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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear St Joseph's Nudgee College community,

This semester we have celebrated the arts at the College with Dimensions and NC Creatives, farewelled our Senior class of 2022, enjoyed community events such as the Long Lunch and the Mothers' Christmas Mass and Dinner, and presented awards to many staff, students and community members for their achievements this year.

This edition of *Behind the Stripes* features stories on the new Nudgee College Racing program, the growth of NC Sustainability over the last few years, families who have contributed significantly to the Nudgee College community, 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

If you have been a regular visitor to the College, or perhaps just paid an occasional visit in recent years, you will be well aware of the physical enhancements that have been made to the campus. These range from the beautiful lighting on the verandahs of the restored Treacy Building at night, to the sweeping views of the Flats by day, to small improvements, such as clearer signage and a rejuvenated rose garden. Internally, our classrooms, learning areas and Boarding dormitories have also been upgraded. All of these improvements have been a major focus and we now receive much positive commentary and feedback on the quality of the campus. Importantly, they also create a better environment for our boys to learn, live and create.

The focus of our attention this year and for the immediate time, will be less obvious to visitors. Two significant projects have been underway to

strategically shape how our teachers teach and how we intend to enhance the work of all staff.

The first of these projects reflects our strategic priority to advance Learning and Teaching. One of the means of achieving this is by cultivating a vibrant and cohesive professional teaching community. During the course of 2022, our teaching staff have been working on implementing a pedagogical framework that is called the Art and Science of Teaching (ASOT). ASOT has been developed by esteemed educator and researcher, Dr Robert Marzano. ASOT provides an explicit teacher pedagogy to complement the Habits of Mind learning dispositions used by our boys. Consistency about how we plan content and the learning context, as well as feedback on learning experiences, will build on the work of our teachers in recent years through programs such as Write

that Essay and High Impact Teaching Strategies. In addition, teachers have developed a better understanding and application of the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) standards. ASOT provides an instructional framework that is designed to create a common language for teacher and student achievement. Ultimately, improved learning outcomes for all students is the goal.

The second project has been the development of our staff performance and professional growth process. During 2022, a project officer, Ms Anna Kinnane, has been employed to work with our staff in developing an internal review process. Anna has consulted widely, used the latest research and piloted a trial process with middle leader teachers in Semester 2. Parallel to this trial has been the work with a number of key support staff, to develop a



Left: Treacy Building verandahs.
Below: The Flats ovals.



process that complements that of our teachers, but also recognises the nuances of the diverse roles support staff undertake at the College. This new process for all staff will be phased in over the coming 18 months. Ultimately, it represents our investment in staff learning and continuous development to facilitate professional growth, enhance their engagement and build their skills.

I commend to you this edition of *Behind the Stripes*. It is an insight into the vibrant and dynamic learning environment that is offered to Nudgee College men in 2022. We know that *Behind the Stripes* is a valued means of communicating with the Nudgee College community – past, present and future. It is a community that spans generations and is spread far and wide across the state, nation, as well as overseas. We also know that there is no longer one means of sharing this

communication that is effective for everyone. Some readers love to hold and touch the magazine. Some readers want it available electronically to read, whenever or wherever they may be. We want to know your preference so that we can better meet the needs of our extensive readership. So, please respond by ticking your preference on the card included with the postal version, or complete the online form by scanning the QR code or clicking the link in the email edition.

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Peter Fullagar.

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BEYOND THE BOYS

THE FAMILIES OF NUDGEES COLLEGE

MS TIFFANY KELLER



When a boy starts his journey at Nudgee College, a journey also begins for his family. In some cases, family members have already immersed themselves in all that Nudgee College has to offer. Here, we explore the connectedness to the College of a couple of the most engaged families – the Curran and the Williams families.

The Curran Family

Mr Paul and Mrs Jo Curran joined the Nudgee College community in 1986, when Paul worked in Boarding, yet their connection stems back near the school's origins. Paul has family members from western Queensland who attended in the 1930s, while Jo's grandfather, father, brothers, brother-in-law and uncle were all Nudgee College Old Boys. Their sons, Joseph and Daniel, were both baptised in the College Chapel and started as Year 5 students. This year, Joseph graduated.

"It becomes a reflective moment and one of mixed emotions that sees us proud of the journey that Joseph has had, and his consistent involvement with the classroom and his sporting commitments," Jo said.

"From the friendships he made to seeing the reality of the Nudgee College motto (*Signum Fidei* – a *Sign of Faith*), we enrolled a young boy who leaves the College as a young man."

Throughout their Nudgee College journey, Jo and Paul have assumed many roles and dedicated countless hours to serving the College. In addition to his Boarding duties, Paul began teaching at the College in 1991, and continues to educate the young men of Nudgee College to this day. Throughout that time, he has held multiple senior positions in Boarding and worked across a range of departments. He has also been active in the promotion of Nudgee College Boarding, partaking in regional visits, touring families around the College and attending Old Boy functions. His commitment to Nudgee College even extended to the extra-curricular realm, coaching Cricket, Rugby, Football and more over the years.

Jo also assumed Boarding duties while they were living on campus.



Paul, Joseph and Jo Curran.

As a current parent, Jo has been an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and held the President's position for five years. Jo's commitment to the College has been so significant that she was presented with an Edmund Rice Community Award at this year's College Awards Ceremony.

Deputy Principal Mr David Johnston said Jo's contribution has been integral to the success of many community events.

"For the last five years as President, Jo has brought her calm, confidence and charm to a role that needs each of these to build its networks and promote the goodwill this body brings to the College," he said.

"Her energy and enthusiasm, not to mention organisation, will be sorely missed."

Looking to the future, Paul will continue his role as a staff member as the pair become past parents.

"We will continue to be strong supporters and advocates of the College," Jo said.

"I am looking forward to Past Mothers' Association events and the many social occasions at Nudgee College, as well as continuing strong and cherished friendships."

The Williams Family

Mr Clayton and Mrs Leah Williams are the parents of 2022 Senior Angus Williams and Old Boy Mr Max Williams (NC 2017-2019), but their connection to Nudgee College spans back much further. Clayton is also an Old Boy, attending the College from 1984 to 1988, as are his brothers Tod (NC 1980-84) and Andrew (NC 1981-85). His mother, Laurie Williams, is also a legend of the College, initially working in the operational side before becoming involved with the Equity program.

Over the years, Clayton and Leah have developed a significant connection to all things Nudgee College and have been fierce advocates.

"Our strong community connections and involvement through our family hotels, restaurants and Brothers Rugby Club allowed us to promote the College brand," Clayton said.

With a commanding presence in the Sunshine Coast region, the Williams family have been key supporters of the College in the area, hosting events and spreading the word amongst the locals.





Clayton, Max, Angus and Leah Williams.

Rugby was Clayton's passion as a student, which has driven him to support the Rugby program. He praised Rugby Director Mr Sean Graham's contribution and said it has been a privilege to watch the program's growth and the way it has brought the community together.

"Innovation in documentaries like *The Season*, the post-match functions and the improvement in seating for 'the occasion' has given our community a tool to reconnect," he said.

The family also became involved in the Rowing program when their son Max took up the sport in 2017. Clayton said it remains a great experience to look back on.

"This was our first introduction to many College families, including the Marks, Carmodys, Longs and Camerons," he said. "They all welcomed us with open arms and we were humbled by their level of commitment to the College."

The friendships forged along the way, for both parents and students, are often discussed fondly when referring to the Nudgee College experience, and the Williams family is no exception. Leah said she is grateful her sons are part of a strong community that will last a lifetime, no matter where life takes them. A standout community event, Leah said, was Blue for Alex, which was an event held in 2019 to support the recovery of Alex Clark, who suffered a spinal injury playing rugby the year prior.

"Clayton was part of a team of incredible helpers who organised

this event for such a special cause," she said. "The support shown by so many families is a testament to the wonderful, unique, caring community that Nudgee College truly is."

With the graduation of their youngest son this year, Clayton and Leah have reflected on their time at the College. Clayton said he is extremely satisfied and happy to leave the College knowing it's in a great place.

"We hope the boys who come through appreciate their journey, and feel the support of their 10,000 brothers and the Nudgee College community in any time of need," he said.

"Nudgee College will always be part of our family and we intend to remain active in its community."

Leah said she is looking forward to being involved with the Past Mothers' Association and watching their friends continue their Nudgee College journeys.

"Our sons have always thanked us for sending them to Nudgee College and as a parent you really couldn't wish for anything more," she said.

"Although we are sad, all good things must come to an end and we left knowing we will always be part of the Nudgee College community."

Clayton was also recognised by the Nudgee College Old Boys' Association this year with a Signum Fidei Award (more information on this can be found in the NC Alumni section).





PLATINUM AWARDEES

Annually, the College celebrates Year 12 students who have achieved sustained academic excellence with the Platinum academic award.

Peter Fullagar, Andrew Tora, Lachlan Barrett, Elliot Browne, Harry Roati, Thomas Malone and Jason Sepetauc.

It is very hard to achieve, requiring consecutive semester-based Gold academic awards (determined by grade-point averages across all subjects) from Year 9 to Year 12.

This year's recipients are Lachlan Barrett, Elliot Browne, Thomas Malone, Harry Roati and Andrew Tora. Dean of Learning and Teaching Mr Jason Sepetauc said that their achievement challenges younger students to be the best they can be in the classroom.

"Academically, they model the way," he said. "They've evolved learning habits to manage the ever-increasing rigour of their studies by using the Habits of Mind dispositions such as persistence,

striving for accuracy and thinking interdependently."

The students were presented with their awards during an Assembly in Term 3 so that younger boys could be inspired by their achievements. They were acknowledged again at the College Awards Ceremony in November.

"Whilst it is wonderful to see these students awarded, they'll take with them something far more important than a medal when they graduate," Jason said.

"The Habits of Mind is an adaptable set of learning tools, which they'll carry into further study and their careers."





EDUCATION

THE NUDGEE COLLEGE WAY

YASHODHAN RAYANI

With 'education' a popular topic in public discourse, one voice that is often less prominent is that of the students themselves. As such, Year 12 student Yashodhan Rayani has taken this opportunity to share his thoughts on his educational journey at Nudgee College.

Prior to attending the monolith that is Nudgee College, I was a student at a relatively small primary school in the north of Adelaide. I loved attending school for the depth of opportunity available, from music to art. I fell in love with the fact that with time, effort and commitment, I could better myself in so many ways.

It was the summer of 2017 when I began attending the College as a fresh-faced, wide-eyed, Year 7 boy. Settling into a school of more than 1,500 students, after attending one which had little more than 100, felt

daunting at first. Part of me felt that I might just be swallowed up by the sheer number of students, be forgotten and have opportunities disappear. Quickly though, I came to realise that this wasn't the case. Despite the wide range of students and the sheer number of peers, I always felt tended to and well cared for. Then, it happened.

It was a particularly warm May afternoon in the middle of Term 2 during my first year at the College when my first big academic challenge emerged. As it drew near the end of

the period, my teacher at the time, Mr John Christie, sat me down, looked into my eyes, and told me what I thought was apocalyptic news – I had failed my final Term 1 Maths test. Of course, my first reaction was to break down in tears. As you would expect, Mr Christie comforted me and told me that I would do better in the future if I worked harder. At my other schools, this is where the conversation would have ended. But not at Nudgee College. For the rest of that term, Mr Christie stayed behind each and every class when I needed help, going at my pace and tailoring the

Left: The 2022 Magee Seniors, including Yashodhan Rayani (second to last row, second from the left).

Below: Yashodhan Rayani on his first day of school at Nudgee College.



information to make it as easily digestible as possible to my 12-year-old self. Back then, I thought he was getting some sort of extra compensation for the help he was giving me, or something along those lines. After all, why would a teacher lose lunch hours, free periods and personal time to help a single struggling student? It's only now, as I reflect, that I realise he was doing it because this was, and is, the Nudgee College way.

My next academic adversity came two years later as a Year 9 student, at the conclusion of Term 1. By this time, I was much stronger academically, thanks to the tireless efforts of my teachers over the past two years. However, this presented a novel issue: I didn't feel challenged enough. I started to grow frustrated with the classwork due to it becoming, for lack of a better term, monotonous. Little did I know that the Learning and Teaching staff had noticed this and were working behind the scenes on something special. Later that term, two programs were introduced to the student body: Delta Maths and English Honours. My life was never the same.

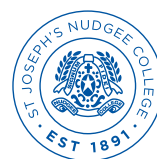
Walking into the English Honours classroom – and soon after, Delta Maths – on Monday of Week 3, Term 2, I found a home. Along with the new classes, two truly exceptional teachers entered my life: Ms Lauren Nolan and Ms Bonnie Becker. Every day felt like a genesis of a new part of the English language, the enlightenment of my soul to the beauty of calculus, the marriage of two concepts to create a pregnant theory. Admittedly, I might be exaggerating a bit, but that was truly a time of great growth for my peers, as well as myself. Then, everything changed (again).

