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Courageous Hearts.



Front cover: The 2025 Sacred Heart Old Collegians Annual Post 50s Reunion Lunch held at the Highway Hotel.

Inside front cover: Vale Br Jordan Redden, we pay tribute to and thank him for his dedicated service as a Marist Brother in this edition of the Blue & Blue. Pictured: Br Jordan Redden in the Sacred Heart College Memorial Chapel.

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From the Principal

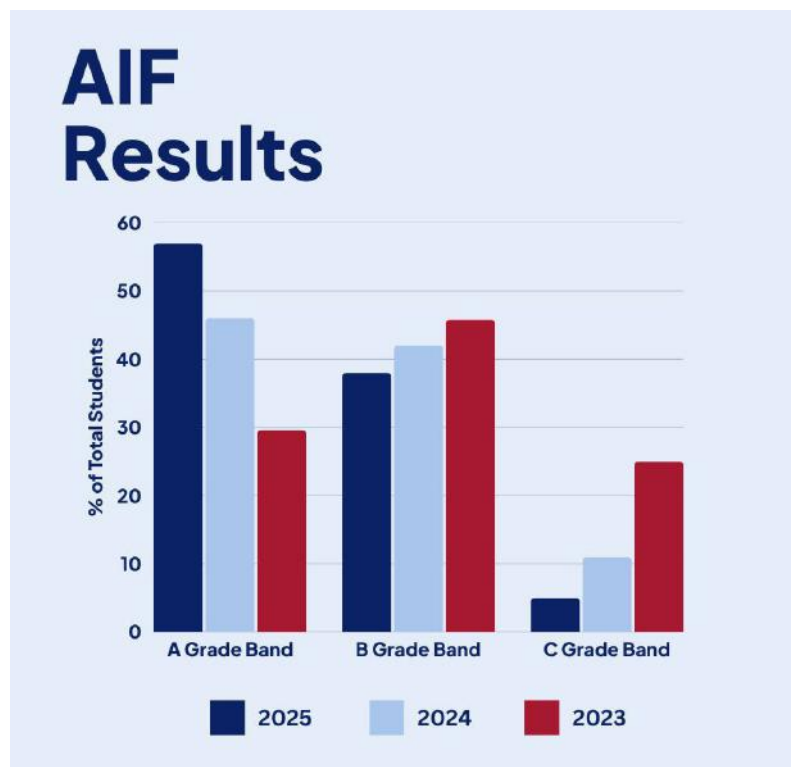
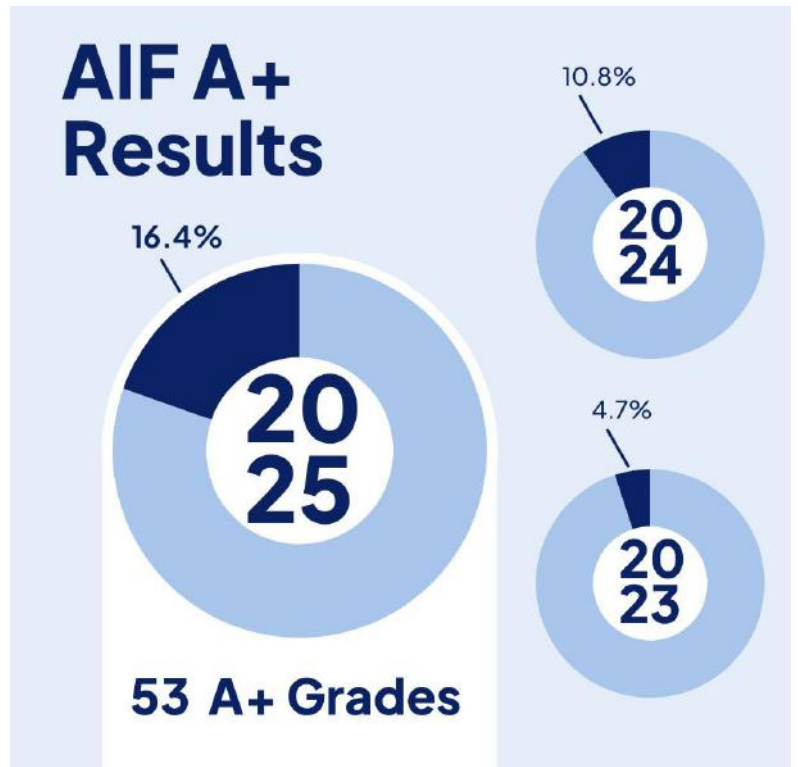


As many of you may know, the AIF is a compulsory part of the SACE, and is worth 10 credits towards both SACE completion and ATAR calculations. It is incredibly important, and is completed at Sacred Heart in Semester 1 of Year 12.

The results achieved by the Class of 2025 surpass the results of any year in recent memory, and I share some highlights below:

- 53 A+ results (16.4% of total grades) up from 34 (10.8%) in 2024, and 15 students (4.7%) in 2023
- 182 students or 56.4% of all results in the A Band, up from 146 students or 46.3% in 2024 and 95 students or 29.6% in 2023
- 38.3% of all results in the B Band, down from 42.4% in 2024 and 45.8% in 2023 (because these students are being moved into the A Band)

My thanks and congratulations to our Year 12 students and their families, our AIF teachers and leaders, our tutors, ESOs and all involved in these phenomenal results. They are simply remarkable!



In July, I wrote to families to share the disappointing news that the Assumption College Kilmore Exchange would not proceed in 2025.

Whilst the Exchange has not occurred since 2019, families with long term connections to the College (and certainly our old scholars) will recall fondly the significance of this event; not just the elite talents on display, but also the development of strong connections and friendships within our Marist family from Kilmore.

Last term, we met with our counterparts from Assumption College Kilmore to share the good news that we had enough families willing to billet their children from the Girls and Boys Football teams, Girls Netball, and Boys Basketball. We remain very grateful to the many families who volunteered to host billets for this year's Exchange.

Alternatively, if they (Assumption College) preferred to hold all "traditional" events, then we would support them to find alternative accommodation. We were, however, of the view that the billeting component of the Exchange is indeed the cornerstone of the event.

Despite our best efforts at Sacred Heart, as a community of students, families, old scholars and staff, the Executive from Assumption College shared the outcome in our scheduled July meeting that they would not be in a position to participate in either format in 2025.

Given it has now been six years since the Exchange occurred (cancelled last year due to lack of billeting options in Kilmore, and cancelled again this year), it seems unlikely that the Exchange, in its current format, will be reinstated.

As a result, the College is moving quickly to ensure wonderful opportunities exist for our students, including:

- Our participation in Marist Carnivals (Netball, Basketball and Cricket) will continue.
- Our Music students will attend the inaugural week long Exchange with Newman College in Perth in September of this year.
- Our Soccer students will be invited to nominate for our Celtics Experience in Glasgow each year, and planning is well underway for a Soccer "Camp", aligned to our Celtic connections interstate (perhaps either Qld or the NT) from either 2026 or 2027; and
- Given this outcome with regard to the Assumption Exchange, we will now commence a process of due diligence on a pre-season Girls and Boys Football trip/camp, most likely to Victoria and possibly involving Assumption College, to commence 2026 or 2027.

Again, we offer our most sincere thanks to our families who were so keen to see the Exchange return to the College calendar this year. This is a very disappointing outcome, but one that is in essence, beyond our control.



Daniel Lynch
Principal,
Sacred Heart College

From the College Council



In 2025, strategic planning for the next phase of campus development has been a key focus.

The College Council is pleased to warmly welcome two new members who have joined us in recent months: Kate Bawden, Marist Representative and Deputy Principal at Cardijn College, and **George Wilson (SHOC '23)**, Boarding Community Representative and Sacred Heart Old Collegian. Kate brings a wealth of experience in college governance, enriched by her deep understanding of Marist values. George offers valuable insights into the boarding experience, along with a fresh perspective on contemporary education as a recent graduate.

In 2025, strategic planning for the next phase of campus development has been a key focus. Both the Building Committee and the Finance Committee have contributed thoughtful and informative reports to guide our discussions. Following extensive consultation with stakeholder groups, there is a shared vision that future projects will aim to expand and modernise our facilities while honouring the heritage and traditional Marist landmarks that define our College. This planning process ensures that we can purposefully utilise our spaces to support modern curriculum needs, while maintaining a vibrant and functional campus with minimal disruption to daily life.

At the heart of the College Council's mission is a commitment to providing the highest quality educational opportunities for our students. Recent reports on academic initiatives implemented over the past two years show encouraging improvements in student outcomes across both campuses. We will continue to closely examine the academic data to further refine our strategic approach, enabling our educational leaders to cultivate a learning environment that truly supports lifelong learning. Guided by these principles and strengthened by the expertise of our dedicated teaching staff, students are empowered to pursue knowledge, embrace personal growth, and develop the adaptability needed to thrive in an increasingly fast-paced and ever-changing world.

In the coming months, our Year 11 students will represent Sacred Heart College as part of the global Marist community, visiting schools and communities in the Solomon Islands, Fiji, the Philippines, and India. These students have been meeting regularly to raise funds for educational resources and community projects, while building strong bonds through collaborative efforts.

Each Immersion experience is a profound opportunity to share our Marist Family Spirit, witness the enduring legacy of the Marist Brothers, and form lifelong friendships that extend well beyond the journey itself.

To our Year 12 students of 2025, we extend our best wishes as you approach the final weeks of your formal education at Sacred Heart College. As you prepare to step into the next exciting chapter of your lives, may you continue to nurture the friendships you've built and support one another with kindness and courage. You leave us with the strength of your experiences, the spirit of the Hearts community, and the promise of a bright future. Wherever your journey takes you, know that you will always be valued members of the Sacred Heart family.



Dani Amato (SHOC '92)
Chair,
Sacred Heart College Advisory Council

102nd Intercollegiate Round



One hundred and two years ago, on Saturday, 14 July 1923, Sacred Heart College and Rostrevor College (previously known as CBC Rostrevor) met for the very first Intercollegiate football game at Sacred Heart College.

