one, with the 1st XI taking on St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace.

A massive crowd showed up to Ross Oval for the occasion to witness an exciting performance, with the 1st XI earning a 4-1 victory and a guaranteed Premiership with one game still left to play. Jhairah Taylor

was a standout, with three goals and one assist.

Despite already having the Premiership in the bag, the boys put in a solid performance in the final round to finish the season with a 2-0 win over Ipswich Grammar School, and an undefeated record.

"The 1st XI were simply outstanding," Jamie said. "Finishing with eight wins from eight is impressive, and scoring 26 while conceding only four goals in those games is evidence of their dominance."

"There were challenges along the way, but the group stayed strong throughout the season to earn Nudgee College's fifth 1st XI Premiership in the last decade."



The 1st XI Football Premiership-winning team.







Harrison Keong and James Neubecker at the Junior GPS Swimming Championships.

Rowing

The 2022 GPS Rowing season certainly had its share of ups and downs. The boys suffered a rocky start with the cancellation of camps and lead-up regattas due to COVID-19 restrictions and poor weather conditions. Luckily, they managed to squeeze a few races in before Head of the River on Saturday 19 March at Wyaralong.

The College's Open crews all placed on the podium, with the 2nd and 3rd Vllls finishing second and the 1st VIII finishing third.

Overall, the College finished the regatta in fourth place, with 80 points.

While it wasn't the result the rowers had hoped for, Rowing Director Mr James Burton said key areas for improvement were identified, which will aid in the boys' development for the 2023 season.

Swimming

This year the College was lucky enough to host the Junior GPS Swimming Championships. The College's Junior swimmers thrived under the 'home-ground advantage', finishing on top to take out the Championship title. There were numerous highlights throughout the

day, including 10 Years swimmer Levi Thorley breaking three GPS records in the 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

Despite an initial postponement due to predicted poor weather, the Nudgee College Senior Swimming team arrived at Chandler ready to compete at the GPS Swimming Championships on Thursday 10 March. Swimming Director Mr David Proud said it was a relief to have a fully fit team on the blocks for the meet following a season of interruptions due to COVID-19.

The Senior swimmers fought hard and came away with a third place finish, earning a spot on the podium for the fifth year in a row. The College ended the meet with 276.5 points, behind The Southport School with 285 and Brisbane Grammar School with 302.

David said the relay teams were a big highlight on the night, scoring 71.5 points.

"This is only one point less than our Championship-winning team of 2021," he said. "We had eight out of 10 relays place in the top three schools on the night, which shows great depth and a huge willingness from the relay boys to stand up and compete for the College."



Zane Crema.



Marcus Schoeman.



There were also exciting individual wins on the night, including Hayden Burke in the 13 Years 200m freestyle, Thomas Connellan in the Open 400m freestyle, and Blair McKittrick in the 16 Years 50m backstroke.

Tennis

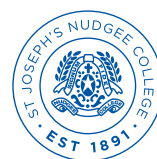
It was a wet and dreary day for Round 1 of GPS Tennis against The Southport School this year, with the 1st IV only able to play their singles and one set of doubles before being rained out. Fortunately, the boys played enough

to emerge victorious, with straight-set wins in all of their singles matches.

Round 2 saw the boys take on Toowoomba Grammar School. Luke Doig was a particular standout in this round, showing great resilience to win two tight matches and secure the win for the 1st IV. The winning streak continued in Round 3, with the boys defeating Anglican Church Grammar School, but unfortunately the streak was broken in Rounds 4 and 5 when the games were cancelled due to the weather. The skies finally cleared in Round 6 for the 1st IV to take on

Brisbane State High School, and while it was close at the end, the boys were ultimately defeated. The tables certainly turned in Round 7 though, when the 1st IV took on St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace away. Strong performances from all players saw the team earn a massive 8-0 win.

With a bye in the final round, Round 8 was the last for the Nudgee College boys, and what a round it was. The 1st IV played Ipswich Grammar School and emerged victorious, finishing the season in second place on the ladder.



The 1st VI Volleyball Premiership-winning team.