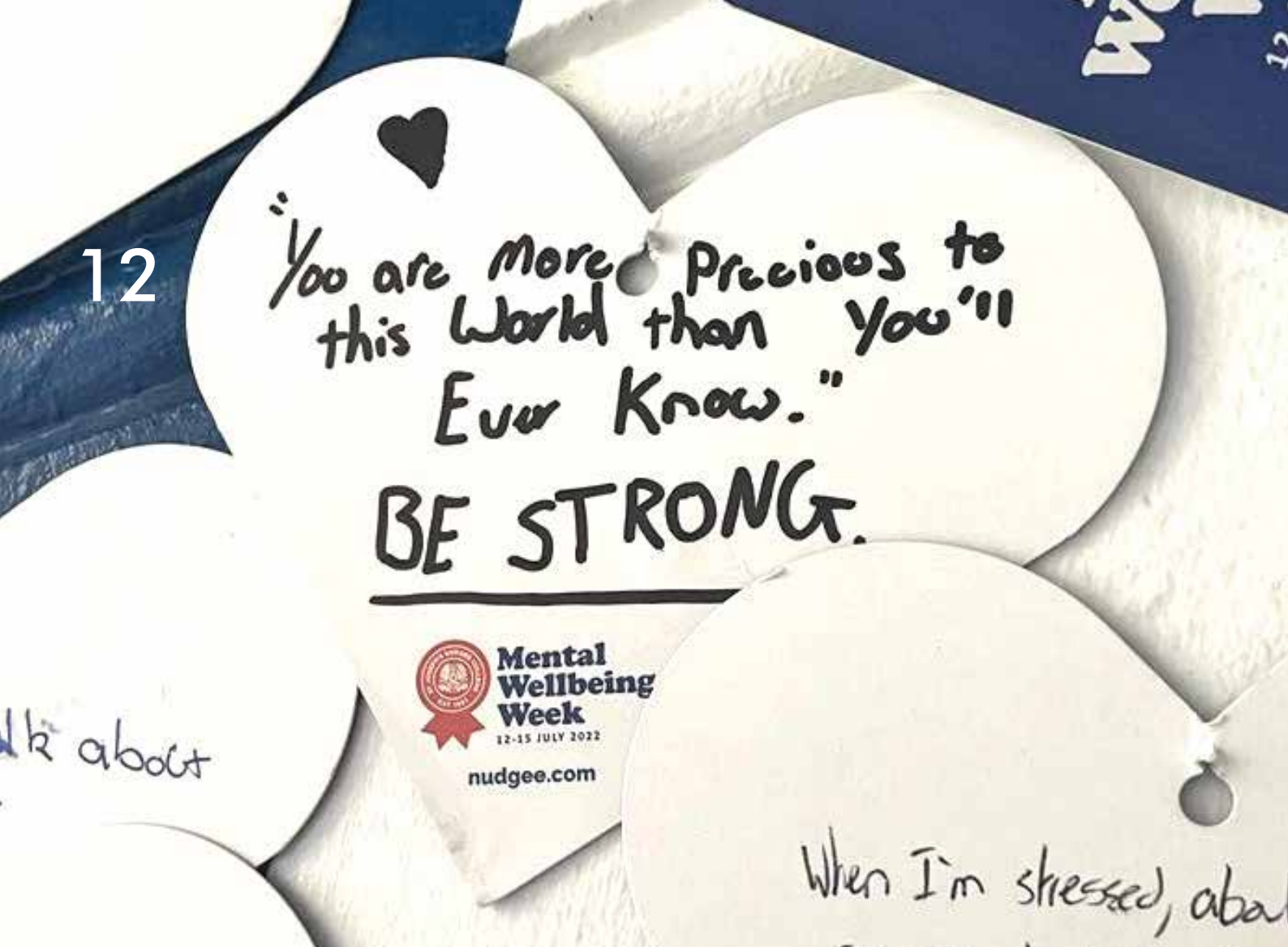
In 2019, Queenslanders received some unexpected news. The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), under a government directive, was switching from the very familiar Overall Position (OP) system to a completely new, entirely different Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) system. Gazing at that headline only a year before I was to enter senior school, was truly a little unsettling. Fretful conversations amongst my peers became

commonplace, asking questions of "what's going to happen?" and "has it all been for nothing?". Despite our fears, we knew that we had a strong ally beside us in this journey – the Learning and Teaching department. Even though the system had changed drastically entering Year 10, my peers and I never felt a big jump in style or complexity. Unbeknownst to us at the time, the Learning and Teaching staff had been hard at work rewriting the information to make it feel familiar in style whilst slowly assimilating us to the new system, a task that undoubtedly went above and beyond.

As I gaze back on my Nudgee College journey, only one thing truly comes to mind that describes my entire experience: gratitude. Through all the trials and tribulations, through all the victories, defeats and reluctant draws, Nudgee College stood beside me, unwavering. I am so very fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend this wonderful, opportunity-filled, loving school. I have met so many wonderful people. Looking at the rest of the school, I just know that Nudgee College has a bright future ahead. To current and future students, I have but one piece of advice, a promise: give to Nudgee College and it will give back.

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MENTAL WELLBEING WEEK

MS HANNAH KILBURN

The daily life of an adolescent male is complex; a delicate balance of schoolwork, hobbies and social interactions, all whilst the world rapidly evolves around them. Pandemics, natural disasters and social media pressure have become the norm for adolescents in these times, and with this, an undeniable rise in mental illness.

In studies conducted by the Black Dog Institute and the Queensland Government, one in five Australians experience a mental illness in their lifetime, with suicide being the second leading cause of death for young people aged 15 to 24. Despite men being at the greatest risk of suicide, they are least likely to seek help due to the stigma attached to it, with 62.9 per cent worried about what other people might think.

In 2022, it was time to draw a line in the sand and, as a College collective, do more for our boys to provide support and a safe space to talk about their mental wellbeing. Mental Wellbeing Week was developed to empower each other to talk about our feelings, to wear our hearts on our sleeves and support each other to do the same. We needed to start conversations about our mental wellbeing and show each other that it is ok to talk about our feelings. Our goal was to facilitate a week during the school year, which encourages students to wear their hearts on their sleeves, both physically and mentally, by talking about their struggles (big or

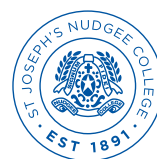


small), learning how to express their feelings, as well as understand where their mental wellbeing sits on the 'Mental Health Spectrum'.

Mental Wellbeing Week launched in Week 1 of Term 3. The Seniors wrapped the tree in Edmund Rice Mall with blue decorations, prompting conversations amongst the students and staff. Year 12 student Akot Akot spoke at Assembly and we launched a video encouraging the boys to wear their hearts on their sleeves. I commend Year 12 students Akot Akot, Darcy Turner, Harry Roati, Andrew Tora, Angus Williams and Liam Le Blanc, for being brave enough to set an example and speak out about their struggles in a video that was played at Assembly and on social media. These Year 12 students became the leading force among other students having conversations in PC and writing messages of support and notes on their personal struggles on paper hearts, which were then hung in the Spirit Tunnel for all to read, showing that it is ok to talk about their feelings. These messages of support included:



Thank you to Dean of Students Mr Anthony Connellan and Director of Students Mr Sean Toovey for bringing this to fruition, and College Psychologist Ms Bianca Burbury and her team for not only supporting this initiative and providing us with the educational framework to execute with the most effective impact, but also for her endless support for the boys. I look forward to the College continuing to support this initiative in future years and seeing its long-lasting impacts.





THE EVOLUTION OF NC SUSTAINABILITY

MR ANDREW HOOK

After six years of progress, Teacher in Charge of Sustainability, Mr Andrew Hook, reflects on all that NC Sustainability has contributed to College life.



Clean Up Australia Day.

Tree planting session.

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In 2017, Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) held a National Conference on Sustainability in Canberra, to which all Principals and delegates from EREA schools were invited to attend. This was in response to and recognition of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. The objective was to engage in a discussion regarding how EREA schools can respond to the calling of the Catholic community. It was at this conference that Principal Mr Peter Fullagar and I represented Nudgee College, to discover new opportunities for our community with respect to upgrading our ecological mindset. Upon returning to the College, NC Sustainability was officially established and a new chapter of caring for our common home began.

Originally, we were a small group that consisted of five students, sitting on couches in the Library on Fridays, with some straightforward ideas. These ideas quickly transformed into actions as we introduced recycling to the College for the first time, with our new waste management contract. By the time 2018 was drawing to a close, we had made considerable progress, although our group had

only grown to 15 students. We were successful in banning plastic straws and cutlery from the Tuckshop, we managed to collect almost a tonne of waste from the creek at the back of the property, we posted signs in every classroom to promote conserving energy and we created a logo that would represent the group as a legitimate committee. Additionally, the following services and national days were added to our program:

- Paper recycling
- Coffee pod recycling
- Food composting
- E-waste recycling
- Print toner and ink cartridge recycling
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Arbour Day
- National Tree Day
- Nude Food Day
- Containers for Change program

Students have been given many more opportunities to learn, while engaged in service during the NC Sustainability era. Evidently, the program has grown significantly in numbers. After four different Captains, as well as a presence on

social media, in student notices, newsletters and the College Annual, and at Assemblies, our membership has grown from five to 75 students in six years. Furthermore, in that time we have achieved the following:

- More than 300 students have been involved in planting almost 3,000 native trees on the property
- 52,000 drinking containers were recycled
- 100 tonnes of paper were recycled
- 150 tonnes of food waste were recycled
- 120kg of ink cartridges were recycled
- 250kg of coffee capsules were recycled

With tree planting events growing in numbers and Clean Up Australia Day events getting bigger, NC Sustainability is definitely here to stay. The legacy that has been left from previous years has been continued by our current students. There is a real sense of purpose for the future and I know that I personally look forward to what the next generation can bring to the sustainable table.



A NUDGEE COLLEGE BOARDING WELCOME

MR MIKE SILCOCK

After arriving at the College at the beginning of 2022, Director of Boarding Mr Mike Silcock, shares his Nudgee College experience so far.

*Top: The Silcock family.
Below: Louis De Villiers, Banjo Silcock, Ainslie Silcock, Bodhi Silcock, Edan McDonald and Mike Silcock in a Cotter kitchenette.*



As the Boarding Village gate closed on another exhilarating term at Nudgee College, I took a moment to reflect on all that has been. My wife Ainslie, sons Banjo and Bodhi, and our pups Bruno and Winston were with me. The sun was shining and whilst the heart of this great College beat that little quieter (with the absence of our boarders), I was reminded of how blessed my family and I are to be a part of this great community. To be a part of the formation of our fine young men. Young men who in time will include Ainslie's and my boys, for there can be no more compelling affirmation of our confidence and belief in Nudgee College, than to place our own boys in their caring arms. I was brought back to the moment, as Bruno and Winston scampered past me, barrelling Bodhi to the ground and sending his (unsympathetic) elder brother into hysterics. It reminded me of a story shared to me by my Latin teacher, who was a dormitory supervisor when I started at boarding school, 34 years ago. He would become one of the most influential people in my life and told me this story a few weeks into

my boarding journey. It helped me learn to understand others, to accept others for who they are and to learn to live with others (full disclosure, I have changed pounds to dollars for my audience).

A shop owner placed a sign above his door that said: "Puppies for Sale".

Signs like this always have a way of attracting young children and to no surprise, a boy saw the sign and approached the owner. "How much are you going to sell the puppies for?" he asked.

The store owner replied, "anywhere from \$30 to \$50".

The little boy pulled out some change from his pocket. "I have \$2.37," he said. "Can I please look at them?"

The shop owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came a dog named Lady, who ran down the aisle of his shop followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur.

One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "what's wrong with that little dog?"

"It doesn't have a hip socket. It will always be limp. It will always be lame."



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The little boy became excited. "That is the puppy that I want to buy."

The shop owner said, "no, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you."

The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger and said, "I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for."

The shop owner countered, "you really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies."

To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the shop owner and softly replied, "well, I don't run so well myself and the little puppy will need someone who understands!"

Our young men, 'understand'. The support they give one another, in their dormitories, in our Village, across the College, is the very essence of our

Nudgee College Boarding community. As Banjo walked across to pick Bodhi off the Village green floor, the parallel to the many moments we have witnessed already this year, of the brotherhood that connects our Nudgee College men, was clear and obvious.

When your family is a boarding family – when work and home exist simultaneously – time in boarding is so incredibly rewarding. Recently, the College was abuzz with a visit from Barker College in New South Wales for a monumental rugby match. Promoted as a state champion versus state champion event, everywhere you looked that day was awash with blue and white, and the sound of excitement. None more so than for Banjo. His under 7 Norths team had been invited to play the curtain-raiser on Ross Oval before the showpiece 1st XV game. Unbeknownst to me, Banjo had bumped into Louis De Villiers (a member of our 1st XV and Cotter House) on the Thursday prior and proudly shared with him that he would be playing. Louis said he would come and support him and wished him well. Banjo worships Louis and has watched all his games this year.

When the Saturday morning came around Banjo woke and declared to me, "Louis is coming to watch my game". I attempted to harness the excitement for I knew Louis would be warming up. I contacted Louis, wished him well for his game and asked him if there was any chance, he would be able to pop up to Ross and watch him run out. Louis replied that he would do one better. What followed brought a tear to my eye. Louis spoke to a number of our 1st XV players, who all sent short videos to Banjo wishing him well. Telling him to savour the moment. That playing on Ross Oval was a special occasion and to enjoy it. Banjo's team ran out 3-0 winners against Brothers. Banjo scored two of those tries, including a length-of-the-field try that was scored in front of the Ross Oval Grandstand. Banjo stood in awe, as the Nudgee College brothers supported one of their own.

It is not a job to work in a place like Nudgee College – it is a privilege. Nudgee College men, 'understand'. I want our sons to understand and look forward to many, many more years as part of this great community.





ESPORT AT NUDGEE COLLEGE

The College's Esport Technology Club Student Co-coordinator, William Duffield, shares how the College is perpetuating a positive online gaming environment.

Admired American author, Isaac Asimov, held the notion, "it is change, continuing change, inevitable change, that is the dominant factor in society today. No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be." Interestingly, his sentiments appertain to the online, digital world inundating our lives today and how we can strive to make meaningful change for the betterment of society.

Given the popularity of online gaming among young people, researchers have studied technology's negative impact on prompting aggression, isolation, addiction and depression. Recently, a stigmatised view of the gaming environment has been emphasised in media; the portrayal of online gamers as insensitive, dangerous and lazy – depictions that perpetuate this stereotype that online gaming has negative consequences.

However, new emerging research challenges this mode of thought, destigmatising the negative online gaming environment and identifying the significant benefits technology has in encouraging teamwork, collaboration and responsible, safe use of technology. But, these positive effects can only happen if a strong, nurturing and positive gaming environment exists. Technology is inevitably a part of childrens' everyday lives. So why don't we create a healthy environment that allows students to succeed and flourish, defying the social attitudes associated with being an online gamer?

Esport has become a key co-curricular pursuit in university and Olympic events in recent years. The Australian mining industry has already recognised the unique and useful skills that gaming provides young people, actively recruiting 'gamers' to operate complex

machinery. With the intense, stigmatised scrutiny held on online gaming across many facets of modern society, the skills to develop strategies to elucidate and critically solve problems, understand the inherent responsibility of handling technology appropriately, and uphold the core Esport principles are invaluable. These are the skills that all students need in a digitally thriving world. The Australian Esports Principles enhance and enrich these skills, and protect the rights and responsibilities of fair, respectful play, encouraging open, honest conversation and building confidence to collaborate in an inclusive space. Echoing these principles at its forefront, Nudgee College is entering a new epoch of energy, teamwork, dedication and success. We are creating change. We are creating a healthy gaming environment.

This semester, Nudgee College has announced the addition of



the Esport and Technology Club, providing students with a unique opportunity to develop strategy, teamwork, communication skills and invaluable experiences. Throughout the club's development, we spoke with students about their gaming habits and attitudes. In a Google Form survey conducted at the end of 2021, we saw that gaming was widely subjected to social stigma and that creating healthy boundaries and encouraging regular conversation with parents and caregivers increases safe and responsible technology use. Nudgee College aims to emphasise these core principles through weekly training sessions and involvement in competitions.