In July this year, 102 years on, the friendly rivals met for the 102nd Intercollegiate Round, hosted by Sacred Heart College, to compete against each other for the Jan Baldwin Cup, Shanahan/Turner Cup and Brother Bourke Trophy. The annual Intercollegiate Round provides the opportunity for our two school communities to come together as one, celebrating each College's rich history and vibrant spirit.

Over three days, Sacred Heart supporters created a sea of blue at venues across the competition, cheering on our teams in basketball, football, soccer, squash, chess, and table tennis.

Full results can be found on the College website at: shc.sa.edu.au/intercollegiate-round-2025

Well done to all teams on a wonderful display of good sportsmanship, respect and friendly rivalry. We also sincerely thank the coaches, staff, parents/caregivers, and old scholars from both sides, who assisted behind the scenes to bring this wonderful event to life.





2025 College Musical: *The Wizard of Oz*

Earlier this year, Sacred Heart College's biennial 2025 Musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, returned in spectacular fashion. Over five performances, more than 1,000 audience members were transported to the Land of Oz by an exceptional cast and crew of Years 8–12 students.

With imaginative staging, vibrant costumes, and a live on-stage orchestra featuring old scholar **Lachlan Durrans (SHOC '22)**, the production whisked audiences from the dusty plains of Kansas to the technicolour magic of Oz. The energy and professionalism displayed by the cast and crew were consistently praised, with one audience member describing it as “simply remarkable” and another calling it “better than the original 1939 movie adaptation.”

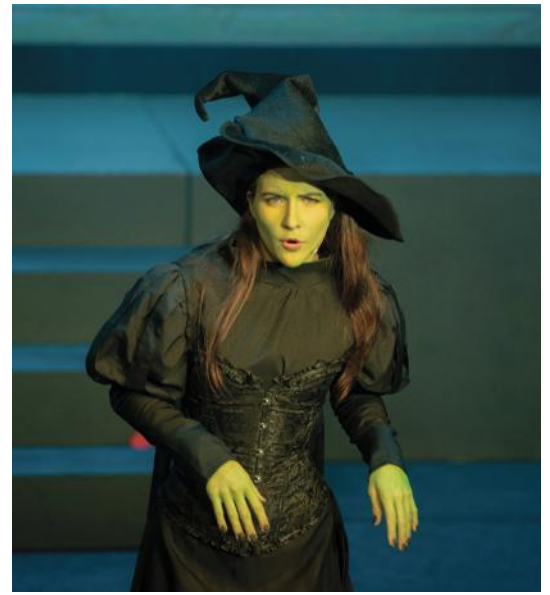
Audiences were captivated by the professionalism of the performance, with many remarking on the talent, creativity, and polish displayed by the cast and crew.

Several school groups attended a matinee preview performance, and feedback highlighted the inspiration it sparked in younger students, many of whom left excited about the possibilities of performing arts.

Behind the scenes, it was the commitment and passion of students, staff, and volunteers that brought the production to life. The musical was a true community effort, involving months of rehearsal, props building, and behind-the-scenes preparation. The dedication of staff, students, musicians, backstage crew, and volunteers was clear in every moment.

We offer our thanks to every student who gave their time and energy, to the families who supported them; to the dedicated staff who led the way, and to every audience member who joined us on the yellow brick road. To all involved, thank you for making this journey truly unforgettable.





2025 Year 12 Formal: 'Illuminate'

The 2025 Year 12 Formal, held on Friday, 20 June, embraced the theme 'Illuminate' and offered a memorable opportunity for the Class of 2025 to come together in celebration of their journey so far. It was a joy to see our students dressed to impress, enjoying a night of laughter, music, and shared achievement. Bella, Lexi, Imogen, Connor and Ed are to be commended for their outstanding musical performances, which set the tone for the evening and saw everyone hit the dance floor.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that events such as these do not occur without much preparation and planning, and we thank the dedicated staff who made the event possible, both those who worked behind the scenes to coordinate the evening and those who gave their time to supervise and support our students on the night. Events like these are a testament to the strength of our school community and the spirit of celebration that defines this final year of schooling.





The Feast of the Assumption of Mary

“Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One.” - Revelations 12:10

Marist schools around the country gathered on 15 August to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a significant date in the Catholic calendar. To acknowledge this day, schools come together for Mass or a liturgy, as well as taking the time to recognise the many special events, opportunities and achievements occurring every day in our communities. Just as Mary said "YES" in accepting God's call to be the mother of Jesus, Sacred Heart College provides our students and staff with many opportunities to live out our mission - to make Jesus known and loved, by loving others.

During the Feast of the Assumption Mass at Champagnat, the 2025 Immersion teams were blessed and commissioned ahead of their pending departures. These courageous hearts are the true essence of what it means to be a servant leader.

To commence the Feast of the Assumption Mass at Marcellin, the 2026 Year 12 Mission Captains shared the following as a part of their introduction:

Today we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus, celebrating her role in our lives, and commemorating her assumption into heaven. St Marcellin Champagnat was deeply devoted to Mary, admiring her selfless nature, humility, love, courage, patience, and compassion. Her Marian spirit is central to the Marist Community, as we practise living 'In the Way of Mary' in our everyday relationships and life.

Old Collegians at the 2025 Pathways Expo

This July, Sacred Heart College proudly hosted its annual Pathways Expo, a successful and well-attended event, providing an invaluable opportunity for Years 10–12 students and their parents/caregivers to explore future possibilities. The evening was a vibrant hub of information and engagement, featuring a diverse range of presenters sharing their expertise.

We were delighted to welcome representatives from the newly merged Adelaide University, offering insights into their expanded course offerings and opportunities. Flinders University was also strongly present, showcasing their diverse programs and pathways. Beyond tertiary education, the Expo featured a comprehensive range of employment and apprenticeship advocacy groups and providers, ensuring students could explore various vocational and career-entry options.

The strong turnout from both students and parents/caregivers underscored the community's commitment to proactive career planning. The positive feedback received highlights the event's success in guiding our students toward their future aspirations.

There were a number of old scholars who attended the night to discuss potential pathways and their experience transitioning from school to further studies and the workforce. Old scholars included **Natasha Allison (SHOC '21)**, **Kristy Allison (SHOC '21)**, **Grace Hollinshead (SHOC '24)**, and **Charlotte Richardson (SHOC '24)**, who are all currently studying at university.



Would you like to be involved in next years expo?

As part of next year's Pathways Expo, we are looking to showcase the incredible talent and expertise within our Old Scholars community. If you are working in a trade, profession, or industry, or if you run your own business we would love to hear from you!

Your experience and insights could inspire current students as they explore their future career options and pathways beyond school.

If you would like to be involved in the 2026 Pathways Expo, please contact **Charlotte Marling** at shoc@shc.sa.edu.au

Year 10 coaching students learn from the best

Our Year 10 students currently completing their Certificate III in Sports Coaching through Centacare Institute recently enjoyed an exciting, action-packed experience at the Port Adelaide Football Club. Over two days, they were guided and inspired by some familiar faces.

Sacred Heart Old Scholars and AFL players **Ryan Burton (SHOC '14)** and **Hamish Hartlett (SHOC '07)**, along with rising star Hugh Jackson, generously shared their time and insights with the students. Through personal stories and firsthand experiences in elite sport, they offered a unique perspective on what it takes to succeed both on and off the field, ultimately inspiring our students.

The two-day experience was designed to enhance students' practical coaching skills while broadening their understanding of the sporting industry. Students took part in hands-on coaching workshops, engaged in skills-based activities, and heard from a range of guest speakers, an incredible opportunity to learn from some of the best in the game, including those who once walked the same school grounds.

In addition to this, **Hamish Hartlett (SHOC '07)** recently returned to the College to meet with two current Year 11 students who run the [TNFooty Show](#) podcast. The students interviewed Hamish for an upcoming episode. The TNFooty Show delivers weekly AFL news, talking points, and laughs, while TNTalks, their interview-style podcast, features fortnightly episodes with a variety of guests sharing their stories.



Vinnies Sleepout & Walk a Mile

The St Vincent de Paul Society supports over 6,000 South Australians experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. Each year, students at Marcellin Campus participate in the Vinnies Winter Sleepout to deepen their empathy and understanding of the challenges faced by those who are experiencing homelessness.

We were privileged to be joined by Liz and Steve Kelton, members of the Brighton Vinnies Conference, who shared insights into the works of the Vinnies Society and how the students' donations of non-perishable food items will be utilised within the community. The night included activities such as an outdoor reflection, group discussions, and writing gratitude cards. A key highlight was the 'Cross the Line' activity, which challenged students to reflect on their assumptions and stereotypes about homelessness.

While students were able to return home to a comfortable bed the following night, over 19,000 children around Australia do not have this privilege, due to homelessness, family conflict or insecure housing.

After a night spent on the gym floor with only a thin yoga mat and sleeping bag, students and staff gathered the following morning to participate in the Walk a Mile in My Boots event, walking from school to the Broadway Kiosk and back. This walk was not only a physical journey, but also an opportunity to reflect on the challenging realities experienced by those facing homelessness, especially in the cold winter conditions.

Many generous donations were received by those who participated in these events, including non-perishable food items which will be donated to Fred's Van, and winter items such as socks, beanies and blankets for the Hutt St Centre.

We thank all students and staff involved in these events who demonstrated openness and courage to experience some of the realities of homelessness. The Family Spirit on display exemplified how we, as a community, can come together in solidarity to raise awareness and foster a deeper sense of empathy and dignity for people experiencing homelessness.



Marist reflection



The influence of presence, charism and spirit.

Why Marist? What does it mean today?

In the time of our Founder, St Marcellin Champagnat, and during our early years, we were known by various names, including The Little Brothers of Mary, The Hermitage Brothers, the Marist Brothers and the Brothers of the Society of Mary. In our official recognition by the Church, we were declared to be The Marist Brothers of the Schools. So, the word Marist became a simple yet all-embracing name for us.