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Volleyball

After a bye in Round 1, the 1st VI kicked off the GPS Volleyball season in Round 2 at home versus Toowoomba Grammar School. The boys' strong performances during all sets resulted in a 3-0 win. Round 3 saw another exciting performance, with the 1st VI winning 3-2 over a strong Anglican Church Grammar School side. Volleyball Director Mr Luke Condon said the team was outstanding, competing hard for every point.

"Their calmness and composure under pressure was a highlight," he said.

In Round 4, the boys emerged victorious again in an exciting 3-0 win over Brisbane Boys' College.

Extreme weather conditions led to the cancellation of the following two rounds; however, the boys returned with a bang in Round 7, defeating St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace.

With an undefeated season on the line and a bye in the final round, the pressure was on the 1st VI heading into Round 8. The boys pulled off an exciting 3-0 victory, and as a result, won the Premiership outright for the first time in Nudgee College history (the 2002 team tied for a Premiership with Ipswich Grammar School).



Youth Rugby Coaches Forum

In January, the College hosted more than 150 coaches from clubs and schools across Queensland and New South Wales for the inaugural Youth Rugby Coaches Forum. The event invited coaches to come together, share their love and knowledge of the game, and advance youth rugby across Australia.

The College's Rugby Director Mr Sean Graham was a key player in bringing this event to fruition. He said the coaches embraced the theme of 'coopetition' (cooperating with your competitors), leaving the forum not only with plenty of 'gold nuggets' to take back to their school and clubs, but with a new sense of energy around the importance of collaboration and networking in the world of coaching.

Legendary rugby league coach Mr Wayne Bennett, Wallabies Head Coach Mr Dave Rennie and Queensland Reds Head Coach Mr Brad Thorn were just a few of the presenters at this event. Discussions featured topics such as the core skills of rugby coaching, as well as athletic development, mental skills, leadership and motivations of adolescent athletes.

Sean said one of the highlights of the weekend was the breakaway 'think-tanks', during which coaches shared their knowledge on topics they were passionate about, from communication, to scrum skills, to understanding data in strength and conditioning.

"These think-tanks embodied the 'coopetition' theme for the weekend, and coaches were exposed to how cooperating with your competitors can ultimately help everyone," he said.

The forum also featured on-field coaching demonstrations from

Wallabies Defence Coach Mr Matt Taylor, Queensland Academy Coach Mr Dale Roberson, Junior Wallabies Coach Mr Ben Mowen, and Norths Rugby Colts Coach Mr Dan Ritchie.

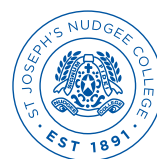
Sean said the Youth Rugby Coaches Forum will return in 2023, with another jam-packed weekend full of opportunities for youth coaches across Australia, and eventually further abroad.

"We are blessed to have such a wonderful team of support staff at Nudgee College who have the expertise, skillset and work ethic to help execute large-scale national events like this," he said.

"In particular, I'd like to thank the Property and Services and Development and Communications teams for their work, and in particular Acting Director of Development and Communications Ms Hannah Kilburn and Sport Officer Mr Theo Betteridge."




**YOUTH RUGBY
COACHES
FORUM
2022**



Top left: Michael Atkinson and Wayne Bennett at the closing dinner.

Top right: Sean Graham at the closing dinner.

Left: Matt Taylor coaching an on-field training session with Nudgee College Rugby players as delegates observe.

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Nudgee College Football
Patron Col Bennett.



TEAM OF THE DECADE

MS KATE McGRATH BURGESS

Ex-Socceroo and Nudgee College Football Patron Mr Col Bennett celebrates the 1st XI's 10th Premiership win with the Team of the Decade!

Despite its short 30-year history, the GPS Football Premiership has been won by every single school in the GPS, affirming the competitive nature of the competition. With this year's win, the College earned its 10th Premiership win.

Reflecting on the history of Football at the College, past Football Director (2004 to 2011) and current coach Mr Paul Edwards said he has seen incredible change in the calibre of the program in recent years, but the commitment and energy towards the game is still present.