Weekly Training Sessions

Students were invited to train and build upon the fundamental Esport values with their peers each week. Throughout Semester 1, Years 8 to 11 students, guided by very capable Year 11 leaders and expert teachers, including Ms Cathy Lamb and Mr Dexter Friend, displayed their work, critically problem-solved, developed strategies, and challenged themselves and others to respond and operate technology responsibly and respectfully. Esport member Xavier Corry said the Esport Club means opportunity.

"The opportunity to do something new that hasn't been done before at the College and the opportunity to get more students participating within the arts," he stated.

Fellow member Lachlan Meagher said, his favourite experience has been the friendly competitions between the boys during afternoon meetings.

"The matches allow the boys to engage in a healthy gaming environment," he said.

Involvement in Competitions

In-person experiences are integral to developing the fundamental Esport principles and making meaningful connections with others. Earlier in Term 3, Nudgee College participated in the Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) High School Esports League in the disciplines of E-safety, live broadcasting

and positive gaming. During the competition, students acquired insight into the safety component of gaming in an online environment and were encouraged to have regular conversations with their parents about the associated risks. Additionally, several students assisted with the live media broadcasting production, which challenged them to communicate clearly and think flexibly. Under the guidance of QUT Industry professionals, students applied these safety and core principles to positive, healthy gameplay. Consequently, Nudgee College won the fairness and safety conduct awards on the day.

Overall, it is clear that these experiences completely oppose the stigmatised public view of online gaming. By encouraging regular conversations and building an environment supported by inclusivity, teamwork, resilience, responsibility and collaboration, the Esport and Technology Club allows students to represent their school in various disciplines. It allows them to showcase their talents during games, develop their journalistic and media skills during live commentating, and understand the importance of using technology responsibly in a digitally dependent world.

Although in the early stages of its development, the Esport and Technology Club has proven to be resilient, creating a healthy online environment that paves the way for the future and defies societal norms. This doesn't happen without hard work from a dedicated team who gives up their time, talent and expertise, to ensure the boys receive an outstanding, unique opportunity. Thank you to:

- Ms Cathy Lamb (Digital Technologies Coordinator)
- Mr Dexter Friend (IT Services)
- Mr Jason Sepetauc (Dean of Learning and Teaching)
- Ms Alexandra Khafagi (Director of Performing Arts)
- Xavier Corry (Student Co-coordinator)
- All the Year 11 students for their service in leading the boys

Looking to the future, we will expand the club with more competitions and training opportunities. Any students interested are also welcome to express their interest when school returns in 2023. I hope we continue to perpetuate the ideals apparent in this club. We at Nudgee College are creating change; a healthy online gaming environment inclusive to all.



Inaugural Inter-house Esport competition.





NUDGEE COLLEGE RACING

Head of Skills and Training Faculty Mr Michael Byrne shares the exciting story behind Nudgee College's newest addition – a formula race car.

On Friday 7 October, a group of Year 11 students were part of the Nudgee College Racing (NCR) team, for a six-hour endurance motorsport event at Lakeside Raceway. The NCR team was competing for the first time in a field of 32 cars, representing schools from all over Queensland. NCR placed in the top three for the first four hours of the race, until an unfortunate clutch problem caused an early finish to the day. Although the team was disappointed they didn't finish the race, the students were absolutely buzzing with energy and excitement at the opportunity to compete in such a unique event as part of their subject selections for Years 11 and 12.

The program was introduced to Australia in 2015 by the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Formula Student (RTO Code: 41124), which is based in Yandina. Director at Formula Student, Mr Greig Frankham, having a background in motorsport engineering, saw the potential to use a motorsport platform to engage high school students in completing a Certificate II in Engineering Pathways qualification and therefore receiving four points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education. Although motorsport is the context for students, the focus is developing their engineering skills in a simulated work environment. Essentially, the program involves students building a

race car, which they get to race in an annual motorsport event at the end of the course. Schools can choose to build either a Le Mans prototype body or Clubman. Nudgee College chose the Le Mans for their first car build. The standard engine for all cars is a 20.5 HP, 670CC Twin Kohler engine, which can take the car up to speeds of approximately 80km per hour. This engine is coupled to a constant velocity transmission, which is chain driven to the rear axle assembly. The Australian-designed chassis incorporates pushrod-activated independent suspension for all four wheels acting on reservoir shock absorbers.



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Year 11 student Angus Wishart reflected on his first year in the Formula Student program:

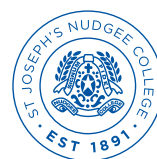
There had always been rumours that a Nudgee College Racing program would be started since I arrived at the College, so when I was given the opportunity to be involved in the upstart of the program, I jumped at the opportunity. I had already completed Year 10 Fabrication and was always interested in the mechanical side, which was limited when you were making toolboxes and stools. The Formula Student program seemed like the perfect opportunity for me to explore my interests and further my trade experience and skills. The program has taught me to stay positive and be resilient. One thing to consider when working with small tolerances, particularly because it was some boys' first experience with welding or any sort of fabrication, mistakes will be made and projects will have to be scrapped and restarted. However, the program showed us how to keep a healthy workshop environment and to stay positive in times of doubt. On race day,

our clutch failed due to wear and tear while we were in a pole position. This was a challenge for all of us on the day, as it meant we couldn't get any more track time without repairing the car. We managed to salvage some spare parts off a broken car from earlier in the day and were able to get one more really good run in before the car couldn't go any further. This was both a mental and physical challenge for us on the day, as we sprinted back from our pits to the broken-down car beside the starting cue carrying all kinds of tools.

I highly recommend this program to any future Year 11 students, as it is an opportunity for you to be part of something unique, test your mechanical and trade skills, and leave a contribution behind for future students while also having an absolute ball of a time.

Nudgee College introduced the Formula Student program into its Skills and Training subject offerings for Year 11 students in 2022. The College wants to ensure engaging learning opportunities and pathways are provided to all students, and the Formula Student program definitely

ticks that box. To function effectively, the Formula Student class has had to adopt a 'team-first' attitude, where students have to ensure their work is completed on time and to a high standard to make sure the project can progress through each key stage, and ultimately meet the performance standards required at the race track. The College is fortunate to have such dedicated teaching staff who have embraced the introduction of the new program. Mr Adrian Gray led the program and has done an amazing job guiding the students through the course and preparing both the students and the car for race day. Adrian was extremely well supported by his colleagues Mr Cameron Brown, Mr Trent Palmer and Mr Warren Roberts, who donated a lot of their own time to ensure the NCR team was ready to race. Behind the scenes, the Nudgee College community really rallied behind the creation of the NCR team. A big thank you must go to our wonderful sponsors and the amazing staff in the College's Development and Communications team, as well as the Locker Room.





MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

ANTHONY MINEO, JACOB GILLAM AND OLIVER KELE

On 17 and 18 July, 10 Nudgee College students travelled to the Gold Coast to participate in the Model United Nations (MUN) Conference, hosted by The Southport School. Attendees Anthony Mineo, Jacob Gillam and Oliver Kele recapped the experience.

As it was the first time we had been invited to attend such a competition, we didn't know what to expect. A MUN Conference mimics the United Nations General Assembly; students debate, negotiate and write resolutions to address real-world issues. Each student was assigned a country to represent and attempted to place their country's interests into the two resolutions written during the conference.

The students who made up the Nudgee College delegation included: Oliver Kele (Year 11) as the delegate for India; Jacob Gillam (Year 11) as the delegate for Indonesia; Anthony Mineo (Year 11) as the delegate for Turkey; Dominic Weber (Year 10) as the delegate for Ireland; Oscar Roati (Year 10) as the delegate for Brazil;

Sam Kewley (Year 10) as the delegate for Trinidad and Tobago; Lawson Swain (Year 10) as the delegate for the Netherlands; George Coorey (Year 10) as the delegate for Ecuador; Liam McBride (Year 10) as the delegate for Algeria; and Billy Connellan (Year 8) as the delegate for Samoa.

During the conference, delegates worked together to write two resolutions on nuclear power and security in the Asia-Pacific. Each student attempted to gather support from other delegates, negotiate concessions and amend the resolutions to ensure their country's interests were represented. Ultimately, we were successful, as both resolutions achieved the two-thirds majority vote required to pass.

Highlights of the conference included an insightful speech from Brigadier Rod West and the opportunity to work collaboratively with students from a wide range of schools. Brigadier West – who held a variety of military positions over a long career, including a period as a military attaché at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC – discussed international relations and current geo-political issues in the Asia-Pacific. Specifically, Brigadier West explored the ineffectiveness of the current UN model due to the disproportionate power and unrepresentative nature of the UN Security Council. His own personal experiences working with UN peacekeeping forces grounded his points and gave us an invaluable practical understanding of the UN.





Brigadier West's speech allowed us to approach the conference with a more analytical and geopolitical perspective, which undoubtedly aided in the success of the conference. Another highlight of the conference was the ability to collaborate with other students. As each student represented a country rather than their school, the conference was a unique opportunity to cooperate and come together. Often you find yourself competing against a school; however, at the MUN conference, you were competing against the interests and perspectives of a diverse range of countries. This was a truly unique experience that required keen analytical skills and the ability to set aside your own biases and thoughts on a topic.

This conference was a truly unique and valuable experience and we would encourage anyone interested in debating, politics, international relations and world issues, to give it a try in the future. Participating in the conference allowed us to hone our debating and analytical skills. Specifically, practising removing your own personal biases and thoughts on a topic from your arguments will prove invaluable – especially when you have to argue a side of a topic you don't agree with. More broadly, international relations and geopolitics is a common theme for Nudgee College Debating – from Senior A topics about AUKUS, to Year 8 debates about whether Australia should become a republic – the conference provided an opportunity to grow our knowledge. Even practising quickly writing speeches about your country's views on an issue or scribbling a quick amendment to implement your country's interests, were great ways

to become better at thinking on the spot and problem-solving. We would encourage any students reading this article to give Debating, and maybe even MUN, a go. Debating allows you to improve your public speaking, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, which are invaluable both in the classroom and the workplace. Also, you can make some great friends along the way!

Being able to participate in such a conference was an amazing experience and our delegation was able to bring home some awards. Anthony Mineo was highly commended, Jacob Gillam was

awarded for Best Diplomacy on the Security of Asia-Pacific topic and Oliver Kele won the award for Outstanding Delegate.

On behalf of all the Nudgee College participants, we would like to thank Ms Alexandra Khafagi and Ms Julianne Daunt for organising our involvement in this competition. We would also like to thank Mr Ian Trinh (NC 2010-16) and Mr Isaac Roati (NC 2012-19), who guided and prepared us for this competition, and attended on the day. We look forward to participating in the conference next year, as well as taking part in other conferences run across Brisbane.



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NAIDOC AT NUDGEE

..... MS TIFFANY KELLER





As NAIDOC Week traditionally falls during the school holidays, the College celebrated in Week 6 of Term 3 this year. NAIDOC at Nudgee featured various activities to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. From didgeridoo playing to dancing, art and interviews with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, every boy was able to get involved. This year's theme – Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! – encouraged people to continue pushing for systemic change in areas such as heritage protections, racism and progress towards treaties.

Shortly before NAIDOC at Nudgee, Year 12 student and Yolŋu man, Dylan James Burarrwanga, was featured on NITV to share his story. His strong message of connection was circulated amongst the Nudgee College community.



*Dylan James Burarrwanga
and Linkyn Macmillan.*





Johnny Eden-Spencer and Christopher Dods.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE YEAR 5s

MS KATE MCGRATH BURGESS

The Junior School is a hub where boys come to learn, play and grow. The day-to-day life of the Year 5 students, while structured and tailored to making sure the boys make the most of every day, ensures there is always time for laughter, fun and building genuine connections.

A typical day always starts with Pastoral Care (PC), where boys interact with others outside of their core class, as well as their Big Brothers. According to Year 5 teachers Mr Christopher Dods and Ms Susan Reid, this is an important part of their day.

"I think it helps the boys to develop that confidence in conversing with different age groups," said Christopher. "Within that, it gives the kids a bit more autonomy."

Susan said PC provides an opportunity for another adult check-in outside of their core teacher.

"Another teacher who doesn't see them in an academic setting but sees them personally," she said.

The Junior School runs like a traditional high school with different periods for each subject. Susan said once the boys come into the classroom, they do some traditional learning via the interactive whiteboard and some discussion, and finish off with a game of some kind relating to the subject. Boys also have subjects where they venture outside their normal classroom, such as Art, Music, Physical Education, Japanese and Library.

Having been a teacher at Nudgee College for 13 years and a teacher for 31, Susan said her favourite thing about the Junior School is the vibrant personalities in her classes.

"Watching boys have a moment where they can do more than they think they can, is rewarding," said Susan. "Boys are able to reach their potential by letting go of self-doubt and reaching for the stars."

Christopher has been teaching at the College for three years and said his favourite part of Junior School is undoubtedly the energy that the boys bring.

"The fact that boys run to every period after a break (often I'm busy getting things ready), the door opens and it

is a sprint to get into the classroom," he said. "That energy is so infectious, it drives me to be at school and keeps me in check to keep challenging myself to be better."

Hudson Cavanagh and Max Porter are part of Christopher's class and said that he is caring, funny and always willing to lend a helping hand. Furthermore, these qualities are shared throughout Junior School.

"The teachers are really nice," said Hudson. "They help us when there are hard times in learning to get through that. There are really nice boys in the Junior School too."

Max added that he really loves the facilities. "It's just well designed and I would never think that anything could top it," he said.

The Junior School facilities, staff and curriculum make sure that boys from all walks of life have the ability to thrive, in and out of the classroom.

"At the start of Year 5, we have boys from very different backgrounds," said Christopher. "Some boys who have never used a computer, some boys who have essentially never had access to the curriculum. At the end of Year 5, we have boys who are able to access their calendars, find out homework, access their reports, access tools to further their learning themselves within the College software – boys are able to do all that autonomously. Starting in Year 5 gives them such a



Eamon Warhurst.

precedent of learning. Boys who start in Year 6 or 7 are re-learning those skills, while the boys who have already learnt those skills are extending themselves."

Susan said she thought it was good for her own son to experience this.

"They've hit the ground running by the time they get to Year 7," she said. "It gives them more confidence as they go forward."

According to Susan, connections formed in Year 5 among the boys and the teachers are everlasting.