The people of South-West France, centred on Lyons, have a very special love and devotion to Mary the Mother of God, dating back to the first Bishop of Lyons, Irenaeus, who had a direct line of communication to the Mother of Jesus, through his predecessors St. Pothinus and Polycarp, who were followers of St John, during his time at Ephesus. St John, as we know, cared for Mary after the Crucifixion..... Son, behold your mother! Several Religious Congregations with a Marial spirit arose in this area of France, especially during the 19th Century, including the Marist Brothers and the Marianist Congregation.

Many people with a Marist connection are aware of the exhortation of Marcellin to his Brothers: All to Jesus through Mary; All to Mary for Jesus. Perhaps this portrays Jesus as being remote or unapproachable. While several Religious Orders or Congregations nominate a particular devotion to Mary under a special patronage e.g., The Salesians and Our Lady Help of Christians, The Redemptorists, with Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the Marial spirit that we Marists follow is Mary as our model in following Christ. Jesus is central to our lives. We try to live in the abiding presence of God in our lives and reflect that to others. Mary shows us how to do this.



This month, on 15 August, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, the Patronal Feast of the Marist Brothers, given to us by our Founder. After the carnage of World War II, when we witnessed emaciated bodies piled high for incineration, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of the Assumption to uphold the dignity and sacredness of the human body, made in the image and likeness of God. Brother Peter Carroll, our Provincial, writes that the Assumption is a reminder that death and destruction do not have the final word. It was a theological and pastoral response to despair, a proclamation that heaven is real, that grace triumphs, and that the human body - so often violated in war - is destined for Glory.

Our Marist charism calls us to live with the inner strength, fidelity, courage in suffering, and trust in God, as exemplified by Our Good Mother. A life-giving presence with our God, with ourselves and one another, including all creation, fosters a sense of belonging and identity that continually promotes and sustains our hope.

Br Des Howard

Community Leader
Marist Brothers Community,
Somerton Park

From the Foundation



It will be important for the Foundation to be able to support the major capital redevelopment program soon to commence at Marcellin Campus.

In my last report, I told of the formation of a committee to undertake “friend raising” activities involving country old scholars and existing parents/ caregivers. The first of these was held recently in the Clare region. A report from Leo Redden is below.

Mid-North Boarding catch up

Approximately 50 current, potential, and old scholar boarders gathered on Thursday 7 August at the Sevenhill Hotel near Clare.

This was to be the first, and pilot, of a new strategy to re-engage with our old scholar boarders and at the same time meet current and potential new boarding families on their ‘home grounds’.

Outstanding support was provided by the College Leadership Team, including Principal, Dan Lynch, and Head of Boarding, Robert Gill. Financial support was also provided with dinner, drinks, and entertainment provided at no cost to the attendees.

Old scholar and 40 year veteran of criminal law, **Tony Kerin (SHOC '79)**, gave a short presentation about his years at Sacred Heart College and the foundational role of his Marist education at Sacred Heart in his career.

Phil Smith (SHOC '56) from Farrell Flat represented the senior old scholar boarders with College Principal, Dan Lynch describing him as “SHOC royalty.” The future seems bright as Year 8 student, Max Mildren described his excitement at the prospect of boarding at Sacred Heart in Year 9 in 2026.

An excellent evening was had by all, despite a large number of apologies. Thursday nights are very busy nights for junior sport, coaches, trainers, etc, not to mention that the Crows vs Hawks clashed with our dinner plans. Stay tuned for future dates and locations for the next get-together.

Our 2025 Annual Giving program was promoted in the last edition of the Blue and Blue. I thank all those who have generously given their support. It will be important for the Foundation to be able to support the major capital redevelopment program soon to commence at the senior Marcellin Campus. I therefore ask all who want to ensure that the College remains as successful in the future as it has been to date to give their support in whatever way they are able. Please feel free to contact Charlotte Marling, our Old Collegians and Community Engagement Coordinator, at the College if you would like further information at shoc@shc.sa.edu.au



Peter Whelan (SHOC '60)

President,
Sacred Heart College Foundation

Annual Giving 2025

Together, We are Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart College continues to provide first class facilities, and extraordinary educational and co-curricular opportunities for its students, which is paramount to its future as one of the leading secondary schools in South Australia. Our guiding Marist spirit is continually energised by excellence, hard work, generosity, and a strong sense of community.

You - our old collegians, families and friends of the College - are the foundation of the success that has defined Sacred Heart over its 128 year history. From the first boarders who attended the College in Port Adelaide in 1897, to the move to Paringa Hall at Somerton Park in 1914, and the transition to co-education in 1977, Sacred Heart has continuously evolved and continues to flourish today.

For less than the cost of your daily cup of coffee, you could help make a difference for the future of Sacred Heart College.

We offer multiple ways for you to support Sacred Heart and make a real difference:

One-off gift - Make a one-off donation of an amount of your choosing.

Recurring gift - Set up a recurring direct debit of an amount of your choosing.

Bequests and Legacy gifting - By leaving a gift in your Will, you can ensure your legacy endures, empowering future generations to pursue the same success you once achieved.

Please visit shc.sa.edu.au/community/foundation to make a donation to the 2025 Sacred Heart College Annual Giving.

If you would like further information, please contact the College Foundation on 8350 2500 or email foundation@shc.sa.edu.au



From the Sacred Heart Old Collegians Association

It is the time of year our SHOC brand is most visible, with large numbers representing SHOC with pride and professionalism every weekend on the amateur sporting field.

Our SHOC sporting clubs have carried a series of exciting story lines over the colder months. It is the time of year our SHOC brand is most visible, with large numbers representing SHOC with pride and professionalism every weekend on the amateur sporting field.

Once again, the Soccer, Netball, and Football clubs have done our SHOC community proud with strong results in on-field performance and outstanding results in participation, membership, and overall growth. All our SHOC clubs continue to grow, and I would once again like to thank all for the manner and professionalism with which they competed this year. You make us all so very proud.

Almost all of our sporting teams have competed in finals or been close to qualifying for finals, which illustrates the passion and commitment the SHOC community has to providing an environment for people to thrive and perform at their best. Congratulations to all teams for their efforts and commitment to representing throughout the season.

As a collective, the SHOC Clubs and Sports Association is currently reviewing our future governance with the College. The purpose of the review is not to restructure, but to enhance the value of the College's support to enable the performance, effectiveness, and impact of each of the SHOC Clubs and Associations. We hope to announce some significant and exciting opportunities before the end of the year to further improve the impact of SHOC within the community.

Personally, I am looking forward to my very own 40 Year (Class of 1985) Reunion in October (wow, 40 years have gone by in a flash). For me, it is a time of great excitement and anticipation, as I am looking forward to seeing and catching up with my "Special SHC Family" of classmates that I am so proud to call my friends. Can't wait - but a little apprehensive as it is always a huge night!

If you have any interest in joining or supporting SHOC, our clubs, or the College, or you have a great idea, please reach out and share with either myself or Charlotte Marling via email at shoc@shc.sa.edu.au

Go SHOC!



Rob McKay (SHOC '85)
President,
Sacred Heart College Old
Collegians Association (SHOC)

A Home for All Hearts

Reconnecting our Boarding Community in the Mid North

The College held its first regional gathering of boarding families, old scholars, and friends in the Mid North on Thursday 7 August, and it was a wonderful success.

The Sevenhill Hotel near Clare provided the perfect location for an evening filled with connection, laughter, and shared stories. **Tony Kerin's (SHOC '79)** heartfelt speech set the tone; **Leo Redden (SHOC '83)** beautifully tied it all together on behalf of the Committee; and we were honoured to welcome **Philip Smith (SHOC '56)**, who brought a touch of history and nostalgia to the night.

With delicious food and a cellar stocked with the Valley's finest, the room was buzzing with warmth and Family Spirit. This night has truly set the stage for more regional gatherings in the future, and we can't wait to see where the next one takes us.





2025 SHOC Immersions

After a 5-year absence, SHOC Immersions was able to visit the wonderful Marist communities of Cambodia this July. The group was led by **Sara Petruzzella (SHOC '14)**, supported by Tahlia Sully (Cardijn College) and consisted of: **Nicola Hilditch (SHOC '13)**, **Joseph McKinnon (SHOC '21)**, **Georgia Morris (SHOC '19)**, **Lola Ryder (SHOC '23)**, **Maya Thompson (SHOC '21)**, and **Manni Tierney (SHOC '23)**.

A very successful quiz night started the experience with a positive precedence, where efforts saw \$8,000 donated through Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) to the Cambodian Marist Communities and Projects. It would be amiss to not thank the tireless efforts of both SHOC Immersion founder, **Maddy Forde (SHOC '13)** and 2020 SHOC Immersion participant, **Aisling McCorry-Jenkinson (SHOC '17)**. Without them, the quiz night and the trip would not have happened!

To get to know Cambodian culture and become settled into the adventure ahead, the group first visited the country's second-largest city, Siem Reap. From cooking classes, to dining at social enterprises, the group started to bond and share their expectations for the experience ahead. The time in Siem Reap was not complete without visiting the ancient Angkor Archaeological Park, Angkor Wat, Bayon Temple, and Ta Prohm. These provided stunning views and context into the religious beliefs of the Cambodian people.

A four hour drive from Siem Reap was Pailin. Located in Northwestern Cambodia near the Thailand border, this is where a Marist Brothers' community and projects are located and are passionately run by Spanish Brother Gustavo. The group immersed themselves in two communities: the Marist Centre of Hope (MCH) and Marist Education Centre (MEC). MCH is a boarding house for secondary students who otherwise would not have access to an education in their rural villages.

Afternoons here were spent playing card games, volleyball, dancing, and singing with the students. An unexpected friendship was also cultivated at MCH with two Spanish volunteers, Unai and Alejandro, who provided great insights into their own culture. Bonds were quickly made over common experiences in Cambodia and life at home. The Immersion members also became a part of the MEC community, a supplementary English school for primary aged students. English was taught in classrooms through song, dance, and games. The recess and lunch breaks consisted of games of football (soccer), dancing, chalk, bubbles, and games of Sey (keepy-uppy with a feathered shuttlecock). After a week of classes, it was an emotional goodbye to the staff and students of MEC. The relationships created made a significant impact, where the simplicity and joy experienced at MEC will be carried with our Immersion members back into their day-to-day lives.