"I recently read a book by Owen Eastwood called *Belonging*," he said. "It is about finding your identity, a shared purpose and a vision of future success and it really resonated with me."

"After reading that book, I recognised that the people involved in the program, over the years, all understood that, fundamentally, its strength was the bond created between each of the parts, student to coach and coach to coach."

"Those relationships between people are our program bedrock and underpinned the vision that each successive leader had for our sport."

1st XI coach Mr Nick Green said this year's win was a testament to the boys' hard work and resilience.

"To finish third, second then first shows progression through the last few years," he said. "Although, it only tells part of the story; the consistency and dominance at times has been a joy to watch and be part of."

Col was excited to create the Team of the Decade to mark the Football program's success. He said he loves to see the passion in the young footballers emerging in the game.

"You must have that passion to succeed, to be a better football player and, more importantly, a better person," he said.

"My favourite three words I have aligned with in my football career are discipline, fitness and consistency."

"Each and every player can aim to do these three things during the preparation and in playing each game."

The following team of the decade is a symbol of the strength of Nudgee College footballers and their dedication, spirit and upstanding character.



Images at right (top to bottom):
The 2018 Premiership-winning team.
Brodie Boyce.
Bailey Dellapina.
Jhairah Taylor.

Goal-keeper

1 MASON NASH (NC 2016-21)

Not many players pick up the goal-keeping gloves so late and make it into the 1st XI, then close to a National Premier League (NPL) first team by 18 years old. After more than a decade as a ball playing defender/centre mid-fielder, it was no surprise that Mason's distribution was so exceptional.

Defence

2 HAYDEN McHENERY (NC 2011-14) RIGHT-BACK

Hayden played mostly in the mid-field at the College, where his energy and driving runs from the middle were vital for Nudgee College over three seasons.

3 BRODIE BOYCE (NC 2017-19) CENTRE

Brodie captained the under 17 Australian team in 2017, and was a GPS Premiership winner in 2018. He held the 1st XI together, playing in multiple positions in 2019.

4 ALEX NICOLAIDIS (NC 2009-13) CENTRE-BACK

Quick, physical and super effective, Alex was an outstanding Captain when Nudgee College won their first Premiership for a decade in 2013.

5 DYLAN MEINICKE (Current Student) LEFT-BACK

Dylan plays anywhere across the back four. Being excellent physically and running with the ball meant he was a nightmare for opposition defences.

6 HARRY ARNISON (NC 2017-19) DEFENSIVE MID-FIELD

Comfortable on the ball and pin-point set-pieces, Harry was the key man in the 2018 Premiership; however, he was unfortunately injured for his Year 12 season.

Attack

7 NICK PANETTA (NC 2013) ATTACKING MID-FIELD

Nick is a hugely talented boy from Mareeba who dazzled in Year 10. Not long after leaving Nudgee College, Nick was scoring against Argentina in the Under 17 World Cup.

8 KAI BARNES (2009-13) CENTRE MID-FIELD

Kai was an energetic mid-fielder who scored the goal of the century against Ipswich Grammar School in the Premiership game in 2013.

9 RYLAN BROWNLIE (Current Student) STRIKER

Rylan leads from the front with outstanding intensity. He scored more than a goal a game as a Year 10 student in this year's record-breaking Premiership season.

10 SAM KLEIN (NC 2018-21) CENTRE MID-FIELD

Sam was an impressive goal-scoring mid-fielder who debuted for Brisbane Roar in the A-league just a few months after leaving the College.

11 ALEX FIECHTNER (NC 2012-16) STRIKER

If there is a better wide player in Queensland, it's hard to find him – goals galore for Alex! If he faced forward with the ball there was big trouble for GPS rivals.

Squad

LUKE BLACKWELL (Current Student) CAPTAIN

2022 was an outstanding season for Luke, leading a cohesive squad to the Premiership with a perfect season.

JHAIRAH TAYLOR (Current Student) STRIKER

With plenty of goals in Year 12, Jhairah is close to unplayable. This year's game versus St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace was one of those days, as he notched a Ross Oval hat-trick in a 4-1 win to confirm the Premiership.