"Once you have taught them, you always see them in those years ahead and know something special about that child from when they were in Year 5," she said. "Watching them grow is such an honour."

Director of Junior School Mr Chris Cawley said he is privileged to lead such a committed group of professionals like Susan and Christopher.

"To be greeted each day by so many smiling faces amongst our students is what makes me so energised to ensure, every action and every decision taken, is based on the mantra; it's all about the boys," he said.

While learning and co-curricular activities are at the forefront of what the College provides children, through these, boys grow and evolve into the best version of themselves. With help from the supportive and encouraging teaching staff, boys flourish and leave the Junior School ready to take on high school.



NUDGEE COLLEGE IN 1922

The College's Archivist Mr John Sayer takes a look at what Nudgee College life looked like 100 years ago.

What once was, is once again. As our community lives and grows and evolves, it can be timely to sneak a look into our past and discover that, perhaps, the modern-day Nudgee College's DNA bears remarkable similarity to the emerging adult of the 30-year-old Nudgee College from back in the day.

The Principal was Br Louis Conlon – he was at Nudgee College for one year only. He had the powerhouses of Br James Columbus Ryan and Br Owen Paul Tierney either side of his tenure.

Br Conlon's words in the Christmas Annual of 1922 are quite strident and confronting on a range of school issues. The full text can be viewed via the QR code that links to the Annual itself. Please peruse them and judge for yourself how comfortable you are with his views. The passion of the Irish Brothers was destined to become evident in the students they educated.

The Annual carries 51 pages of advertising and provides a wonderful

insight into the society of post-World War I, post-pandemic and approaching the Great Depression. With no such behemoth as today's social media, the 2/6 (25 cents) paid for a copy was seen as an excellent investment by the many businesses who supported the College. Their messages were carried on the coffee tables of train and bus stations, to parlours, to kitchen tables, to workplaces.

The Annual covered a comprehensive look at the College: roll call; academic results; 'ex-students' and their progress (aka networking); the inception of the Nudgee College Old Boys' Association (NCOBA) (next-level networking); school spirit; the educational system; our teachers; the prize fund donors; sport; links with the past; Br F T O'Brien's Jubilee; handball; a summary of the College's sporting success for the previous five years; and two brilliant 1922 graduates from university – Tom Enriken BA (Barrister at Law) and Frank Breslin MB, MS (Bachelor of Medicine, Master of Surgery).

The Pope was Pius XI (1922 to 1939) and King George V sat on the British throne (1910 to 1936).

Additional articles celebrated the stories of Christian Brothers known to the Nudgee College community (Br Barrett included) and the passing of the brilliant young Rhodes Scholar, James Baxter. His story, among many others, is inspirational.

The GPS Association had only recently been formed and Nudgee College was 'feeling' its way into the various competitions. This is possibly an understatement, as it might be fairer to say that Nudgee College was being 'felt' in the various competitions. It would seem that cricket presented particular challenges for the College, with the editor of the Annual taking issue with the Queensland Cricket Association of its time.

The gamut of sports included athletics, boxing, cricket, football (Rugby League), gymnastics, handball, swimming and life-saving, photography and tennis.



Br O'Brien.

Summary of Sporting Successes 1916-1922

Football (Rugby League): The top team won the Grade Premiership on three occasions; the Secondary Schools Championship on two, with a total of 20 Premierships across the teams.

Cricket: The 1st XI were still awaiting the pleasure of success, but at the time of going to press, occupied the leading position for 1922. Eleven Premierships were won across the teams.

Athletics: The College team won the Association Cup in 1920 and 1921, and tied with The Southport School in 1919. The Archbishop's Cup for competition among Catholic schools came our way in 1921 and 1922, the only two years of competition. Several of the athletes distinguished themselves, some in the Junior State Championship during the period, winning no less than 73 championships.

Swimming: 'Dame Fortune' had not been kind to us.

Life-Saving: The College team won the Championship for five years out of seven.

Tennis: So far, we had not entered a regular competition.

Roll Call

The numbers as reported are somewhat confusing, but it looks as if the total school enrolment might have been 288 – made up of 233 boarders and 55 day boys.

NCOBA

It was only on 24 October 1922 that the NCOBA became an accomplished fact. An energetic Provisional Committee was elected with the Rev. Father Carlton as President, and Jack Ross as Secretary. Prior to this date, the Christian Brothers Old Boys' Association existed and brought together Old Boys from St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace, St James College, St Laurence's College and Nudgee College.

School Spirit

Br Conlon's comments on school spirit at Nudgee College are a sign of how things have changed. Our community has certainly evolved over the past century:

After the teacher's influence comes that of the parents, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the latter may not be particularly meddlesome persons as far as school matters are concerned.

...The part played by the boys themselves in the formation of a good school spirit is very small indeed, and bears little or no comparison to the far-reaching influence of the teacher and the parent. As a general rule, boys will be as the environment makes them.

...I would not be justified in saying that our Nudgee College boys have the ideal school spirit, but I feel quite safe in stating that I have never experienced a better Catholic spirit amongst boys than I have witnessed at Nudgee College.

Read the full text of his comments via the QR code.

Rev. Br F T O'Brien Jubilee

During the early part of October, Br O'Brien celebrated his Diamond Jubilee. Functions fitting the occasion were held at Gregory Terrace, but being of a private nature, the Old Boys had little opportunity of

congratulating their old friend and adviser. At the first meeting of the NCOBA, advantage was taken of Br O'Brien's presence to honour him.

Handball

Handball had always been the most popular of our games, and deservedly so, as not only is it a game of skill, but one that tends to train the eye, and to develop every muscle of the body. It is a matter of regret that national prejudices precluded the existence of handball in the other large colleges, as its benefits are unlimited. As usual, the annual championships were keenly contested by a large number of competitors. Forty entered the Senior Championship: 48 in the Junior and 14 in the Junior Minor. The Senior Championship was won by Walter Elliott, who had an easy win in the Final, defeating Francis Hetherington, 15-3 and 15-8. The two courts were located very close to the modern-day Health Centre site.

I encourage you to scan the QR code and scroll to page 153 to view the advertisement – T J Coaldrake was very entrepreneurial:

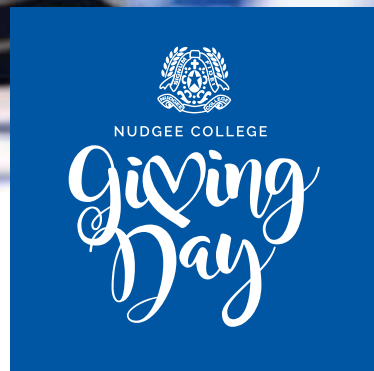
'Add 60/- to the cost of placing your boy at the College, advise me when you expect to arrive, and I will reserve a clean, comfortably furnished house for you at Sandgate (which is only two miles from Nudgee College).

You can then see the boy comfortably settled, and spend a few days holiday at the seaside before returning home.'

There is much more to savour from the 1922 Annual. Arguably, Nudgee College in 2022 stands in a fascinating and unique space, on a firm footprint and well-rooted to its origins and history.



Scan the QR code to view the 1922 Annual



GIVING DAY

MS LINDSAY KHUSHAL

Together, we have started a journey for two young men at Nudgee College. Foundation Manager Ms Lindsay Khushal shares how this year's Giving Day unfolded.

#startajourney

This Giving Day we were able to tell a powerful story.

We told the story of Old Boy Mr Stu Pola (NC 1981-85) and his son Mr George Pola (NC 2019-21), who is a proud recipient of the Jack Ross Bursary. It was an important story to tell, and it allowed us to make an enormous ask of the Nudgee College community – to raise enough money to enable us to start a journey for two boys through the Jack Ross Bursary. As a community with generosity at its absolute heart, you responded and we exceeded our target, raising just over \$225,000 in 24 hours!

We were humbled by the support for Giving Day, which was received from far and wide; parents, both past and present, Old Boys, staff, students and

friends of Nudgee College all came together to reach our collective goal. There was a strong sense of spirit, of paying it forward and of a dream of changing a young man's life, together.

The College ensured that students were able to celebrate the Foundation's goals, and come together with a strong sense of purpose and understanding of the importance of the Jack Ross Bursary. Thousands of dollars were raised through various fundraising activities, with the highlight being the opportunity to plunge their favourite teachers into cold water in dunk tanks that were set up on Wilkes Oval. Our sincere appreciation goes out to the teachers and their willingness to push themselves out of their comfort



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George and Stu Pola in the Giving Day video.



Dunk tank fundraiser.

zone, getting wet on a cold day for such a wonderful cause.

Principal Mr Peter Fullagar thanked the community sincerely for their amazing response:

Giving Day enables us to continue to support the Jack Ross Bursary, which in turn enables us to support two young men who otherwise would not have come to Nudgee College. It allows us to support their families; families who oftentimes struggle to provide the education they want for their young men. Beyond Giving Day, the Jack Ross Bursary will continue in this College to maintain that rich diversity as something that we celebrate here. To do that, we need you to continue to support this bursary as best you can.

At Nudgee College, it is our absolute focus to honour those who went before us, to preserve our history and our heritage, and invest in the buildings and facilities we see around us. However, equally as important is to honour those to come, and with the continued provision of the Jack Ross Bursary, we are investing in the future of Nudgee College students and paying forward that generosity that lives so strongly in our community.

The Polas are just one example of the many deserving families who have received the Jack Ross Bursary and the long-lasting effect it has on their lives. Our hope is to continue this far into the future.

I would like to sincerely thank all of our volunteers who assisted on Giving

Day in our Operations Room and I would like to make special mention of our Year 12 volunteers: Angus Williams, Hugh Smith, Akot Akot, Gus Rossl, James Chapman, Oliver Bryans, Elliot Browne, Edward Chapman, Luke Blackwell, Darcy Turner, Jim Collins, Harry Roati and Ryan Davey. Thank you also to our parent and Old Boy volunteers: Ms Susan Kewley, Ms Sarah Roati, Ms Belinda Plowman, Ms Carmel Nugent, Mr Saxon Mew (NC 1998-2002) and Mr Leo De Clara (NC 2015-21).

Finally, thank you to all of our generous donors who supported Giving Day. We are humbled by your generosity of spirit.



Thank you to our parents, grandparents, Old Boys, staff and friends who donated so generously to the Nudgee College Building Fund and the Jack Ross Bursary in 2022. Your support of the Nudgee College Foundation ensures a vibrant and vital future for more young men and creates a legacy that transcends generations.

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Secure your legacy in the **Grandstand**

Are you a 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 permanently etched on the fabric of this College's future.

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PHARMACY AND PHILANTHROPY: A LIFETIME OF IMPACT

MS LINDSAY KHUSHAL

“The thing in life that matters the most, when you have a lifetime looking back is: have you been able to make a difference?”

Rhonda White AO, 2022

Mr Terry White AO (NC 1951-54) and Mrs Rhonda White AO were recently presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. Their impact on the lives of others through their contributions to the pharmaceutical industry is simply immeasurable. However, this impact has not solely been through their professional careers. They are well known for their widespread philanthropic endeavours, and Nudgee College is proud to have recently been the recipient of such generosity in the founding of the Terry White Family Bursary.

Terry and Rhonda are well known for growing Australia's largest pharmacy network of more than 500 outlets, and throughout the decades have been applauded for their dedication to the pharmacy profession and their passion for community. Both have been granted numerous significant accolades, including an Order of Australia for their specific contributions in their areas of specialty and Lifetime Membership of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

Terry's entrepreneurial spirit has driven the growth of the Terry White Chemist empire. He is also a treasured Old Boy of St Joseph's Nudgee College – a past Prefect, Barrett House Captain and successful sportsman, having played in the 1st XI Cricket and 1st XV

Rugby from 1952 to 1954. Terry was also awarded the W Carlton-Smith Prize for Leadership and Character (now known as the W Carlton-Smith Memorial Award for Leadership, Study and Co-Curricular), which was a clear sign of future successes to come in his career. As well as growing the business with Rhonda, Terry also spent 10 years in state politics, becoming a Minister of the Crown and the Leader of Queensland's Liberal Party.

Rhonda, a pharmacist and organisational psychologist, has an exceptional eye for business and has been the heart and soul of the brand. She brought a unique vision to the systems and disciplines that have become the template for modern pharmacy practice in Australia. She has served as a director on several boards, including Ergon Energy and Energex Retail; as a Trustee of the Queensland Performing Arts Trust (QPAT); and as a member of the National Gallery of Australia Council. Rhonda was also the Foundation Chair of the Queensland Cancer Fund Volunteers Committee.

These numerous accolades and decades of success in pharmacy and business have been driving forces for Terry and Rhonda, but their love for their family has always been at the forefront. Tragically, they lost their sons Benjamin and William in 2020, which was unspeakably painful for them and their children Anthony, Stephanie and Joseph, as well as nine grandchildren.

They were extremely grateful for the support that encircled them in those difficult times from the Nudgee College community; a community well known for its generosity of spirit and sense of shared hardship.

Terry speaks with passion about the impact his time at the College had on his life, and continues to do so. Their hope is that through this bursary, they may honour their sons' memories and at the same time pass on a precious and lifetime gift – the chance of a Nudgee College education.

Much like that of Terry and Rhonda's illustrious careers, the impact of this gift is too great to measure. In so generously supporting this bursary, they are not simply educating a young man at Nudgee College, they are allowing that young man and his family a lifetime connection to the Nudgee College family.

On behalf of Principal Mr Peter Fullagar, I extend endless gratitude to Terry and Rhonda, and recognise their tireless devotion to making a positive impact in their community and on the lives of others. For more information about the Terry White Family Bursary, as well as ways to apply and criteria for selection, please visit www.nudgee.com/admissions/bursaries-and-scholarships or contact me, Foundation Manager Ms Lindsay Khushal via lkhushal@nudgee.qld.edu.au.





IMMERSION SNAPSHOT

After two years of running a modified Year 10 Immersion due to COVID-19, it was exciting to see the program restored to its former glory.

There were a total of 13 different Immersion formats, including eight local ones, which gave students insight into the lives of people at the margins of society, allowed them to practise yoga and martial arts, and taught them first aid. Immersions to Fraser Island, Kenilworth, Cairns, Winton and the Glass House Mountains focused on the impact of climate change, encouraged environmental sustainability, and engaged students with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.





Peter Fullagar with Riley House Prefects
Oliver Evangelista, Will Sutherland,
Oliver Bryans and Hugh Smith.