Our time in Pailin was also complemented by a local tour with highlights including Wat Phnom Yat, a waterfall, and a sombre visit to a Khmer Rouge execution site, the Killing caves of Phnom Sampeau. The experience in Pailin concluded with some memorable activities. MCH students proudly wore SHOC Soccer kits in a much-anticipated football (soccer) match against a local high school team. With a passionate crowd behind them, MCH was able to get the win in a tense penalty shootout. MCH also hosted an evening full of traditional Khmer dance and performances, while also sharing one last meal together.

The final leg of the trip was in the capital city of Phnom Penh. Another highlight was Marist school, La Valla, overseen by Australian Brothers Brian Kinsella and Allen Sherry. La Valla provides education in the Marist way for children and young people with physical disabilities. Students also have access to a boarding house, health services, and a rehabilitation program with a large focus being on empowering these young people to be leaders in their community, and to know that they have a bright future ahead of them.

The trip concluded with a visit to the sites of Cambodia's confronting and recent past of the Khmer Rouge; the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields. This sobering experience contextualised the resilience and hope that was evident in all Khmer people met during the Immersion.

The SHOC Immersion group truly experienced the Marist values of *Presence*, *Simplicity*, and *Family Spirit*. We thank those who supported the experience by donating items to, or attending, our Quiz Night. Keep an eye out for future SHOC Immersion trips to Cambodia - a life-changing experience!

Maya Thompson (SHOC '21)
Contributor





The sugar bowl's long journey home

Old Collegian, **John Cash (SHOC '55)** first arrived at Sacred Heart College as a 12-year-old boarder in 1951, travelling from the small farming community of Kalka, where he grew up as the eldest boy and third of eight children in a Catholic family. From the very beginning, he embraced life at the College wholeheartedly, later saying he "took to SHC like a duck to water."

During boarding life in the 1950s, John was part of the compulsory Cadets program, which included an annual May camp during the holidays, and he played tennis on the original College courts. Social occasions were treasured, and John fondly remembers mixing with the Loreto girls, as well as the dancing lessons with Brother Damien in preparation for the annual ball. Those lessons came with a side of etiquette training, including the proper way to hold a knife and fork.

After graduating in 1955, John returned to the family farm in Kalka, where he would remain closely connected to rural life for most of his working years. But one small and rather cheeky act on his final day at the College became a story that would span more than half a century.

On his final day at the College in 1955, as the boarders filed out of the dining hall, John spotted one of the sugar bowls that sat on every table. In a moment of youthful mischief, he slipped it under his arm as a keepsake of his boarding years.

He hid it from his mother to avoid any telling-off, and for decades, it was simply part of his belongings, until, at some point, it disappeared.

John spent 50 years wondering what had become of it, until last year when he rediscovered the sugar bowl at his brother's house. Delighted, he decided it was time for it to return home.

In early 2025, he returned to Sacred Heart to hand it back - not as a stolen item, but as a treasured memento that represented the friendships, experiences, and fond memories of his time at the College.

While visiting, John caught up with the Marist Brothers, toured Paringa Hall and the Chapel, and reflected on his boarding years in the 1950s. The Sugar Bowl now sits proudly at Sacred Heart once again as a symbol of the lasting connection between past and present Old Collegians.



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A family thread in the Sacred Heart tapestry

On Miriam McInerney's 84th birthday, she visited Paringa Hall alongside her family to see the Centenary Wall Hanging. Miriam helped to bring this piece to life more than 25 years ago, and this was her first time seeing the tapestry since its unveiling at the College's Centenary celebrations in 1997. This historical artwork now hangs proudly at the top of the Paringa Hall stairs.

Miriam, while not an old scholar herself, was the inspirational leader of the group of Sacred Heart mothers and grandmothers who spent over two years creating this memorial masterpiece. With the help of art students and their teacher, they captured cameos from across 100 years of the College and the Marist Brothers in South Australia.

Her legacy continues through her daughters and granddaughters, who are proud Sacred Heart women. A touching reminder that our community is built not only by those who walk its halls but also by those who shape its story with a Love of Work, creativity, and Family Spirit.

- 01 The initial meeting: Mrs Maureen Sim, Miss Gabrielle Flood (designer), Mesdames Carmel McEntee, Miriam McInerney (leader), Kath Lock and Chris James.
- 02 The final stick is put in place on 27 October 1996.
- 03 Miriam McInerney with the Centenary Wall Hanging story artwork earlier this year.
- 04 Miriam McInerney with the Centenary Wall Hanging.
- 05 Christine Slattery, **Megan Dunne (SHOC '87)**, **Heidi Hone (SHOC '95)**, **Monica Briffa (SHOC '84)**, Miriam McInerney, **Lily Hone (Year 10)**, and Ruby Briffa.

Upcoming Reunions in 2026



1976 Year 12 Blue



1986 House Captains



1996 Year 12 Leaders



2006 Year 12 Boarders



2016 Year 12 Leaders



2021 Year 12 Leaders

Did you graduate in one of these years?

Sacred Heart College is interested in hearing from those who graduated from the College in these cohorts:

Class of 2021 (5 Year Reunion)

Class of 2016 (10 Year Reunion)

Class of 2006 (20 Year Reunion)

Class of 1996 (30 Year Reunion)

Class of 1986 (40 Year Reunion)

Class of 1976 (50 Year Reunion)

Post 50s (attended pre 1976)

If you would like to assist in organising a reunion for your graduating class, please contact the College on 8350 2500 or email shoc@shc.sa.edu.au

Please keep an eye on the College's Facebook group [@SacredHeartOldCollegiansAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartOldCollegiansAssociation) for upcoming reunion details.

Please take a moment to update your details using the QR code below to ensure you receive all reunion updates.



College Reunions

Class of 1995 (30 year reunion)

The Class of 1995 came together on Saturday 23 August to celebrate their 30 year College reunion, an evening filled with laughter, memories, and meaningful reconnections.

It was a pleasure to revisit stories of classroom antics, unforgettable sporting events, and those iconic school trips and camps that helped shape our shared experience. Even more special was the chance to reconnect with old friends and hear about the unique journeys their lives have taken since graduation. A special mention most go to those who travelled from far and wide to be part of the celebration - your effort and presence helped make the evening truly memorable.

We also appreciated the messages and emails from classmates who couldn't attend but took the time to share their well wishes and disappointment at missing the event. For those who were unable to join us, we hope the photos help capture the spirit of the reunion and bring back fond memories. We look forward to seeing you at the next milestone gathering!

Despite the decades that have passed, the bond amongst the Class of 1995 remains as strong as ever. While time has moved on, the friendships and connections built during those formative years have clearly stood the test of time. It was a powerful reminder that true Hearts 'Family Spirit' never fades - it simply picks up right where it left off.

Alex Penhall (SHOC '95)

Contributor



Class of 1975 (50 year reunion)

On Saturday, 30 August, around 50 "fit young men" gathered at the Highway Hotel to mark a special moment in time, the Class of 1975's 50 year reunion. Whilst a name badge was on hand, few had really changed from 50 years ago.

The highlights of the night focused on the many (appropriately embellished) shared stories and **Gerard Waugh's (SHOC '75)** timely short take on life at SHC over an extended time, including toasts to our friends who have passed, including Marist Brother, Br Jordan Redden, who had just reached his 99th birthday.

We were also pleased to welcome a few old friends from neighbouring graduating years, whose presence added another layer of connection and memory to the night.

Thank you to those who travelled extensively, including **Tim Somers (SHOC '76)** from Queensland, **Robert Finch (SHOC '76)** from New Zealand, and **Eugene Evans (SHOC '76)**, who arrived at late notice.

Catching up with folks you haven't seen in nearly 50 years is an uplifting experience made possible by those willing to attend.

A big thank you to **Gerard Waugh ('75)**, **Zel Seman (SHOC '75)**, **Phil Smith ('75)**, and **Greg Walkington ('75)** who formed a formidable team and put together a very memorable night.

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- 01 Ian Feltus (SHOC '75), Dom Carcuro (SHOC '76) & Tony Mahar (SHOC '75).
 - 02 Mark Malcolm (SHOC '75), Gerard Waugh (SHOC '75) & Michael Kerin (SHOC '75).
 - 03 Zel Seman (SHOC '75), Eugene Byrne (SHOC '75) & Phil Smith (SHOC '75).
 - 04 The Class of 1975 (50 year reunion) group.
 - 05 Peter Kerin (SHOC '76), George O'Connell (SHOC '76), Nick Smith (SHOC '76) & Greg Reeks (SHOC '76).



A few words from the attendees...

"A great and enjoyable night! The older you get you realise the connections and friendships you make boarding at SHC really are lifelong bonds, even though we may have very little to do with each other in daily life. Hoping we can get together sooner rather than later."

- **Joe Schinella (SHOC '75)**

"We are blessed to share that time together. It was such a great catch-up and I look forward to next time. We were like a family in many ways, with so many great stories and a genuine care factor for each other."

- **Greg Walkington (SHOC '75)**

"We were together in the trenches at boarding school, and so we are therefore connected like family. The Marist Brothers gave us a value system that we carry to this day and that has served us well in life. We all care for each other, and I agree it's important that we maintain these bonds. As mature adults we know and understand what to value and what's important, and valuing our special bond is important to all of us."

- **Zel Seman (SHOC '75)**

"Br Walter (Smith) who was the Director of SHC and Champion of the Boarders, was a guiding light for me and most boarders."

- **Gerard Waugh (SHOC '75)**

Post 50s Reunion

Sacred Heart College hosted its annual Post 50s Reunion at The Highway Hotel on Friday 5 September, celebrating all Old Collegians who completed their studies more than 50 years ago (Class of 1974 and earlier). This year, we welcomed a record 90 attendees who came together to enjoy a wonderful lunch.