SCOT COULSON (NC 2009-12) FORWARD

With an unreal goal-scoring record, Scot is a definite starter in many eyes.

BRANDON LEE (NC 2008-12) FORWARD

Alongside Scot, Brandon was a real handful up top in a Nudgee College team that was never short of goals.

BAILEY DELLAPINA (NC 2018-20)

Bailey was solid in centre mid-field. He had excellent distribution and a calm head.





NC STAFF



Staff Achievements

Congratulations to the following staff who have accomplished amazing things in the last six months:

Philosophy Coordinator (Years 10-12) **Mr Nicholas Lee** is now Dr Nicholas Lee. He has been conferred for a PHD. His area of study was associated with the works of German philosopher Martin Heidegger.

Cross Country Director **Ms Jaimee Trembearth** competed in the

Ironman Cairns triathlon in June. Jaimee finished the gruelling 3.8km swim, 180km bike ride and 42km run in a time of 13:30:51.

Music teacher **Mr Richard Dupuy** was selected in the Australian team to compete at the International Practical Shooting Confederation's (IPSC) World Shoot in Thailand late this year. He was chosen after placing second in category and class at the IPSC Australia Championships, and will be one of 1,600 competitors from 50 countries at the international competition.



Left: Jamie Trembearth.

Above: Professional development session.

Right: Declan Markey-Towler and Ellen Cunningham during the professional development session.

Below: Richard Dupuy.

Below left: Dr Nicholas Lee.



Staff Professional Development

Teachers finished the term exploring Robert Marzano's New Art and Science of Teaching (ASOT) pedagogical framework with Hawker Brownlow lead training associate Dr Janelle Wills.

The interactive session affirmed and extended knowledge about the good teaching practices that teachers currently apply, and provided

teachers new practical strategies they can use in every classroom.

Our ongoing use of the ASOT as a foundation for developing an explicit teacher pedagogy promotes shared teacher efficacy, and creates a common language about learning and teaching for teachers.

We look forward to continuing our journey towards better learning outcomes for our students. Our teachers are valuable to our community and we want to help them thrive at Nudgee College.



NCOBA President's Message

In 2022, the Nudgee College Old Boys' Association (NCOBA) celebrates its centenary year. One hundred years of shared memories, a love of our school and, most importantly, a love of our friends and Nudgee College brothers.

It is a great honour for me to succeed Mr Hugh Hamilton as president of the NCOBA. I thank Hugh for his hard work and dedication that he has shown in the role.

I am inspired by the many former Presidents and executive members that I have met over the years, and I greatly appreciate their advice and support in this special role that I have ahead of me.

With the pandemic hopefully becoming a thing of the past we finally have a chance to commit to

events and reunions with certainty and plan to increase our engagement with our members.

Our program this year includes our usual events, such as the Golf Day, Senior Old Boy Morning Tea, Mentoring Breakfast, regional reunions, End of Year Lunch and the like.

Our largest event will be a centenary-themed NCOBA Race Day on Saturday 8 October. It was a great success last year, and we are confident an even bigger and better day will be had this year. Importantly, the day will also provide a social outlet for those Old Boys who did not get a chance to properly catch up with their cohort during the last two dishevelled years. We will be allocating specific areas and tables in the Guineas

Room for those specific year groups to be involved. The event will be open to the wider Nudgee College community. We do hope you will join us on this special day.

I would like to acknowledge the continued support of Mr Peter Fullagar, Mr David Johnston, Mr Stephen Meara, the College's Development and Communications Office, and all of the College supporters for their commitment to assisting our Association in this important year ahead. We look forward to supporting the College, and engaging with many more Old Boys and their families, and with your support, I am determined to increase the successes of our Association.

Mr Andrew McNamara

NCOBA President

Australia's Newest Test Cricketer

The eyes of the nation were on leg-spinner Mr Mitchell Swepson (NC 2006-2010), when he made his Test debut in March, during Australia's three-match series against Pakistan in Karachi. However, it was only 12 years ago, that Mitchell was bowling to GPS opponents on Ross Oval in his blue and white baggy cap. From spending Saturdays watching Rugby in the Grandstand, to playing handball during lunch, Mitchell recalls his time at Nudgee College fondly.