INTER-HOUSE SNAPSHOT



Semester 2 saw the completion of two Inter-house competitions. Taking place over a couple of weeks, Inter-house Debating featured many exciting verbal stoushes, with Duggan ultimately emerging victorious. Inter-house Track and Field was held on Tuesday 9 August. After a full day of athletic events on Hendry Oval, Tierney House took out the top spot. The winner of the Br Vic Larkin Shield, which is the culmination of Inter-house events and academic results, was announced at the Seniors' final Assembly in Term 4 – congratulations to Riley House.





Duggan House Dean Karim Sedour with Duggan Debating team members Lucas Black, Xavier Corry and Charlie Bell.

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In Semester 2, the Year 11 cohort completes a series of rituals in preparation for their roles as student leaders for the following year. This includes a leadership retreat in August, when the students reflect on their journey so far, set goals for their Senior year and determine the legacy they wish to leave behind. The process of naming a Captain, Vice Captains and Prefects for the following year is also part of this journey. Congratulations to 2023 Captain Jacob Gillam (centre), Vice Captains Harrison Palethorpe (left) and Ethan McNamara (right), and all of the Prefects.

NC SNAPSHOT



Eight Year 10 students banded together for the annual Write a Book in a Day competition in August. Students were required to plan, write, edit and illustrate a book of up to 5,000 words within 12 hours. The completed book The True Treasure was written in response to issued parameters and was donated to a child undergoing cancer treatment.



A small group of Year 10 Construction students attended the future site of the Caboolture Satellite Hospital for one of Construction Skills Queensland's (CSQ) Try'a Trade Days. Following a brief site induction and talks by several key personnel, the students rotated between undertaking tiling, plastering and carpentry tasks. Thank you to CSQ and Hutchinson Builders for hosting the students.



In Week 9 of Term 3, which was the bye round for GPS Rugby, Nudgee College welcomed Barker College's 1st XV to Ross Oval to contest for the Manu Sutherland Shield. The match, which was televised on Stan Sport, was hard-fought, with the College's 1st XV ultimately suffering a 25-0 defeat.

Above: Barker College and Nudgee College 1st XV teams.





On Thursday 1 September, fathers and father-figures of Years 5 and 6 students gathered in the Junior School to enjoy a breakfast together in celebration of Father's Day. Clockwise from top: Justin and Thomas Carroll, Dihain and Sandun Dewage, John and Jack O'Brien, Eli and Darren Hodges.

After being named the Dressage Captain for the Interschool Queensland Equestrian team, Year 12 student Jayden Donald competed at the Australian Interschool Championships at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in September. Despite dealing with inclement weather, Jayden finished sixth overall at the Small Tour level.





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The College entered a team in the Senior division of this year's AFLQ Schools Cup. The team made it all the way to the state finals series but was defeated by eventual winners Palm Beach Currumbin State High, ultimately finishing in fourth place.

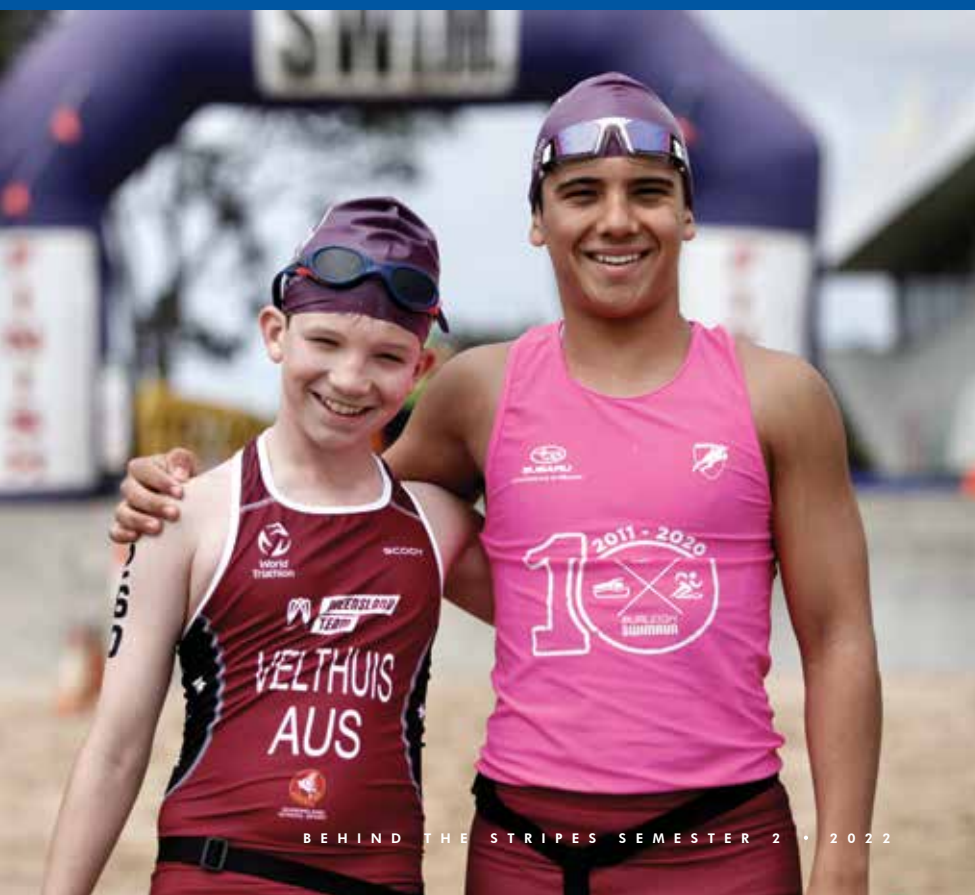


In July, Nudgee College was well-represented at the World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Varese, Italy. Former 1st VIII coach Mr John Bowes coached the Australian under 23 men's VIII, which featured Old Boy Mr Patrick Long (NC 2012-19). Fellow Old Boy Mr Lukas Matic (NC 2016-18) rowed in the under 23 men's quad. Current students Jonah Nelson and Chad Willett rowed together in the the under 19 men's quad.

Below: The 1st VIII at this year's GPS Head of the River, including Chad Willett in three-seat and Jonah Nelson in seven-seat.



Year 10 student Dusty Piper acted as a Para-Guide for 13-year-old Brody Velthuis, who is a PTV (Para-Triathlete Vision Impaired), during the School Sport Australia Triathlon Championship at Hervey Bay in September. The pair secured the national title in their category.



Throughout the year, a group of Year 10 to 12 students have taken part in *The Scene Project*, a Queensland Theatre program that gives students the opportunity to interpret, rehearse and perform a play. This year's program culminated in an outcome day on Thursday 4 August at Bille Brown Theatre.

Right: Robert Fitzgerald, Rio Lethbridge, Samuel Power and Baxter Giorgas.



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Over two days in September, the Junior School students participated in a Japanese incursion. The Years 5 and 6 students rotated through three different hands-on Japanese cultural activities: shodo (calligraphy), kimono wearing/dancing and origami.

Left: Finn Andrews, James Manning and Paddy Mullins



The College donated a cubby house that was completed by Construction students to Queensland Children's Hospital School's Woolloowin campus. Thank you to Year 12s Dylan Searson and Cody Henaway, who built this cubby, as well as Building and Construction teachers Mr Mark Rieken and Mr Cameron Brown for all that they do.

Below: Dylan Searson, Luke Berkeley, Cody Henaway and Owen Rowbotham





N C EVENTS

Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday 15 November, the College celebrated the achievements of many in the community at the annual Awards Ceremony in the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre. In addition to the presentation of award recipients, the night also featured 2022 highlight videos, music performances and art presentations.

Well done to all of the award winners and particular congratulations to the recipients of our Awards of Distinction:

- Junior Sportsman of the Year: **Zac Zillman**
- Year 10 Ladies' Auxiliary Award for Conduct, Study and Co-curricular: **George Gillam, Hunter Ireland, Michael Malone, Oscar Roati**
- Year 10 Richard James Hutton Elliott Bursary for Social Justice and Community Service: **Oscar Roati**
- Year 11 Past Mothers' Association Sign of Faith Award: **Luke Cowley, William Duffield, Jacob Gillam**
- The Old Boys' Award for Outstanding Service to the College: **Andrew Tora**
- Sam Sciacca Memorial Award for Character and Citizenship: **Akot Akot**
- Shirley Agnew Memorial Award for Outstanding Participation: **Lachlan Bancroft**
- University of Queensland Application to Life Long Learning: **Lachlan Barrett**
- Sustained Academic Excellence Award: **Lachlan Barrett, Elliot Browne, Thomas Malone, Harry Roati, Andrew Tora**
- Ampol All Rounder Award for Study, Activities and Service: **Elliot Browne**
- W A Collins Memorial Award for Conduct, Study and Sport: **Oliver Bryans**
- Lawrie Cusack Signum Fidei Award: **Thomas Connellan**
- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Nudgee College Sustainability: **Oliver Evangelista**
- The Kelleher Family Award for Consistent, Unrecognised Achievement: **Lachie Gray**
- James J Delahunty Award for Sportsman of the Year: **Winston Jory, Griffin Schostakowski**
- Excellence in Sport Award for Outstanding Achievement in a GPS Sport: **Jonah Nelson, Chad Willett**
- W Carlton-Smith Memorial Award for Leadership, Study and Co-curricular: **Harry Roati**
- Br J G Hodda Memorial Award for Leadership and Diligence as a College Captain: **Harry Roati**
- Br J G Hodda Memorial Award for Leadership and Diligence as a College Vice Captain: **Andrew Tora, Darcy Turner**
- The Arts Committee Creative Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts: **Tom Sands**
- John Francis Treacy Memorial Award for Service to the Boarding Community: **Darcy Turner**

The Dux of the College will be announced at the first Academic Assembly in 2023.



Jayho De Greer.



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Andrew Tora, Dary Turner, Harry Rooti
and Mr Peter Fullagar.





Boarders' Bash

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Boarders' Bash in July returned with a bang. Coinciding with Round 1 of GPS Rugby and Basketball, as well as the Old Boys' Reunion Weekend, the Boarders' Bash attracted thousands of people to Edmund Rice Mall after the final whistle of the 1st XV match. Families travelled from near and far to attend – from Tully to the

Territory, from Mount Garnet to Mount Isa. It was great to see our Boarding families enjoying the festivities.

The event featured a presentation of numbered Rugby caps to the 1st XV players. This is a recent initiative, the goal of which is to allocate a numbered cap to all 1,736 former and current 1st XV players, and for the tradition to continue with future

students. If you would like to know more about this project, please email museum@nudgee.qld.edu.au.

From the food trucks to the entertainment, the setting provided a perfect atmosphere for the many different Nudgee College community members to gather, reconnect with old friends and meet new people.



Formal and Semi Formal

The Senior Formal was the perfect way for the Year 12 students to mark the halfway point of their final year of schooling. Held on Sunday 10 July at the Royal International Convention Centre, the Seniors and their partners enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing before commencing Term 3.

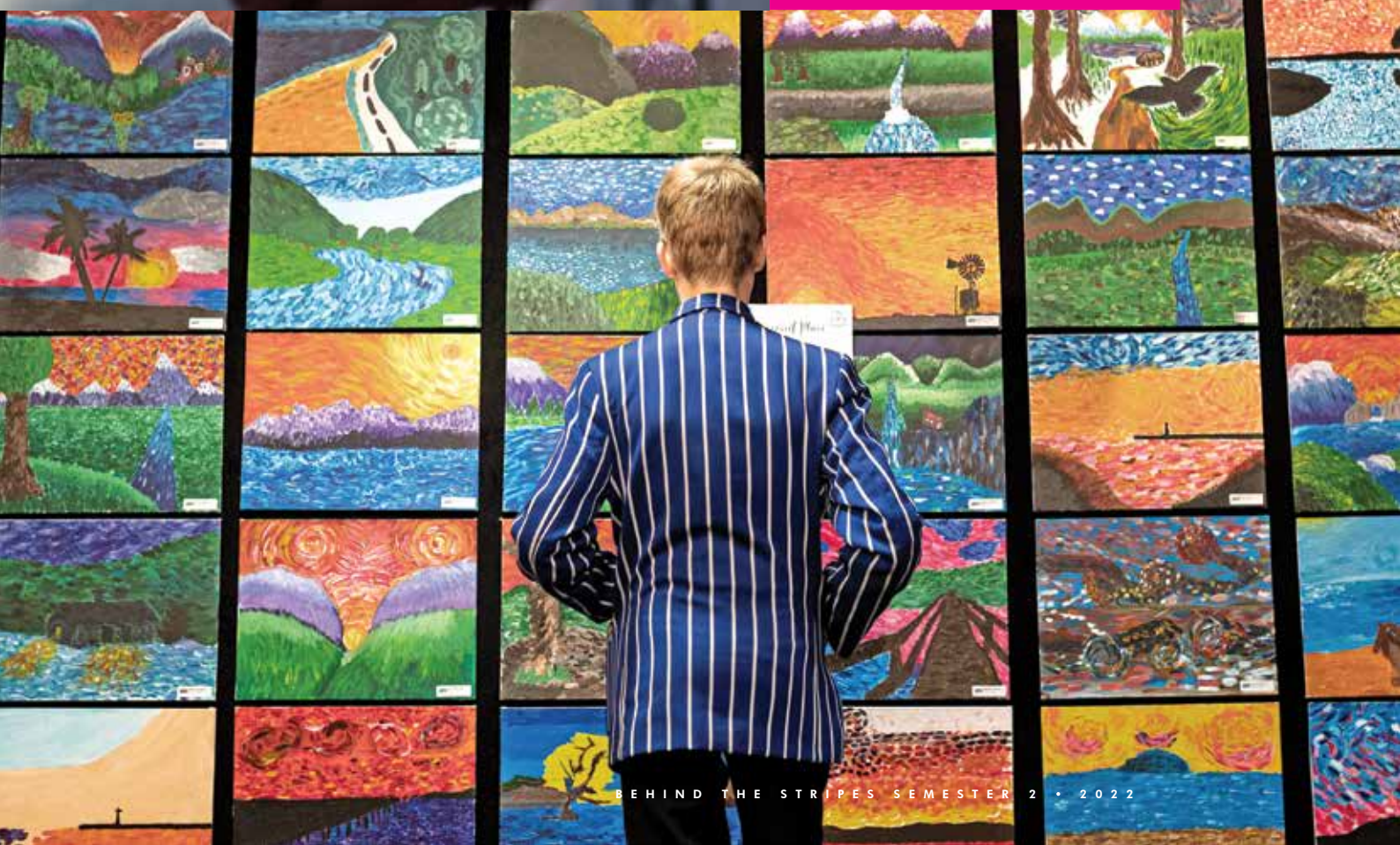
The Year 11s also had the opportunity to swap their blue blazer for a suit, celebrating their Semi Formal on Thursday 11 August at Victoria Park.