The day was filled with smiles, laughter, and the joy of reconnecting with classmates, many seeing one another for the first time since their school days more than half a century ago.

We were fortunate to have **Frank Sebastyan (SHOC '61)** as our guest speaker. Frank shared insights into his remarkable life and career, as well as a nostalgic journey through Adelaide in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s, which sparked fond memories among all in attendance.

Special thanks go to **Peter Whelan (SHOC '60)** for serving as MC, and to College Principal, Daniel Lynch for joining us and providing an update on the College today. We are also grateful to **Roland (Rolly) Vaughton (SHOC '58)** and **Ian Burnett (SHOC '60)** for their invaluable support in coordinating the event. Their contributions helped make the day a great success.





SHOC Cricket

The SHOC Cricket Club season is currently underway. Whether you're a fan of the strategy and patience required in two-day cricket, the fast-paced excitement of one-day matches, or the thrilling spectacle of Twenty20 (T20) cricket, our club has something for everyone.

Over the years, SHOC Cricket Club has built a reputation for not only delivering exhilarating matches but also for forming a great group of players who are passionate about the sport. Our team is a diverse mix of skilled players, ranging from seasoned veterans to enthusiastic newcomers. We continuously welcome new players to join our ranks, ensuring that anyone interested in cricket has a place to grow and enjoy the game. Our supportive environment is perfect for those looking to improve their skills, learn from experienced cricketers, or simply get involved in a team sport.

In addition to welcoming new players, SHOC Cricket Club also extends an open invitation to potential sponsors. Your support is crucial for enhancing our facilities, organising events, and promoting the sport in our community. We would like to express our utmost gratitude to our current sponsors, whose contributions have been invaluable in helping us thrive and achieve our goals.

At SHOC Cricket Club, we believe that cricket is more than just a game; it's a community. Join us for a season filled with exciting cricket action, friendship, and the chance to be part of something special. Whether you're looking to play, cheer from the sidelines, or support us as a sponsor, SHOC Cricket Club welcomes you!

Matt Adamson (SHOC '93)

President
SHOC Cricket Club



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The SHOC Soccer Club held its annual Simon Mathews Cup against the College's girls and boys teams on 27 August. This event honours the life and legacy of **Simon Mathews (SHOC '89)** who established the SHOC Soccer Club. These games look to create a pathway and opportunity for current students of the College to continue playing soccer after school.

This year, there were match ups between the SHOC Men's C Grade and the SHC Boys 2nd XI, SHOC Women's and SHC Girls First XI, and the SHOC Men's A Grade and the SHC Boys First XI. Despite turbulent weather, each match was played with great heart and family spirit. Efforts of both players and spectators were rewarded with a well deserved sausage sizzle.



The matches also were entertaining affairs with the following results:

- SHOC Men's C's 5 - 1 SHC Boys 2nd XI
- SHOC Women's 1 - 0 SHC Girls First XI
- SHOC Men's A's 4 - 2 SHC Boys First XI

We thank the SHOC Soccer Committee for their efforts in making this event possible and run smoothly. We also thank the Sports staff of SHC for their coordination of this event. To all players too, this could not happen without you! We hope to see recent SHC graduates join SHOC Soccer in upcoming years. Bring on next year's Simon Mathews Cup!

Maya Thompson (SHOC '21)
SHOC Soccer Club



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At the time of writing, the SHOC Football Club is preparing for a strongly contested finals campaign, with all four grades in contention for success. Here's hoping we'll be celebrating these efforts in a future edition of the Blue & Blue.

We started the 2025 season strongly and, for the first time in club history, trialled a co-coaching model with **Alex Cailotto (SHOC '09)** and Anthony Biemans sharing the role. With two outstanding leaders at the helm, the club has been in safe hands, a fact reflected not only in on-field results but also in the development of our players off the field through important life-skill programs.

Building on our welfare, culture, and connection initiatives, **Damien O'Malley (SHOC '86)** from OMC Group continued his work with the playing group, adding polish to the foundations of leadership, culture, and constructive feedback that he introduced earlier in the year.



This season also saw us celebrate a number of playing milestones among our younger cohort, as well as the incredible achievement of club legends **Nick Forster (SHOC '05)** and **Hayden Wooldridge (SHOC '02)**, who each reached 300 games, a moment marked with the honour of being chaired from the ground.

We also welcomed back the 2010 A1 Reserves Premiership side coached by **Adam Marling (SHOC '94)** for their reunion, sparking plenty of memories and football stories. Looking ahead, next season we'll celebrate 10 years since our successful 2016 B Grade side won the premiership flag, with multiple catch-ups planned, and reflect on **Steve Kay's (SHOC '94)** B Grade team as they celebrate their famous three-peat, now a decade ago.



Off the field, we enjoyed a number of joint events with the SHOC Netball Club, highlighted by another memorable SHOC Ball, this year with an Oscars theme.

As always, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors Bay Motel Hotel, Jarvis Toyota, Badge Construction, PMY, Amorini, Letcher Moroney, and Creative Structures and to our passionate and loyal SHOC family.

With more than 140 registered players, retention remains a key focus for the off-season. We also extend a warm welcome to 2025 school leavers, old scholars, and anyone looking to get involved in season 2026.

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With seven teams entered into the 2025 competition, we've seen some fantastic netball played across all divisions this year and we couldn't be prouder of everyone involved.

A special congratulations goes to our B1, B4, and C1 teams, all who finished in the top four and earned a place in the finals. While our B4 and B1 teams unfortunately bowed out in the semi-final, they gave it their all and did us proud. Our C1 team powered through and secured a well-deserved place in the grand final unfortunately going down to City Coasters.

This year has also been a milestone year for many of our players, with 13 of our players reaching the 50-game milestone. Congratulations to every one of you for your dedication and commitment to the club!

Off the court, we've had plenty to celebrate. Our social calendar has been buzzing, with highlights including our ever-popular Ladies Day, held on 16 August. As our only fundraiser of the year, it was once again a standout event, thanks to the incredible leadership of **Charlotte Marling (SHOC '21)** and **Lauren Druce (SHOC '16)**. This year's Ladies Day saw record attendance, with tickets completely sold out! Not only did

we raise valuable funds for the club, but we were also proud to support [Catherine House](#), a local organisation supporting women experiencing homelessness in South Australia.

A huge thank you to everyone who played, volunteered, supported, or simply cheered from the sidelines this season. Your contribution is what makes SHOCs Netball such an amazing community.

As our winter season comes to an end, the summer season starts, with SHOCs netball entering one team filled with current 2025 Sacred Heart students. We wish them luck over the summer!

If you wish to join our club as a volunteer, coach, umpire, or player, please contact us at shocnetball@gmail.com.

Again, we would like to thank all of our sponsors for 2025, who make it possible for our club and our players to take the court each week. Thank you!



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SHOC Tennis

After another enjoyable tennis season on the grass courts, which wrapped up on 12 April, the SHOC Tennis Club is now preparing for the upcoming season, set to begin in October (exact date to be confirmed). By “preparing,” of course, we mean dusting off the racquets and finding the tennis shoes!

Saturday tennis for the ladies is held on the Sacred Heart lawn courts from 11.00am, with 2–3 courts in rotation. We play doubles only, using a quick format of eight games, with each player serving twice. After a set, players rotate off, giving everyone a fair chance to play. While waiting, there’s time to relax in the shade, enjoy a chat, and share refreshments before the next hit. Some players choose to continue playing straight through, with flexibility part of the fun.

Membership & Fees

- Season membership: \$150 (a one-off payment to keep things simple)
- Weekly subs: \$10

Thanks to player contributions, the SHOC Tennis Club proudly supports the College Foundation. In early 2025, we donated \$2,628, following donations of \$2,962 in 2024 and \$3,016 in 2023.

Playing Times

- Women: 11.00am
- Men: 1.30pm

Please remember to BYO chair, refreshments, and snacks if needed.

We welcome players of all abilities, from seasoned competitors to those who just enjoy a casual game. New players are always encouraged to join. Please feel free to get in touch with Sue, Greg, or Tony via phone or email.

Interested? Contact us!
We’d love to hear from you!

Tony Proud – 0450 533 641 or tony@proudlybuilt.com.au
Greg Walkington (SHOC '75) – 0417 886 623
Sue McCarthy – 0439 499 881



Where are they now?



Paul Evans (SHOC '96)

Hailing from Streaky Bay on the Eyre Peninsula, **Paul Evans (SHOC '96)** joined Sacred Heart College as a boarder in 1995. His time at the College set the stage for a remarkable journey that has taken him from the world of professional football to firefighting, and now to life as a primary producer on his family's oyster farm.

Straight out of school, Paul was drafted to the Port Adelaide Football Club and spent four years on their AFL list. Despite an injury-interrupted career, he remains grateful for the opportunity to play at the highest level and to learn under the guidance of Mark Williams, whom he credits as not only a football coach but also a life mentor. Alongside his AFL commitments, Paul played extensively for Port in the SANFL and was fortunate to be part of their final premiership side in 1999.

When football came to an end, Paul turned to a new passion, serving as a firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS). He spent close to a decade in the role, describing it as a job he loved, one that provided him with

lifelong friendships and a strong sense of purpose.

In 2013, Paul, his wife, and their daughters returned to Streaky Bay to take over the family's oyster farm.

Now firmly rooted back in the community he grew up in, Paul continues to embrace the challenges and rewards of oyster farming. His daughters, **Ella Evans (SHOC '21)** and **Chloe Evans (SHOC '24)**, have followed in his footsteps as boarders at Sacred Heart College.

Paul considers family his greatest achievement, but two milestones in particular stand out from his career journey: his four years in the AFL system and being awarded a prestigious Nuffield Farming Scholarship (sponsored by Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC)). The scholarship enabled him to travel the world, studying farming and food production systems, meeting industry leaders, and gaining insights that continue to benefit his work today.