"I was part of the 2009 Cricket Premiership team, that was a big one for me, we had a great team that year and did really well," he said. "As a Senior in 2010, our team finished the Rugby season undefeated, which was also pretty cool."

In addition to the strong friendships forged, many of whom remain to this day, Mitchell said he was surrounded

by many great mentors at Nudgee College.

"My first Cricket coach for the 8As, was Mr Chris Ryan, he took me under his wing as a 'leggy'," he said. "It's great when you've got a coach who backs what you're doing and Chris definitely backed me."

When he joined the 1st XI as a Year 10 student, Mitchell thrived under the guidance of Mr John Stackpoole and Mr Matt Hawkins. For his Senior year in 2010, the team was led by the College's current Director of Students Mr Sean Toovey.

"Sean coached me at a club level outside of school, so I knew him really well," Mitchell said. "He was a great mentor of mine."

In true Nudgee College fashion, Mitchell immersed himself in everything the school had to offer.

"I wanted to get good grades, play every sport and do all of the extra-curriculars," he said.

This desire to excel in all areas continued after school, with Mitchell completing dual Bachelor degrees in Sport Science and Business Management, while balancing his cricket commitments.

After being in and out of the Australian cricket squad for five years, Mitchell was presented with baggy green cap number 464, by team mate Mr Usman Khawaja, ahead of the second Test.

"It was a crazy morning, I was all over the shop and very nervous, but Usman cracked a few jokes which helped relax the whole process," Mitchell said.

"Nothing can really prepare you for Test cricket – everything is longer and you have to be more consistent.



Mitchell Swepson.

Below: Mitchell Swepson with Nudgee College students at the 2021 Cricket Season Launch.

"It was a great experience; also tough, but Test cricket should be tough.

"I'm very fortunate to have been given this opportunity and looking to the future, I will hopefully get a couple more and can work on building and getting better."

Australia ended up winning the three-match series in Pakistan, with a 115-run victory in the third and final Test.

Playing sport at a professional level is no mean feat, and for Mitchell, the journey towards this goal started in the car with his mum, on his way home from school.

"I was in Year 10, just picked for a representative team and I told her I think I want to give cricket a crack," he said. "Verbalising that to her really helped me commit my mind to giving it 100 per cent and it also helped her and my family support me through it.



"If you've got those aspirations, don't be afraid to say that's what you want to do and share it with the people who are going to support you, because you need people to help you through that journey."

From that point, it was the hours that he put in, both at cricket training and of his own accord, which helped Mitchell speed up his development.

"I remember I spent a lot of time down at the Sandgate nets, when no one was there, bowling at a pizza box," he said.

"Just commit to it because any amount of hard work can push you there, that's always been my mentality – if I'm not good enough now, I can be later."

Ms Tiffany Keller

Editor





Kevin Bradley.

Inside the bilby fence at Currawinya.

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Saving the Bilby

Australia's native wildlife is quintessential to our national identity. For more than two decades, Mr Kevin Bradley (NC 1980-83) has played a crucial role in protecting one such species from the brink of extinction – the Greater Bilby. Kevin joined the Save The Bilby Fund in the early 2000s, initially as a volunteer Board Director and Chairman, and was appointed the organisation's first CEO in late 2014. In that time, the organisation has made a significant contribution to the national recovery efforts for Australia's Bilby population.

Kevin said it was during his time as a Nudgee College boarder that he cemented his love of the Australian bush, and the people and unique native animals that live there.

"An appreciation for the land was inevitable, being born in the West and boarding at Nudgee College with so many mates who were country boys, and getting the opportunity to visit them on their properties," he said.

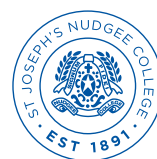
Kevin has incredibly fond memories of his time at the College, and remains very close with the friends he made at school.

"As a boarder, you're living with your mates for a number of years, and they essentially become brothers, part of your family," he said.

"I feel very lucky to have had the opportunities I've had to share my time there with some incredible people, and be part of that community."