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Dimensions Arts Festival

The annual Dimensions Arts Festival, held in September, provided a great opportunity to celebrate all things art at Nudgee College. During the weekend, Tierney Auditorium transformed into an exquisite art exhibition, featuring artworks by our talented students, as well as Artist in Residence Ms Venus Ganis of Leaf & Co. The event also featured performances by College musicians. Thank you to the Arts Committee and College staff for their organisation of this event.





Mothers' Christmas Mass and Dinner

The College welcomed more than 550 people for this year's Mothers' Christmas Mass and Dinner, hosted by the Ladies' Auxiliary and Past Mothers' Association. Held on Saturday 5 November, the event commenced with a Mass in the Chapel. After Mass, the group gathered in Chapel Mall to enjoy pre-dinner canapes and a welcome drink before moving down to the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre. The crowd was entertained by musical acts Little Spark Band and Matty J. It was a great opportunity for many community members to celebrate the upcoming Christmas season.



2022 Year 12 mums.





Matty J.

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Long Lunch

Almost 1,500 people gathered on Wilkes Oval for the highly anticipated Long Lunch on Sunday 7 August. Previously held on Ross Oval, the Long Lunch relocated to Wilkes Oval in its fifth year to increase capacity due to popular demand. The sun was shining as guests mingled and enjoyed their meals. The afternoon featured entertainment by Matty J, Nick Trovas, Jordy Marcs and Gee'd Up. Thank you to the many staff, sponsors and volunteers who brought this beloved event to fruition following two years of cancellation.



Michelle Grimshaw, Simone Penrose,
Belinda Johnston, Theresa Bourke,
Kathryn Campbell and Nicole Nipperess.



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross

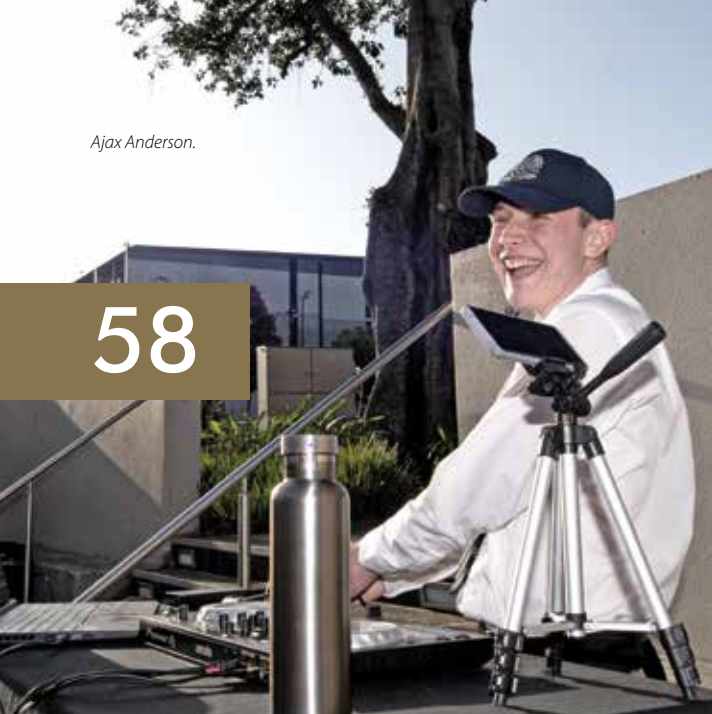
The College commemorated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a Mass on Ross Oval on Tuesday 9 August.

As the Patron Saint of Australia, Mary MacKillop is an iconic figure in Catholicism, who spoke of walking with those who were struggling in life and needed hope and encouragement.

"Never see a need without doing something about it."

The event also acknowledged College staff members who were celebrating milestone years in Catholic education, with 20 or more years of service.





NC Creatives

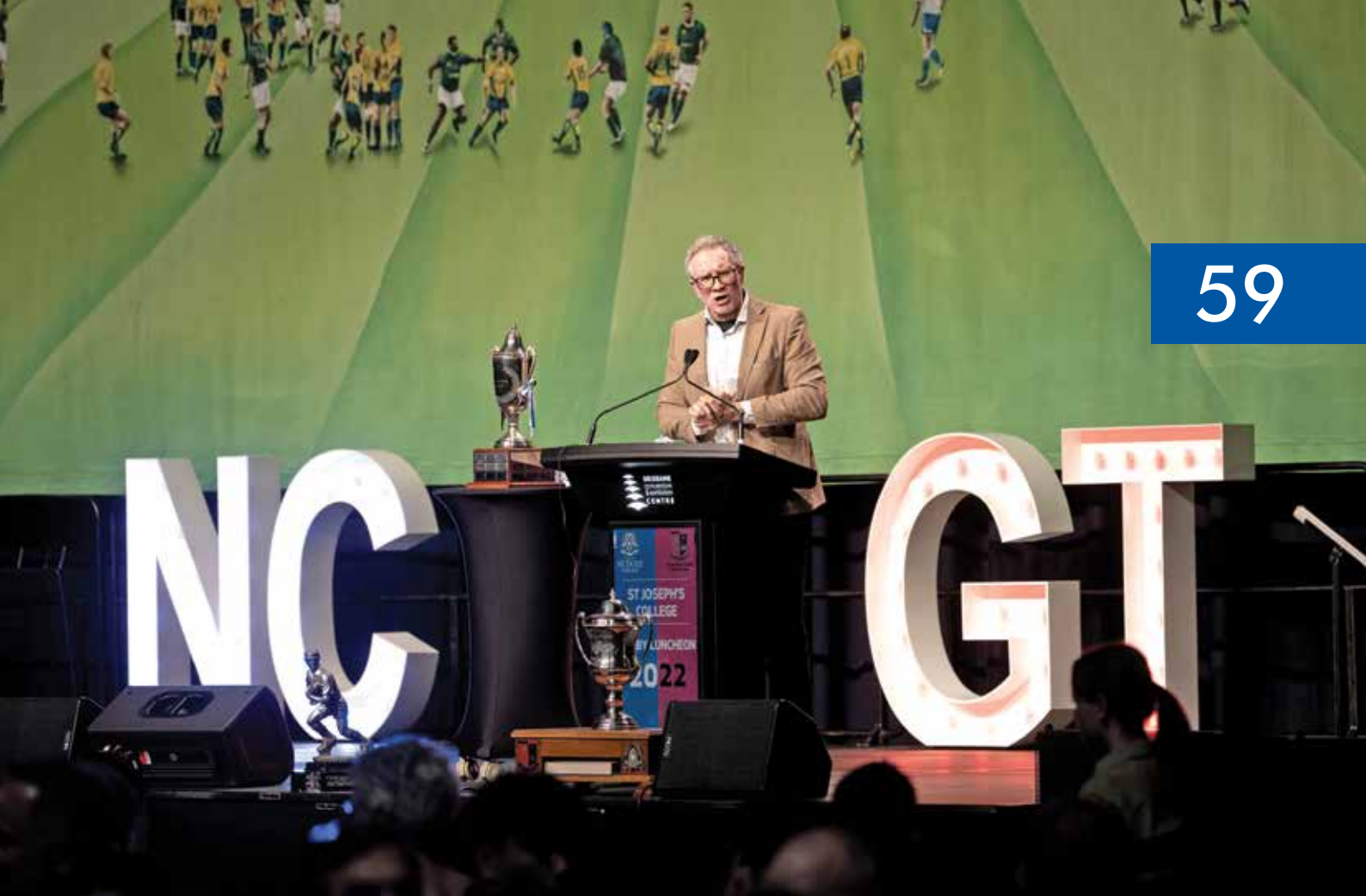
This event is a showcase of our talented students in the areas of Drama, Media Arts, Visual Arts, Music, Technologies, and Industrial Skills and Training. Held on Saturday 15 October, the twilight event featured some exciting displays, including Nudgee College Racing, fire pits, cubby houses and battle bots, as well as performances by Drama and Music students. Student artworks were also on display and available for purchase.



Grandparents' Day

Above left: Jack, Olley and Sandra Spicer.
Above: Max Geyer and Jenny Etheridge.

Grandparents' Day returned to Nudgee College on Saturday 22 August, with more than 100 special guests attending. The boys greatly enjoyed showing their grandparents around their school. As the event coincided with the Dimensions Arts Festival, boys were able to showcase their artistic talents to their grandparents while enjoying an afternoon tea in Tierney Auditorium. Many boys playing basketball and rugby that day also enjoyed having their grandparents there to cheer them on from the sidelines.



St Joseph's Rugby Luncheon

The St Joseph's Rugby Luncheon returned on Friday 26 August, ahead of the highly-anticipated GPS Rugby round on the Saturday versus St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace.

Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, the event featured special guests, including Australia's first Winter Olympics medallist Mr Steven Bradbury OAM and former Australian rugby player Mr Greg Martin.

Above: Host Greg Martin welcoming guests to the Rugby Luncheon.

Right: Q&A with 2021 Gregory Terrace and Nudgee College 1st XV Captains Joe Liddy and Tony Fuimaono.

Below: Samuel Bray, Lachlan Agnew, Harry Walker and Michael Agnew.





Senior Farewell Day

On Monday 17 October, the Year 12 students celebrated their final day of school before exams. The day commenced with House Assemblies, followed by a private liturgy for the Seniors in the Chapel. The students then gathered in front of the Treacy Building for morning tea with their families, which was followed by a special Rose Garden ritual. They then

headed down to their final College Assembly in the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre through a guard of honour that snaked through the whole campus. The Haka performed by a small group of students along the way was a particular highlight, with a large crowd gathered to catch a glimpse of the exciting moment.

Above: Assembly.

Below left: Rose garden ritual.

Below: Haka.

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2022 Seniors.



Oliver Langton.



Baxter Giorgas.

Valedictory

For the third year in a row, the College's Valedictory celebration was held on Ross Oval. On the morning of Thursday 17 November, the Year 12s gathered in the Ross Oval grandstand one last time for their Valedictory Mass, which was celebrated by the College's Chaplain in Residence, Reverend Fr John Gillen SM. Following the Mass, the Seniors were presented with their Certificates of Graduation by House Deans and Heads of Boarding Houses. College Captain Harry Roati delivered an inspiring

speech, which was followed by an address by his father, Dr Alex Roati, on behalf of the parents.

In addition to the many families who joined the boys on Ross Oval, the event was also live-streamed so those who were unable to attend could still be part of the celebration. Congratulations to the Senior class of 2022 on 'owning their journey' at Nudgee College. We wish them all the best as they embark on life beyond the College gates.



NC STAFF

Staff Achievements

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

Queensland Rugby League announced that the Maroons' best player in the Women's State of Origin will be named after the College's Liberating Education Coordinator **Ms Annie Banks**. The Annie Banks Medal honours Annie's extraordinary contribution to Rugby League, on and off the field, over many years.





Melissa Miller.

In August, the College's Head of the Learning Centre **Ms Melissa Miller** presented at the National Education Summit on school libraries being safe zones for student wellbeing and inclusion.

The College's Performance Music Coordinator **Mr Sam Smith** travelled to Hobart in November to compete in the Barbershop Harmony Festival. His quartet, called 'The Late Shift', made it

to the Finals and placed eighth in the Open Men category, outscoring 27 other quartets in the Semi Finals.

After a strong showing representing Queensland at the 2022 Australian Masters Indoor Cricket Championships at Casey Stadium in Melbourne, the College's Graphic Designer **Mr Paul Elliot** was selected in the Australian Masters 'All-Star' Over 50s team.



Paul Elliot.

The Late Shift, including Sam Smith (second from the left).



Rock Band 1 at Dimensions.

NC PERFORMING ARTS

Music

From College events to external competitions, this semester has been very busy for the Nudgee College Music program. The Dimensions Arts Festival, NC Creatives and the Awards Ceremony are just a few of the performance opportunities offered on campus. Outside of the College, several ensembles performed at both the Logan Eisteddfod and the Redlands Eisteddfod. There were many successes across those two events, including Drumline, Junior Drumline, Treblemakers, NC Brotherhood and Allegro Strings winning their respective categories.

From Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 August, many of the College ensembles performed at the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival (QCMF). This event also saw many fantastic performances and strong results, including gold to NC Brotherhood

(as well as a special individual award to soloist Hunter Ireland).

The Treblemakers, Guitar Ensemble, Chamber Strings and Symphonic Winds earned a silver medal, while Allegro Strings and Concert Band were awarded bronze.

The Drumline also wowed crowds at this year's Ekka and performed twice at Brisbane Bullets home games. NC Brotherhood had the privilege of workshoping and performing with the Birralee Blokes. Rock Band 1 competed in Battle of the Rock Bands at Clairvaux Mackillop College for the first time this year and were crowd favourites. This semester also featured a series of studio concerts on campus to showcase instrumental music students and their achievements this year.

Overall, it has been a very successful and fulfilling year for our talented College musicians.

Theatresports

This year, Nudgee College entered two Senior teams and one Junior into Sit Down Comedy Club's annual Youth Theatresports competition. Theatresports Director Ms Alison Kilgour said the Senior A team of Hunter Ireland, Tyler Goodall, Samuel Browne, Daniel Cross and Robert Fitzgerald worked hard on developing and refining their skills.

"They performed with much enthusiasm and can be congratulated on getting through to the Semi Finals," she said.

The Senior B team, featuring Kinnon McLean, Will Condon, Dominic Darbyshire-Roberts, Harry Vincent and Thomas Woodhead, performed with energy and certainly kept their audiences entertained. Embarking on their first year of Theatresports was the Junior A team of Oliver Soberon, Ethan Rule, Matthew Larman and Maximilien Houard. Alison said they





Theatresports performers Samuel Browne, Robert Fitzgerald, Tyler Goodall and Hunter Ireland.



Isaiah Omany.

did extremely well to make it through to the Semi Finals.

"It was a pleasure to see them perform with much commitment and enthusiasm," she said. "Well done to all the teams this year for their consistent effort and ability to captivate their audiences."

Chess

This year has been one of growth for Nudgee College Chess, with a strong increase in new members. Outside of the GPS competition, many Nudgee College players have competed at chess tournaments throughout the year, with 1st IV Board 1 player Eric Yang most notably excelling at the prestigious Gold Coast Open. Within the College, Eric also earned the Overall Championship title this year, as well as the Best Performing Senior award.