Life as an oyster farmer is not without its challenges, from storms and mortality events to the looming threat of algae blooms and disease, resilience is constantly required. Paul credits his earlier experiences in football, where he overcame repeated setbacks through injury, for teaching him the resilience needed to thrive in farming.

Reflecting on his time at Sacred Heart, Paul recalls a particularly challenging period. At the end of Year 11, with Port Adelaide preparing to enter the

AFL, he was encouraged to transfer to St Michael's College for Year 12 to better accommodate his football commitments.

Just weeks into the year, he was struck down with glandular fever, leaving him ill for over six weeks. At one point, he contemplated dropping out of school altogether. With encouragement from the football club and the support of Sacred Heart, he returned to finish his Year 12 studies back at Sacred Heart among friends, a decision he remains grateful for to this day.



Samson Garcia (SHOC '22)

Since graduating from Sacred Heart College in 2022, **Samson Garcia (SHOC '22)** has embraced new opportunities abroad. In 2024, he travelled to the United States to work at a summer camp, a decision he describes as one of the best he's ever made.

While the long days and constant activity could be demanding, the rewards were far greater. Watching kids grow, while forming lifelong friendships with fellow staff, made the experience truly unforgettable.

This year, Samson returned to the US for a second summer, joined by fellow old scholar and friend, **Jaiden Visentin (SHOC '22)**. With the advantage of experience, Samson was able to reconnect with familiar faces while also welcoming new ones.

Camp IHC has become a second home for him, filled with countless memories, friendships, and fun that he will carry with him always.



Kendal Nash (SHOC '94)

After graduating from Sacred Heart College in 1994, **Kendal Nash (SHOC '94)** set out on an adventure a few years later, heading north in 1998 for a summer in the Whitsundays. That first taste of island life soon led him to a season at Falls Creek in the Victorian snowfields, before returning to Hamilton Island to begin his plumbing apprenticeship. Three years on, he settled on the mainland at Airlie Beach, a town he has proudly called home ever since.

Life in Airlie has been full of milestones for Kendal. In 2013, Kendal launched his own business, KNP Plumbing & Gas, a company that continues to serve the community today. That same year, he found himself unexpectedly in the national spotlight, appearing on the reality dating show *'When Love Comes to Town'*. Despite the producers' persistence in convincing him to join, it was all in good fun, and he jokes that the best part was meeting his future wife, Alice, away from the cameras. Alice, originally from Adelaide and a Pembroke old scholar, grew up in Stirling in the Adelaide Hills. The pair married in 2015 and are now proud parents to two boys, Harrison (9) and Fletcher (7).

Kendal has always maintained a love for sport and community. He has kept active with middle-distance running and played football for the Whitsundays Sea Eagles, a club that his business proudly sponsors.

Beyond sport, Kendal and Alice are dedicated to supporting local community programs, giving back to the place they now call home.

In May 2022, Kendal faced one of his greatest personal challenges when he suffered a sudden cardiac arrest in his office. Thanks to the quick actions of his office manager, who performed CPR until paramedics arrived, he was kept alive long enough to be airlifted to Townsville, where a cardiologist fitted him with a pacemaker. The experience has reshaped his outlook on life, leaving him deeply grateful for every day since.

Reflecting on his journey, Kendal is proud of building a business, a family, and a life in a place he loves, all while staying connected to his Adelaide roots, including remaining a passionate Adelaide Crows supporter.

Some of his fondest Sacred Heart memories come from his Middle School years, where the camaraderie of an all-boys environment, sporting carnivals, triathlons, and football created bonds that remain strong to this day. Sacred Heart's sporting focus suited him perfectly, and many of the friendships formed during those years are still a meaningful part of his life.



Grace Northam (SHOC '22)

Grace Northam (SHOC '22) is now completing a Bachelor of Music (Jazz Performance - Voice) at the Elder Conservatorium since leaving Sacred Heart College.

Combined with her studies, Grace has been actively performing with her band, *Birds Are Spies*, that was originally started alongside fellow old scholars, **Lachie Durrans (SHOC '22)** and **Jack Larkin (SHOC '22)**, and now consists of four members, Grace, Lachie, Lily Appelt and Finn Larcombe. The group completed a successful national tour earlier this year and have headlined sold-out shows in Adelaide. Last year, the group was listed by The Advertiser as one of the Top 10 bands to watch out for in 2024.

This year, Grace was selected as a finalist for the prestigious Generations in Jazz Vocal Scholarship, where she competed in Mount Gambier against top emerging vocalists and musicians from across Australia, a transformative experience that expanded her network and artistry.

During her time at the Conservatorium, Grace has had the privilege of learning from internationally renowned artists such as Jazzmeia Horn and Linda May Han Oh, gaining invaluable insight to support her development and future career.

Grace has also participated in the Marist Youth Ministry's Immersion program

in Cambodia, an experience that deepened her cultural awareness and broadened her perspective on the role of music and community.

One of her greatest challenges has been overcoming a vocal injury in late 2023, an experience that strengthened her resilience through therapy and rehabilitation. After completing her degree, Grace intends to expand her musical knowledge on a global scale. She plans to travel internationally to learn from established artists, taking lessons and gaining insight into different approaches to jazz and contemporary music.

Alongside this, Grace is dedicated to writing and developing her own original work, with the goal of recording and releasing music that reflects her unique voice as an artist. By combining international experiences with her creative projects, she hopes to contribute fresh perspectives to the jazz scene while continuing to grow as both a performer and composer.



Madalyn Petruzzella (SHOC '24)

For **Madalyn Petruzzella (SHOC '24)**, the transition from school life to post-school opportunities has been nothing short of busy, but in the best possible way.

After graduating Year 12 in 2024, Madalyn enrolled in a Bachelor of Secondary Education at Flinders University, majoring in English and Visual Arts. Wanting to catch her breath after the intensity of her final school year, she chose to defer her studies for a semester, allowing time to recharge and settle into life beyond the classroom.

That break proved to be just as full and rewarding. Madalyn returned to Sacred Heart as a Year 12 tutor, supporting students in subjects such as English, Child Studies, Activating Identities & Futures (AIF), and Religion. On weekends, she continued to nurture her love of the arts as a dance teacher, working with students aged 9-18. More recently, she has stepped into an exciting new role as Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) Regional Assistant for South Australia, based at Sacred Heart College. In this role, Madalyn facilitates faith and ministry events for students and young Marists, a position that combines her leadership skills with her passion for guiding others.

"I'm excited to work with like-minded individuals and to support other young Marists in their personal faith and ministry journeys," she says.

Reflecting on her school years, one of Madalyn's proudest achievements was receiving the DUX Award in Year 10.

"I was always very conscientious and academically focused, so to be recognised with such an award was incredibly rewarding, similar to the fulfillment I felt when I received my ATAR," she shares.

Of course, success didn't come without its challenges. Year 12, in particular, was demanding. Alongside her full-time studies, Madalyn was completing a Flinders University subject as part of the Extension Studies program, while also working and dancing twice a week.

"Finding that balance between academics, extracurriculars, and social life was a constant struggle, but I'm grateful, because I came out the other side more accomplished than ever."

Madalyn's time at Sacred Heart was defined by her willingness to get involved. She was an active member of Game Changers and MSOL from Year 7 to Year 12, and performed in both school musicals, *'Back to the 80s'* and *'Legally Blonde'*. A highlight came in 2023, when she travelled to Fiji as part of the College's Immersion program.

"Spending time with children who had so little, yet radiated joy, gave me enormous perspective. It fuelled my aspiration to continue working with and supporting young people," she reflects.

From the stage, to the classroom, to her growing role in faith leadership, Madalyn has embraced every opportunity to learn, give back, and grow. As she steps into university studies and deepens her involvement in Marist Youth Ministry, her passion for education, service, and community continues to shape a bright future.



Harrison Ramm (SHOC '24)

Congratulations to Sacred Heart Old Collegian **Harrison Ramm (SHOC '24)**, who was selected at Pick 3 in the 2025 AFL Mid-Season Draft by the Port Adelaide Football Club.

Standing at 202cm, Harrison is a versatile key defender with developing ruck ability and impressive athleticism. His football journey began at Glenelg in the SANFL, where his strong aerial skills and mobility caught the attention of recruiters. A standout performance at the 2024 AFL State Draft Combine, highlighted by a 6:29 two-kilometre time trial, underlined his potential at the elite level.

But Harrison's story is not simply about natural talent. His path has been one of persistence, resilience, and balance. While his AFL draft year brought setbacks through injury and form challenges, Harrison remained determined.

"Ever since I got dropped from the under-18 championships, I made it my mission to prove them wrong," he shared, a mindset that carried him into the draft spotlight and ultimately secured his opportunity at Alberton.

A proud Heart, Harrison also took his studies seriously, achieving an ATAR in the mid-90s and gaining entry into Mechanical Engineering at university. He credits his time at Sacred Heart

for helping him develop maturity and perspective beyond the football field.

"I always wanted to keep my options open," he reflects, "and school gave me that foundation."

Family remains central to his journey, with his grandfather and late great-grandfather being key influences in his football development.

"I'm playing for him a bit," Harrison says of his great-grandfather, with whom he shared a special bond.

Now settling into life as a Port Adelaide recruit, Harrison is focused on building strength, developing his defensive craft, and working towards his AFL debut. With the support of the Hearts community behind him, we look forward to following his exciting journey in the years ahead.

A fantastic achievement, Harrison. The Sacred Heart community is proud of you.



Paul Sandercock (SHOC '82)

Since graduating from Sacred Heart College, **Paul Sandercock (SHOC '82)** spent 21 years teaching in Catholic Schools. His first teaching job was at Sale Catholic College (Gippsland, Victoria) followed by roles at St. Ignatius College, St. Michael's College, Cardijn College and Sacred Heart Middle School.

Paul left teaching for a few years and became the first owner of the Glenelg EFM Franchise based out of the original Glenelg Surf Lifesaving Club in the mid-late 90s.