After school, Kevin worked in general management of hospitality and pastoral interests, which was his family's business, before his grandfather, also an Old Boy, suggested he pursue a career in wildlife tourism. Initially working in wildlife parks and zoos, Kevin became aware of the sheer number of native species that Australia has lost, and started working on breeding animals for conservation programs. From there, he joined, and then led, the Save The Bilby Fund.

As a hands-on CEO, Kevin spends most of his time working out in the field, managing an intensive captive breeding program for bilbies, and reintroducing them to facilities like the 25-square-kilometre fenced sanctuary constructed by the Save The Bilby Fund at Currawinya National Park. The progress the Fund has made became evident in May 2021 when, for the first time in his career, Kevin spotted a wild bilby outside the fence at Currawinya. Prior to this, no bilby had been sighted in the region since the 1950s. A ground survey following this, produced signs of bilby activity, including burrows, feed scraps and bilby scats. Then Kevin, alongside PhD candidate and Save The Bilby Fund volunteer Ms Cassandra Arkinstall, located a second bilby. Now that it is clear bilbies are living beyond the confines of the enclosure, the Fund aims to manage the impacts of feral cats, which are a predominant reason bilbies, and many other native species, are endangered, from outside the fence.





Left: Bilby fence at Currawinya.

Below left: Kevin Bradley on a survey trip.



Day-to-day, Kevin said the Fund is focused on managing and monitoring the general health of the bilby population and their movements, and the threatening processes affecting them.

"I'm happy to say the bilbies under our care are doing really well, but this is an ongoing battle, and we still have a lot of work to do to save the bilby," he said.

Ultimately, Kevin said the Fund's goal is to build an appropriate insurance population of 10,000 bilbies in Australia by 2030.

"This should give us enough genetic insurance for 100 years while we work to support and recover our last remaining wild populations of bilbies that still face significant threats to their survival," he said.

In addition to his role in the Fund, Kevin is also the current Chair of the Greater Bilby National Recovery Team and Chair of the Greater Bilby Meta-Population Management Sub-Committee.

For students hoping to forge a career in animal conservation, Kevin said the most important thing to do was to stick with it.

"A lot of people have a genuine interest in working with the environment, but often it's difficult to find opportunities to get a start in the industry," he said.

"Whether it's in the zoo industry or working directly with in-situ conservation programs, apply yourself, be patient and don't lose hope – there will be an opportunity.

"It is critically important for the future of the Australian landscape, that people start looking for careers in all aspects of environmental policy, planning and protection.

"How we are going to recover and save our endangered flora and fauna is an enormous and sometimes daunting challenge, but we put a man on the moon in the late 1960s, and I am sure if we really apply ourselves, we can do anything.

"Nudgee College is just the place that can support and produce people with that sort of commitment, passion, insight and resilience."

Ms Tiffany Keller

Editor



ST JOSEPH'S NUDGEE COLLEGE OLD BOYS'

2022 Annual Memorial Mass

Remembrance Mass
celebrating the lives of
deceased Christian Brothers,
Nudgee College Old Boys
and members of the
Nudgee College family.

Please join the NCOBA and Nudgee College community as we remember and celebrate the lives of recently deceased Old Boys, staff and family members. The event will begin with a Memorial Mass followed by a breakfast with a gold coin donation going to the Jack Ross Bursary (which is an equity bursary which gives boys from disadvantaged situations the opportunity to attend Nudgee College).

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William Martin speaking at a College Assembly last year.

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Tim Carmody.



Kerry Watson.

Honourable Old Boys

Congratulations to the following Old Boys who were awarded Australia Day or Queen's Birthday honours this year:

AUSTRALIA DAY

MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

- **Mr William Michael Martin**
For service to sport as a gold medallist at the Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

- **The Honourable Timothy Francis Carmody**
For significant service to the law, and to the judiciary.
- **Mr Kerry Dhonal Watson**
For significant service to the tourism industry, and to the major events sector.

MEMBER (OAM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

- **Royal Australian Air Force Wing Commander Colin Bruce Walker**
For meritorious performance of duty in Air Mobility capability development and assurance for the Australian Defence Force.



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