The first round of GPS Chess featured a nail-biting finish for the 1st IV against The Southport School. Captain Patrick Kennedy secured a draw from a losing position against a higher-

rated opponent, while Tanush Patel won in an upset on Board 3; however, the team was ultimately defeated 1.5-2.5.

While the boys fought valiantly, the following few rounds followed a similar pattern of individual upsets but narrow losses for the 1st IV.

Round 7 saw the highlight of the season, as the 1st IV faced St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace. Despite being a player down due to illness, reserve Jack Weaver was more than ready to step up and take on the Board 4 spot. Eric Yang, Patrick Kennedy and Dominic Stein each secured a draw in quick succession, to leave the fate of the 1st IV in Jack's capable hands. With a sea of blue and white crowded around him, Jack emerged victorious and the 1st IV achieved a 1.5-2.5 win. While the team suffered another defeat in the final round, the closeness of the results overall bodes well for next season, with all but one player returning in 2023.



Eric Yang.

Below: Junior Drumline at Logan Eisteddfod (left), and Drumline at Logan Eisteddfod.





NC SPORT

Basketball

The 2022 GPS season saw significant development for Nudgee College Basketball, from a rise in participant numbers to enhancing skill levels across the age groups.

The 1st V's season kicked off with a high-scoring battle against The Southport School (TSS). Despite guard Nate Scott scoring an impressive 44 points, TSS was too strong and the team was defeated 91-106. The 1st V boys were still finding their feet in the next two matches, going down to Toowoomba Grammar School (TGS) and Anglican Church Grammar School (ACGS).

Round 4 was a turning point for the 1st V, with the team working hard to secure a close 86-80 win over Brisbane Boys' College (BBC), which was followed by another great victory against Brisbane Grammar School (BGS) in Round 5.

The next match had supporters on the

edges of their seats. The 1st V took on Premiership favourites Brisbane State High School (BSHS) and were with them right down to the wire; however, a missed opportunity on the buzzer resulted in a devastating one-point loss.

The final two matches saw two more defeats, at the hands of St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace (GT) and Ipswich Grammar School (IGS).

While it was a tough way to finish the season, Basketball Director Mr CJ Massingale said their efforts to close gaps and finish with narrow margins was admirable.

"Upon reflecting on the season, it was quite evident that the scorelines across the program were a lot closer than they have been in previous years," he said.

"This is indicative of the improvement and enhancement of the skills displayed by our boys and coaches. The future certainly looks promising for Nudgee College Basketball."



Nate Scott.



Gus Wilson, Will Hick and William Storey.

Cattle Club

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For two boys growing up in Brisbane, Year 12 students Adam Pearson and Riley Law are pretty passionate about the agricultural industry and cattle showing in particular.

The boys said that being on the Show Team has provided them with an opportunity that many city kids don't get to experience. Show Team President Adam said his experience with showing cattle began when he was running around the Ekka as an enthusiastic 10-year-old.

"It's so good having the opportunity to experience the cattle industry," he said.

"You just learn so much about the industry and what's going on, and it is just about getting more hands-on experience."

For Riley, it's the social aspect of the team that he loves most, as well as the opportunity to learn from breeders.

"It's pretty good seeing all my mates at all the different shows," he said.

"It's good seeing all the different

types of cattle and being able to learn from what everyone else is doing with their cattle."

Both boys said their experiences as part of the Show Team have inspired them to follow career paths within the industry after graduation, with Adam going to 'chase cows up north' as a chopper pilot, and Riley going to break in and train stock horses down at Inverell.

Adam said he was stoked to be back at the Ekka after a two-year hiatus, particularly being back in the Droughtmaster ring leading his favourite breed.

"I really missed the Ekka the last two years, it was sad and you definitely felt the hole without it," he said.

According to Adam, it was the versatility of Droughtmasters that made them the pick of the bunch.

"They have all the best traits of a Brahman and then you've got the trade quality of the British breeds," he said.

"They're so hardy and they'll just keep going."

Riley said he'd noticed a drop in numbers, particularly across the Droughtmaster classes, caused by a fear of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) amongst breeders, something which also provided a learning opportunity for the students.

"There was a fair few people who pulled out, especially with the worry of FMD," he said.

"We were pretty worried about whether or not this was going to go ahead and obviously it's a big worry for us all.

"But it's so good to be back, Ekka is honestly my favourite time of the year."

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Kurt Lucas.



Ronin Prout with Quality the Brahman Bull.





Tariq Tanner



Tory Bath

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Rugby

Resilience and determination are two words that best describe the 2022 1st XV team. The season commenced with a highly anticipated Round 1 clash versus TSS in front of a huge home game crowd, coinciding with the Old Boys' Reunion Weekend. Coach Mr Andrew Scotney said the side played with pace and precision, highlighted by the counter-attacking brilliance of Tory Bath, to open up with a 31-15 win.

Round 2 produced a very stop-start game against a strong TGS side, but ultimately resulted in a 22-15 win. The following Saturday versus ACGS

saw a match-up of two undefeated sides. Despite a strong start, injuries to key players meant the team had to make changes to their line-up, as well as style of play, and the team fell just short to suffer a 33-27 loss.

With a Premiership on the line, the team took on BBC the following round. Andrew said the team defended with desperation, which included memorable try-savers from Archie Condon, Wil Rogers and Kai Combarngo, to record a 24-11 win.

The final home games of the season saw wins over BGS (38-16) and BSHS (45-0). Andrew said the team knew if they could win their last two games versus GT and IGS, they would win

at least a share of the Premiership.

Despite being an away game, a huge blue and white crowd formed at Tennyson to watch the 1st XV take on GT. Scores were locked at 17 all with 20 minutes to play, but Andrew said the side did not panic, finishing the game as 38-17 winners. The team finished the season with a 29-0 win against IGS and as a result, won the College's 43rd 1st XV Premiership.

With more than 35 teams competing for Nudgee College, including eight just in the Open competition, the depth of the Rugby talent and interest in the sport continues to thrive at Nudgee College.



Kai Combarngo



The 2022 Premiership-winning 1st XV.

Main image: Chronie Tiso.
 Below: Deeziel Piper.
 Below right: Open 4 x 100m relay team: Brashar
 Coutts, Lachy Hoban, Alex Romano and Ashley Wong.
 Opposite: Ethan Grimshaw

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Track and Field

This year's GPS Track and Field Championships were held on Friday 21 October at the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre. The Junior competition kicked off the day, with plenty of strong performances from the College's youngest athletes. With a fourth Junior Championship in a row on the line, the 10, 11 and 12 Years runners were determined to hold onto the title.

There were many highlight performances, including 10 Years runner Will Zillman setting a new school record in the 800m event.

Some athletes demonstrated strength both on the track and in the field, with 11 Years boy Flynn Lane winning the 100m, shot put and long jump, and fellow 11 Years competitor Marcus Strelow winning the 100m, 200m and long jump. Junior Track and Field Coordinator Dr Jane Brown said the breadth of the Junior team was reinforced by four out of five 4 x 100m relay teams winning their divisions.

"Their performances were characterised by clean and quick changes," she said.

At the end of the competition, the Junior team finished on top to

claim the 2022 Junior GPS Track and Field Championship, tallying up an incredible 694.5 points.

After the excitement of the Juniors, the Seniors had a tough act to follow. The first round of events in their competition was met with torrential rain, but that didn't stop the blue and white athletes. The College topped the points tally in the sprint events, with Ethan Grimshaw setting a new GPS record in the 14 Years 200m with a time of 22.06secs. The jumpers also excelled, with Ed Kasproicz winning the 16 Years high jump. While throwing events tend to be impacted more during inclement weather, the





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College athletes still managed to thrive. Roman Jones and Nixon Pasese both won the shot put for their age groups, and Ethan Grimshaw took out the 14 Years javelin. This took Ethan's total points tally to a record-breaking 61 points. Track and Field Director Mr Jack Dahms said a highlight from the day was Jacob Turner's performance in the 16 Years javelin.

"Jacob threw an absolutely insane 59.85m to beat the Oceania champion from IGS," he said. "A truly special moment for Jacob, as well as his coach Mr Mike Frawley."

The middle-distance runners also

had a successful outing. Alexander Wain dominated the 13 Years 800m and 1500m, setting a new GPS record in the 1500m with a time of 4:16.69mins, while Oscar Irankeje had a commanding win in the 14 Years 800m.

As the points were tallied at the end of the day, the Senior team managed a podium finish with second place.

"Despite all of the rain and a close defeat, there is a fire that still burns amongst the College's athletes," Jack said. "The team will regather and be back again in 2023, hungrier than ever to take back the title."

Above left: Junior Track and Field Captains Thomas Gibb and Rocco Croucamp.

Top: Jacob Turner.

Above: Senior Track and Field Captains Ashley Wong and Alex Romano.

Far left: Alex Romano.



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NCOPA President's Message

We have once again managed to get through most of our Nudgee College Old Boys' Association (NCOPA) program of events and thoroughly enjoyed the associated engagement and activity. In particular, the Blue and White Race Day, held on Saturday 8 October was a terrific afternoon, and we were pleased with the turnout at a busy time of year. Thank you to Old Boy Mr Richard Morrison (NC 1987-91) and the team at the Brisbane Racing Club for facilitating a lively day, full of action, food and fun. We also appreciated the support from the broader Nudgee College family, including Principal Mr Peter Fullagar, who attended the event.

On Friday 14 October, I had the pleasure of joining the Year 12 students for the Young Alumni

Welcome morning tea in Ryan Hall. Fellow Old Boy Mr Andrew Twist (NC 2003-04) also joined me, sharing his experiences and involvement with the College since his graduation. It was wonderful to share in the excitement of the boys' last full school day at the College.

The Senior Old Boys' Reunion and the Memorial Mass were two other significant events for the NCOPA this year, and I thank Mr Vince Rao (NC 1955-56) for his contribution to these events.

The event calendar for the year concluded with a lunch at the Story Bridge Hotel, which also provided an opportune time to celebrate the centenary of the NCOPA, which was founded in 1922. The event featured

presentations on some particularly notable Old Boy achievements during World War II and many other areas of life over the past 100 years. Our thanks to Mr Kieran McCarthy (NC 1979-83), NCOPA Secretary Mr Tony Gleeson (NC 1985-89), Mr Richard Deery (NC 1975-79) and College Archivist Mr John Sayer for their contributions to this very enjoyable lunch.

Looking towards 2023, we are excited to add some new initiatives to our program of events. Finally, I would like to thank everyone connected to the NCOPA for their support and encouragement this year. On behalf of the NCOPA Executive, I wish everyone a happy holiday and a great new year.

Mr Andrew McNamara

NCOPA President (NC 1985-89)

**BONDS WE
DIDN'T KNOW
EXISTED UNTIL
WE DARED
REACH FOR
THEM – AND
FOUND THEM
STRONG**

This year, acclaimed journalist and Nudgee College Old Boy Mr Michael Pascoe (NC 1969-72) released his novel, The Summertime of Our Dreams, published by Ultimo Press. Following is an insight into what readers can expect from the book, which Australian media personality Mr Mike Carlton called "a moving reflection on fatherhood and friendship from a life well and thoroughly lived".

July 2022

I'm writing this before I head off to drink beer and wine with a bunch of 13-year-old boys, all totally legal.

I first met them 54 years ago, have only seen most of them a couple of times, if that, in the past half-century. Yet, once my eyes adjust, I know I'll recognise those boys, know that with many of them, we will pick up exactly where we left off in 1972.

Except, of course, for the gaps – for those who aren't there anymore.

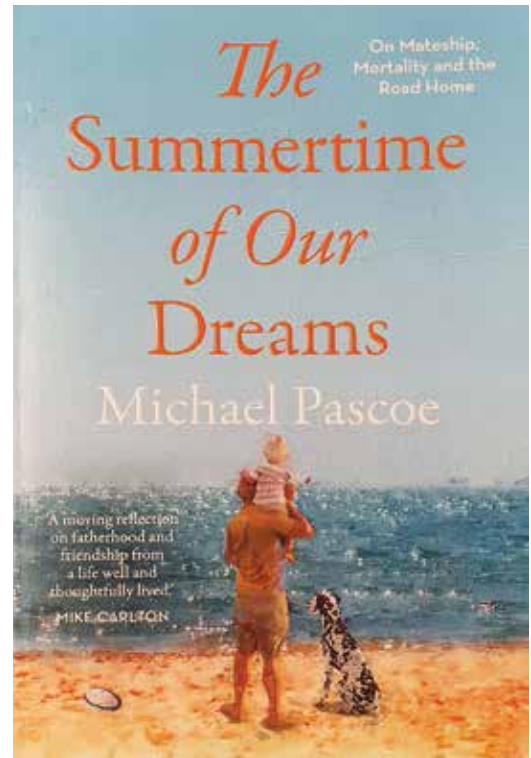
The boys I grew up with, shared the trials of adolescence with, the good and bad things of Nudgee College Boarding in those days, trying to find our footing – quite a few have not made it this far. The statistics have had their way with us.

I'm not sure how their absence, some of them particularly good friends, will hang over us, will whisper "mortality" to us while we recall the days when we seemed immortal.

Yes, I'm admitting to my looming 50-year school reunion. To plagiarise myself: Nudgee College was overwhelmingly a boarding school then and many of us went our very separate ways.

I ran away from Brisbane when I was 21, to Hong Kong, to the *South China Morning Post*. I sometimes claim I grew up in Hong Kong as I did over

Michael Pascoe.



those three years. Or grew up as much as I ever would. And then to travel and Sydney, lost touch with nearly everyone from school until I went back for a 20-year reunion at Tattersalls.

I walked into the room and wondered who all these fat and balding men were, but after a few drinks, I realised that none of them had really changed, that they were still the same 13-year-old boys I had met in 1969.

And after a few more drinks, I thought that if they hadn't changed, I probably hadn't changed either and was still basically a 13-year-old boy.

And after a few more drinks, it hit me, one of only a couple of epiphanies I've been granted: if they hadn't changed and I hadn't changed, maybe nobody ever changes and the world is being run by a bunch of 13-year-old boys.

Which explains everything – the wars, the stupidities, the failures, the

grandiose games and greed and blindness.

I thought it was brilliant – I'd tell men and they'd laugh in acknowledgement. But I'd tell women and they'd merely nod. 'Yes, we know.'

It's commonplace that old friends, good old friends with bonds formed in their school years, or perhaps just out of school, have the ability to make decades between meetings disappear.