Paul's time at Sacred Heart brings back great memories of life-long friendships, challenges, fun and lessons that stretched well beyond the classroom. The Assumption College exchanges, Marist Cricket Carnivals and Interschool Athletics Carnivals at Adelaide Oval/

Kensington bring back fantastic memories of contributing to some of the great traditions of Sacred Heart College.

In 1977, Paul found himself relocated from Somerton Park to Sacred Heart College Middle School (Mitchell Park) to join the students of St. Joseph's College (Years 6–9). This provided challenges amongst the student body as two different schools amalgamated to form one.

During his teaching years, Paul always had an outside interest in Aussie Rules Football. He worked in recruiting for 10 years for the Geelong Football Club. Paul coached at Norwood, Sturt and Glenelg Football Clubs and spent three years as the A grade coach of SHOC Football Club.

Paul left teaching early 2011, and after four years as General Manager of Football at Sturt FC, he was appointed Head of Football at Glenelg FC in 2015 (a position he still holds today).



Andrew Schmidt (SHOC '78)

Andrew Schmidt (SHOC '78) spent six years at Sacred Heart College from 1973 to 1978 during an era of open dormitories, pay phones, and plenty of mischief. When asked about those years, he describes them with humour and warmth.

After finishing school, Andrew wasn't entirely sure what path to take, but an opportunity soon came calling in the mining industry at Broken Hill. At just 17 years old, he began working in construction on the surface before moving underground at 19, drawn by the prospect of nearly double the pay. He spent more than a decade in mining before calling it a day on Australia Day 1990.

A career change called, and Andrew enrolled in a travel course in Adelaide. By the end of 1990, he was back in Broken Hill working for Traveland, selling domestic and international travel packages and representing airlines such as Ansett, Kendell, and Hazelton. He went on to help establish Traveland's group department for South Australia and Broken Hill, escorting more than 30 tours overseas across his 10 years in the industry.

At the turn of the millennium, Andrew made another career shift, this time into radio. He joined local station 2BH and Hill FM as Sales Manager and Weekday Drive Presenter, also hosting the Saturday

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Andrew Schmidt continued

Sport Show. Within a year he was appointed Station Manager. In 2003, he stepped into his current role as Station Manager and Breakfast Host with ABC Broken Hill, a role he continues to thrive in today. Over the years he has broadcast across regional Australia, filled in on programs such as the Country Hour, and even taken on metro gigs in Adelaide.

Alongside his radio work, Andrew has been a familiar face in other media too. From 1998 to 2001 he hosted a weekly sports segment on Southern Cross Television, covered the Olympic torch relay when it passed through Broken Hill in 2000, and hosted numerous charity telethons.

Sport has always been central to Andrew's life. He spent more than 20 years involved with the North Broken Hill Football Club, raising money, finding sponsors, recruiting players, and organising events. He continues to emcee the club's past players function each year. In 2000, he joined the Broken Hill Football League (now AFL Broken Hill) as Vice Chair, before becoming Chair in 2016, a position he still holds. He also serves as President of the St Patrick's Races, Broken Hill's biggest sporting and social event, is Patron and emcee of the Silver City Show, and has lent his voice to countless council and community events.

One of his proudest achievements has been helping to secure millions of dollars in funding for sporting infrastructure in Broken Hill.

In 2018, after years of lobbying, the AFL board delivered a \$3.5 million upgrade to Jubilee Oval, including female change rooms, a digital scoreboard, an upgraded grandstand, and shaded areas. With women's football now flourishing, Andrew sees this as one of his most rewarding contributions.

"The facilities are equal to any in the country."

His efforts have also helped deliver over \$1 million in upgrades at the racecourse, improving shade and amenities for the iconic St Pat's meeting.

Like any community leader, challenges have been part of the journey. Andrew admits that chasing grants and funding can feel relentless, but persistence has paid off.

"The secret is to write a submission that fits the criteria, not just what you need. In the end, it works."

He also reflects on earlier setbacks in his 20s, when missing out on jobs felt devastating at the time but often led to better opportunities down the track.

Looking back on his time at Sacred Heart, Andrew recalls the transition years when the school moved from all-boys to co-ed.

"When I was in Year 11 there were just a handful of girls in Year 12, the pioneers. By the time I reached Year 12, both years were co-ed. It was certainly a change, and a good one."

His memories of boarding life are filled with colour, from trips to the local shops on Brighton Road to buy chicken, to the camaraderie of weekends with friends, and the ever-watchful presence of the dormitory brothers. Dorm life meant 50 boys in open rooms, freezing nights, a record player in the corner, and one shared pay phone for everyone. Through it all, Andrew forged lifelong friendships that remain strong today.



Alyssa Vincenzi (SHOC '21)

While still in Year 12 at Sacred Heart College, **Alyssa Vincenzi (SHOC '21)** began her journey in boilermaking with a traineeship at BAE Systems Australia. After graduating in 2021, she transitioned into an apprenticeship as part of the very first group for the Hunter Class Frigate Program. Alyssa has since completed her Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade.

Throughout her apprenticeship, Alyssa has embraced opportunities to grow and give back. She participated in the Making Her Mark Leadership Program, designed to help women develop leadership skills and build networks with like-minded professionals. She was also part of the first intake for the Hunter Class Frigate Program, standing alongside Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, Richard Marles and SA Premier, Peter Malinauskas.

Alyssa has returned to Sacred Heart to contribute to Pathways and Careers Expos, inspiring current students to consider the wide-ranging opportunities of a STEM career. On one occasion, she even had the privilege of meeting SA's Education Minister, Blair Boyer MP, while sharing her story with young people.

Her achievements have not gone unnoticed. Alyssa was honoured as the inaugural recipient of her company's Apprentice of the Year award, a milestone that reflects her commitment,

skill, and perseverance. Working in a male-dominated trade has brought challenges, but she remains proud to be among the first women on the shop floor, paving the way for others.

Outside of work, Alyssa enjoys travelling to music festivals across Australia and overseas, as well as pursuing both new and familiar hobbies.

Reflecting on her time at Sacred Heart, her fondest memory is the Year 12 Formal, a night filled with friends, celebrations, and seeing her peers all dressed up for the occasion.

Old scholar update



Abby Thorne (SHOC '19)

Since 2022, old scholar **Abby Thorne (SHOC '19)** has been thriving in her college lacrosse career at the University of Pittsburgh in the United States. A standout athlete, Abby was a four-year starter, three-year captain, and now holds multiple program records. She recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's Certificate in Management.

The past year has been particularly exciting for Abby. With lacrosse added to the 2028 Olympic program, she was honoured to be placed under Olympic categorisation for Team Australia. She also earned a spot on the roster for the 2025 World Games, where she competed in China in August.

Abby's biggest news is her recent appointment as Assistant Lacrosse Coach and Defensive Coordinator at Coastal Carolina University, a Division 1 program in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Following the World Games, she will step into her new role, leading the defence, recruiting players, and helping to build a strong, competitive culture both on and off the field.

Coaching at the collegiate level has been a dream of Abby's since her university days, and she is eager to bring the unique Australian brand of lacrosse to the US game. We congratulate Abby on her incredible achievements and wish her every success in this exciting new chapter.



Matthew Pavlich (SHOC '99)

Congratulations to old scholar and Sacred Heart College Hall of Honour inductee **Matthew Pavlich (SHOC '99)** on his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney Swans Football Club.

A celebrated AFL figure, Matthew enjoyed an illustrious 17-season career with the Fremantle Dockers, serving as captain for nine years and earning six All-Australian selections. Off the field, he has built an impressive post-playing career in media, business, and leadership, bringing a wealth of experience to his new role.

Matthew will officially commence as CEO at the end of the 2025 AFL season, leading one of the league's most successful and respected clubs into its next chapter.

We congratulate Matthew on this outstanding achievement and look forward to seeing the impact he will make at the Sydney Swans.

Engagements



01 Jenna Winter (SHOC '18) & Jed Jenkins (SHOC '18)

Congratulations to old scholars **Jed Jenkins (SHOC '18)** and **Jenna Winter (SHOC '18)** who were engaged on 4 November 2024 on the esplanade at St Kilda Beach, Victoria. The proposal came just after their return from a trip to Japan, with a stopover in Melbourne for the Melbourne Cup. After enjoying a few drinks with friends, Jed popped the question, and the couple celebrated with cocktails and dinner at a nearby restaurant. They recently marked the occasion with an engagement party at The Colley Hotel in Glenelg.

02 Chloe Menton (SHOC '18) & Liam Stuart (SHOC '15)

Congratulations to old scholars **Chloe Menton (SHOC '18)** and **Liam Stuart (SHOC '15)**, who were engaged on 10 December 2023, a very special day as it was also Chloe's birthday. The proposal was a complete surprise, taking place at home while the pair were in their pyjamas playing board games. When Liam asked Chloe to close her eyes, she thought she was about to receive another birthday present, but instead opened her eyes to find him on one knee. The couple will marry in January 2026 at the Sacred Heart College Chapel, with their reception to follow at Partridge House.



03 Ashleigh Bow (SHOC '11) & Caleb Smith (SHOC '12)

Congratulations to old scholars **Ashleigh Bow (SHOC '11)** and **Caleb Smith (SHOC '12)**, who were engaged on 7 February 2025 while on a cruise to Vanuatu, a special trip gifted by Caleb to celebrate Ashleigh's 30th birthday. As the ship departed Brisbane, Caleb proposed on their private balcony, unable to wait any longer to pop the question. They have begun exploring wedding venues, with plans still to be confirmed.





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04 Joe Gauci (SHOC '18) & Eleanor Grocke (SHOC '18)

Congratulations to **Eleanor Grocke (SHOC '18)** and **Joe Gauci (SHOC '18)**, who were engaged on 13 June 2025 while staying at the Rare Earth Retreats in McLaren Vale. The pair first met in Year 12 at Sacred Heart College and have been together ever since. Joe proposed on the back deck of their accommodation, and the following day they celebrated with lunch at Wirra Wirra alongside their families, followed by celebrations with friends and extended family the next weekend.