You grasp hands, meet each other's eyes, enjoy smiles of recognition – and you know each other, whatever has happened in the intervening years.

How that is, why that is, are questions I've been worrying about since a lengthy correspondence with a dying school mate and team mate seven years ago that has evolved into a core theme of my book, *The Summertime of Our Dreams*.

Jim McCormack and I had gone very separate ways, Jim back to the bush, me into journalism and away from Brisbane. Other than perhaps at a 30-year reunion, we didn't exchange a word for maybe 40 years, until another friend, Sergio Masinello, told me Jim had inoperable prostate cancer. After that, I began to catch up in a regularly irregular group of mates for a meal, or at least a coffee, whenever I was in Brisbane. I dubbed it The Ascot Gentlemen's Coffee Club.

Despite the four-decade gap and very different experiences, we did that old friends thing – slipping easily into each other's company, picking up where we left off.

Yet, in the way of blokes, we tended to avoid the elephant in the room, or at least the cancer in Jim's prostate and soon elsewhere. We'd talk rugby and politics and weather and whatever, hoping the unspoken message of care would register.





If it was just a couple of us, maybe a quick question, clumsily putting a calling card on the table.

"Mate, how are you going?"

"Doing OK. Taking it as it comes."

Jim wasn't a big one for talking then anyway, for reasons I only discovered later when a chance email broke down the usual wall of male reticence and we began a correspondence about the things that mattered to a man facing death, a man wanting to share what he thought might be helpful for people to know – living and dying.

And this old friends thing, the support that other schoolmates were giving Jim and the quick leap from silence to the total honesty of the death bed. We talked about what formed such lasting bonds between very different people.

"I know Serg rightly says it is partly because we grew up together, literally," Jim wrote.

"But I often wonder if the abuse we either suffered or witnessed also is a contributing factor, even if it was just the loneliness and partial abandonment that comes from boarding."

Five years later, in another conversation with another dying schoolmate, Kev Carmody, we formed the considered opinion that you never know anyone as well as you know the boys you lived with, growing from childhood together through puberty and youth into fledgling young men – but still boys. When you hadn't learned to erect barriers and the essential you, the you that doesn't change, was there to know and accept.

Downsizing is going around. My younger sister, Tracy-Ann, needed to unload what she could of all the stuff that had filled her big house of five children. Among it, what was left of our mother's collection of College Annuals. Some were missing, victims

of a past flood and silverfish, but the 1971 Nudgee College Annual survived. It included the official version of the Sydney football tour and a photograph of the 16As. Serge, Jim, Kev, me and the others in a small black-and-white photograph. It surprised me – we look like such young boys, mere boys.

We were just boys, boys forming bonds we didn't know existed until we dared reach for them and found them strong.

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The reunion went well. Any hatchets remained buried. We recognised each other, found joy in acknowledging each other as we caught up with each other's stories and retold old battles. Nudgee College bonds don't break.

Mr Michael Pascoe

NC 1969-72

YOUNG ALUMNI WELCOME

The 2022 Young Alumni Welcome event was hosted in Ryan Hall on Friday 14 October. The morning tea provided an opportunity for the Year 12 cohort to learn about their transition from student to Old Boy. Nudgee College Old Boys' Association (NCOBA) President and current parent Mr Andrew McNamara and Old Boy Mr Andrew Twist (NC 2003-04) spoke to the boys about the importance of staying connected. Staying connected now ensures the 2022 cohort can call on the College or NCOBA in the future, either for personal or career support. It was the last school morning tea for the boys and was both relaxed and festive.

Ms Erina Hitchings

Alumni and Community Manager



Clayton Williams and Andrew McNamara.

SIGNUM FIDEI AWARD

Signum Fidei is the highest honour that can be awarded by the College to a Nudgee College Old Boy. The Nudgee College Old Boys' Association (NCOBA) was invited by the Brothers to nominate one or two Old Boys each year upon whom the award may be conferred. A nominee may be from any field of endeavour.

To be presented with a Signum Fidei award, an Old Boy must exhibit success in his chosen field of endeavour, support of Nudgee College and of the NCOBA and, by his example, is a 'Sign of Faith'. The award was instituted by the Christian Brothers to commemorate the centenary of St Joseph's Nudgee College in 1991, so it is particularly

pertinent to receive this award during the NCOBA centenary year. On Friday 11 November, current parent and Old Boy Mr Clayton Williams (NC 1984-88) was presented with the 2022 Signum Fidei award during an intimate breakfast hosted by College Principal Mr Peter Fullagar. Clayton was presented with his award surrounded by his family, Nudgee College Prefects who knew Clayton through his sons, NCOBA President Mr Andrew McNamara (NC 1985-89), and Past President Mr Hugh Hamilton (NC 1979-83).

Clayton is an indefatigable supporter of Nudgee College with an unrivalled passion for the good of the College. Through his business network he

has enabled numerous Old Boys to find employment. His commitment to helping others has seen Clayton also provide social housing for the homeless on the Sunshine Coast. Clayton clearly epitomises what it means to be a Signum Fidei graduate by continually looking at ways to support those people less fortunate and by providing opportunities for young men to live their dreams. His contribution to the College is such that an article on him and his family was already written when he was selected to receive this award, which you can read on page eight.

Ms Erina Hitchings

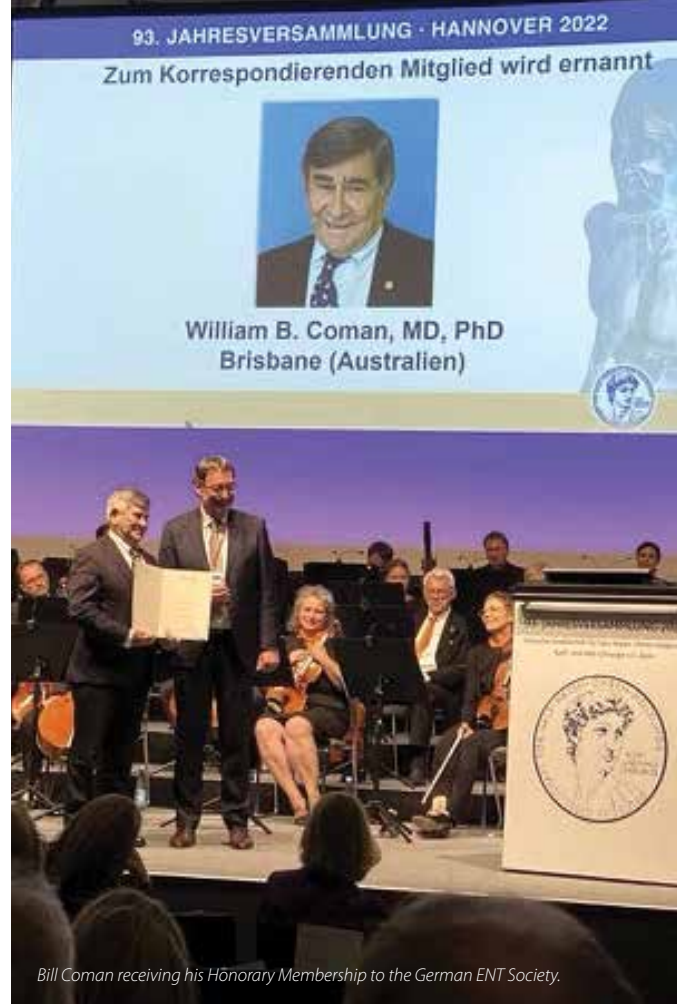
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Old Boy Professor William 'Bill' Coman (NC 1952-56) has accumulated a remarkable number of awards and achievements during his medical career as an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) specialist. Matriculated at the University of Queensland after completing his Senior year at Nudgee College in 1956, Professor Coman represented the College as Vice Captain of the 1st XV Rugby team and obtained a Commonwealth Scholarship to the University of Queensland. Since completing his studies, Professor Coman has positioned himself as a pioneer in the ENT medical field in Australia and abroad. There appears to be no stopping Professor Coman, as he was recently invited to speak to the German ENT Society on Surgical Training Around The World. Congratulations to Professor Coman, who was also presented with Honorary Membership to the prestigious German ENT Society.

Ms Erina Hitchings

Alumni and Community Manager



Bill Coman receiving his Hōnorary Membership to the German ENT Society.



MEMORIAL MASS

It was heartening to see almost 200 people gather for the 2022 Memorial Mass. It was a larger group in attendance this year, likely due to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted. This year's Mass was held on Saturday 29 October, the week of All Souls' Day. As always, our 2023 College Prefects attended and read out the names of Christian Brothers, Old Boys, staff and family members we have lost this past year. It has been a tough year of loss, and cherished members of our community, both young and older, were honoured. Thank you to all staff and community members involved in the delivery of the event, and to the NCOBA representatives, particularly Mr Vince Rao and Mr Andrew McNamara. A special thank you to Reverend Fr John Gillen SM for presiding, to organist Ms Elizabeth Ridgway and to vocalist Mr Murray Browne (NC 1963-66).



SENIOR OLD BOYS' REUNION

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The Senior Old Boys' Reunion is defined as a reunion for the cohort of Old Boys who graduated from Nudgee College 50 years ago or more. This year, it was on Saturday 13 August, during which some 50 senior Old Boys returned to the magnificent College Chapel to take part in the Mass, celebrated by the College's Chaplain in Residence, Reverend Fr John Gillen SM.

Following this, Nudgee College hosted a delicious lunch in Ryan Hall, where addresses were delivered by Principal Mr Peter Fullagar and NCOBA President Mr Andrew McNamara.

The day concluded with a tour of the College Museum, which is a complete example of the preserved history of Nudgee College, overseen so devoutly by College Archivist Mr John Sayer. To conclude the festivities, a strong contingent remained to saviour a home game Rugby victory over Brisbane Grammar School. It was a relaxed gathering of old faces and long-standing friendships in the true Nudgee College family tradition.

Mr Vince Rao

NC 1955-56



In Memorium

Name	NC Years	Date of Death
Michael 'Mike' Anderson	1962-63	12/02/2022
Thomas Maurice O Barry	1956-60	23/08/2022
Michael Conquest Bathersby	1953-56	21/05/2022
Thomas Borthistle	1950-53	20/12/2021
Brien Francis Burley	1961-64	04/09/2022
Anthony 'Tony' Royce Cavey	1983-87	12/04/2022
Timothy 'Tim' Frank Ceolin	1998-02	21/01/2022
William Raymond Challenor	1952-55	01/02/2022
Peter Gerard Cleary	1958-62	28/06/2022
Fr Ellis Clifford	1959/60	06/01/2022
Denis Robert Cochran	1951-53	28/03/2020
George William Cridland	1946-49	04/03/2022
Francis 'Frank' Edward Doherty	1952-53	16/05/2021
Geoffrey Doran	1976-80	4/02/2022
Ian Leslie James Drynan	1975-60	03/02/2022
John Duffy	1943-45	21/04/2022
Mitchell James Fenton	2001-05	23/08/2022
Vivian Florenz Friemann	1956-58	15/07/2022
Terrence 'Terry' Ghirdelli	1963-67	29/03/2022
Colin Hazel	1955-58	22/10/2021
Desmond Cormack Hegerty	1941	25/08/2021
Roderick Hetherington	1941-44	16/01/2022
Dr Kevin James Hourigan	1955-56	02/12/2021
Joseph Roland Graham Howard	1952-55	09/10/2022
Maurice Hynes	1947-48	12/09/2022

Name	NC Years	Date of Death
Peter Ronald Paul Johnson	1961-65	06/05/2022
John Karklis	1980-81	06/12/2021
Anthony 'Tony' James Keates	1960	19/07/2022
Thomas Esmond Knox	1961-64	02/02/2022
Jackson Langford	2015-16	14/12/2021
James Donolly Maher	1946-47	06/12/2017
Leo Gregory Maher	1944-45	20/02/2016
Giuseppe 'Joe' Mangano	1952	15/07/2022
Ian Mar	1970-73	01/03/2022
Br Leonard Marshall	1943-46	17/01/2022
Alexander Robert Mitchell	1954	28/12/2021
James 'Jim' Peter Noonan	1954-58	15/06/2022
Daniel John O'Brien	1950-52	06/08/2021
Sean 'Hutcho' Michael O'Neill	1966-70	06/02/2022
Dr Kevin James Parer	1950-53	10/01/2022
Peter Lawence Reeves	1953-55	16/04/2022
Gregory Peter Roberts	1977-81	19/05/2022
John Sesta	1952	08/12/2021
Rex Peter Smith	1950-54	18/04/2022
Robert Swarbrick	1986-90	28/09/2021
Alan Travers	1957-61	05/09/2022
Robert John Treffene	1950-54	26/10/2022
Dr Walter Barry Wood	1951-52	21/05/2022
Loven Yakka	2001-05	20/04/2022



Each year, the College invites the Year 11 students to a professional Mentoring Breakfast. The breakfast aims to help educate students on the opportunities within the fields of work they would like to pursue, with a Q&A panel and networking with mentors from different industries.

On Friday 26 August, 87 Year 11 students gathered in Ryan Hall to listen to panellists speak about their career aspirations at school, experiences at university, starting their own businesses, career changes, and progression within their industries.

The main areas students were considering studying included business, finance, STEM, medicine, construction and defence.

The panellists included:

- Mr Freddie Carlton-Smith (NC 2010-17): Paralegal at Gadens Lawyers
- Mr Saxon Mew (NC 1998-2002): Legal Practitioner Director at IM Lawyers
- Ms Gina Nelson: Head Physiotherapist at the Queensland Reds
- Mr Damien Houston: Senior Sergeant at Queensland Police Service
- Mr Chris Bates (NC 1990-94): Founder of Study and Play USA
- Mr David Clark: Director/General Manager of Sales and Marketing at Stockyard Beef

- Mr Reece Phillips (NC 2009-11): Junior Doctor at Queensland Health
- Mr Daniel Atkinson (NC 2014-18): Carpenter at Vantage Homes and Rugby League Footballer for Sunshine Coast Falcons
- Mr Trent Byrne (NC 2005-09): Associate Structural Engineer at Taylor Thomson Whitting

After the Q&A, students had the opportunity to speak one-on-one with the mentors to ask any pressing questions. Thank you to the mentors for giving our Year 11s a glimpse into their careers, and to Dean of Students Mr Anthony Connellan for emceeing the event.

Ms Chantel Roberts

Development and Communications Officer

Something exciting is coming soon!



If you are a past student, parent, carer, grandparent or staff member, register your details here.



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