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05 Lauren Druce (SHOC '16) & Marcus Walkington (SHOC '13)

Congratulations to old scholars **Lauren Druce (SHOC '16)** and **Marcus Walkington (SHOC '13)** who were engaged on 28 June 2025 at Somerton Beach.



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06 Olivia Allen (SHOC '18) & Gavin Regan (SHOC '18)

Congratulations to old scholars **Olivia Allen (SHOC '18)** and **Gavin Regan (SHOC '18)** who were engaged on 22 December 2024 at the picturesque Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens. The pair first met in Year 10 at Sacred Heart College and have been together ever since. Fittingly, Gavin proposed the day after their eighth anniversary, and they spent the summer holiday celebrating with family and friends. Wedding planning is now well underway, and they are looking forward to their special day.

Weddings



01 & 02 Emma Hackett (SHOC '15) & Jessie Munn

Old scholar **Emma Hackett (SHOC '15)** and **Jessie Munn** were married in the Sacred Heart College Chapel on 11 May 2024. The reception followed at Simon Hackett Wines. The couple was first introduced by old scholar **Maddi Malone (SHOC '15)**, who was a boarder with Emma. Congratulations, Emma and Jessie!



03 & 04 Michela Caruso (nee Davies, SHOC '16) & Reece Caruso

Old scholar **Michela Caruso (nee Davies, SHOC '16)** and **Reece Caruso** were married in the Sacred Heart College Chapel on 1 June 2024. The reception was held at Sunnybrae Estate. Their wedding party featured several fellow Old Scholars, including **Nicola Rea (SHOC '20)**, **Olivia Wild (SHOC '16)**, **Jesse Carlaw (SHOC '14)**, **Daniel Lo Basso (SHOC '14)**, and **Joshua Davies (SHOC '19)**.



05 & 06 Madison Short (SHOC '12) & Jake Williams (SHOC '15)

Congratulations to old scholars **Madison Short (SHOC '16)** and **Jake Williams (SHOC '15)** who tied the knot on 17 April 2025 at Glamp Nusa in Bali. Their wedding party featured several fellow old scholars, including: Maid of Honour, **Amy Pickburn (SHOC '16)**; bridesmaid, **Jacinta Short (SHOC '16)**; Best Man, **Joshua Galphin (SHOC '15)**; and groomsmen, **Matthew Williams (SHOC '07)** and **Andrew Williams (SHOC '10)**.

Births



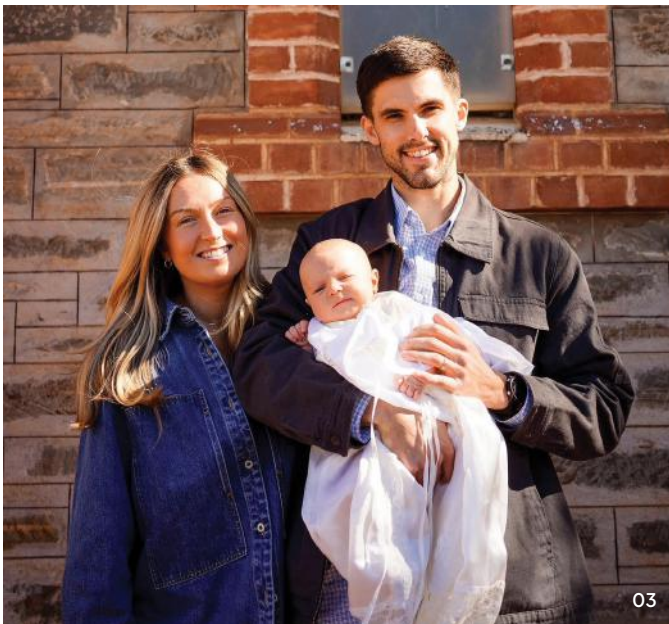
01 Monroe Jean Arrowsmith

Congratulations to old scholar, **Alex Comley (SHOC '05)** and **August Arrowsmith** on the birth of their baby girl, **Monroe Jean Arrowsmith**, born 6 May 2025 and weighing 4.2kg.



02 Gio Murphy Cailotto

Congratulations to old scholar, **Alex Cailotto (SHOC '09)** and **Maddie Murphy** on the birth of their baby boy, **Gio Murphy Cailotto**, born 1 May 2025 and weighing 3.9kg.



03 Hugh Erwin Clarke

Congratulations to old scholars, **Grace Clarke (nee Redden, SHOC '13)** and **Ryan Clarke (SHOC '13)** on the birth of their baby boy, **Hugh Erwin Clarke**, born 3 June 2025 and weighing 3.2kg.



04 Eden Esther Hartshorne

Congratulations to old scholars, **Alice Whitelum (SHOC '10)** and **Connor Hartshorne (SHOC '10)**, on the birth of their baby girl, **Eden Esther Hartshorne**, born 12 December 2024 and weighing 3.25kg.

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05 Mabel Frankie Hartshorne

Congratulations to old scholars, **Kahrynn Hartshorne (nee Annese, SHOC '13)** and **Lachlan Hartshorne (SHOC '12)** on the birth of their baby girl, **Mabel Frankie Hartshorne**, born 11 December 2025 and weighing 3.5kg.



06 Darcy Joshua Head

Congratulations to old scholars, **Joshua Head (SHOC '07)** and **Josie Head (nee Charman, SHOC '08)** on the birth of their baby boy, **Darcy Joshua Head**, born 27 March 2025 and weighing 4.39kg.



07 Lily Marie Hughes

Congratulations to old scholar, **Maddy Proud (SHOC '11)**, and **Daniel Hughes** on the birth of their baby girl, **Lily Marie Hughes**, born 23 May 2025 and weighing 3.75kg.

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In memoriam



Sue Kenneally

03.06.1953 – 30.05.2025

While not a Sacred Heart old scholar herself, Sue Kenneally's connection to the College ran deep, beginning at 15 years old when she met **Michael Kenneally (SHOC '68)**, whom she would eventually marry. Michael, along with his brothers, were the second generation of the extended Kenneally family to attend Sacred Heart, with several following since including Michael and Sue's three daughters, **Brianna Hatwell (nee Kenneally, SHOC '94)**, **Michaela Kenneally (SHOC '98)**, and **Sianead Kenneally (SHOC '04)**. A number of brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and even grand-nieces and nephews are also current or former students.

An avid lover of all sports, Sue became a regular fixture at SHOC football matches when Michael was a player. She became a dedicated member of the SHOC Social Committee and was recently described in the SHOC Footy Club newsletter as the 'ultimate WAG'. As a Sacred Heart parent, Sue encouraged her girls to become involved in all aspects of College life and led from

the front, attending sporting events, Assumption College Kilmore exchanges, and hosting an array of visiting students in the family home.

An identical twin, Sue was a surprise package when she was born, the sixth of eight children in the Hyslop Family in Glen Iris, Victoria. When she was in her early teens, Sue's family relocated to South Australia, setting down roots in Glenelg North. Sue attended Plympton High School until the age of 15, when she left to commence her training in office administration.

Michael and Sue relocated to the Northern Territory in the late 70s, capitalising on the opportunities arising from the rebuilding of Darwin post-Cyclone Tracy. This move prompted an era of immense personal and professional growth for Sue, during which she would eventually come to work for the NT Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, and realise her abiding love of sport. An avid runner and gym enthusiast, she also represented the NT in touch football during this time.

Returning to South Australia with a young but growing family, Sue became a member of the school community at St Teresa's Primary School at Brighton, forming many treasured friendships that endured well into her later years. She also reconnected with the wider SHC community when Michael became coach of the SHOC A Grade Football team.

Sue had a wide array of jobs throughout her life, constantly undertaking extra

training and acquiring tertiary Sports Management qualifications to pursue her vocational interests. The most rewarding by far was winning the position of Sports Coordinator at Sacred Heart College, a role she held for 10 years. Sue would be found opening the Main Oval gates early on a Saturday morning, organising coffee machines, first aid kits, and extra equipment.

She thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a warm and fun-loving school community and was very sad to say goodbye when she retired. As residents of Somerton Park, Michael and Sue could still be found in attendance at Sacred Heart sporting games from time to time.

Sue's Motor Neurone Disease (MND) diagnosis in early 2025 came as a devastating shock to her and her family. As she always did, Sue fought the good fight but sadly succumbed to the illness on 30 May 2025, passing away in her family home surrounded by her loved ones.

Over the June long weekend following her passing, Sue's family held an MND 'Big Freeze' Fundraising event, generously hosted by the Glenelg Football Club. Overwhelmed by the love and support of Sue's family and friends, Sue's family is extremely proud to announce that over \$20,000 was raised to support the Fight MND cause. Sue's family and loved ones hope all will remember Sue as a dedicated, fun-loving person who made a positive contribution to the College community she loved.



Kevin Patrick Markham
14.11.1931 – 23.12.2024

The Sacred Heart College community acknowledges the passing of **Kevin Patrick Markham (SHOC '46)**, who entered eternal rest on 23 December 2024, aged 93.

Kevin is remembered as a devoted husband to Barbara, and a much-loved father and father-in-law to Lawrie; Ann-Marie and Perrin; Kathryn (dec) and Geoff; and Vincent and Jacqueline. He was a cherished Pop to James and Kristie, Omar and Elise, Radi, Craig, Sarah and Timothy, and a proud Great Pop to 13 great-grandchildren.

Kevin's life was one of faith and family. His years at Sacred Heart shaped a foundation of values he carried throughout his long and meaningful life. He will be fondly remembered by his family, friends, and fellow old scholars.

May Kevin now rest peacefully in God's care.



William (Bill) Pick
14.09.1938 – 16.11.2025

William Pick (SHOC '56) was born in Alice Springs in September 1938 and following the sudden death of his father in 1940 his grandparents invited his mother, his sister Genevieve and him to live with them at Coondambo, a large sheep station 300 kms north of Port Augusta. Bill always considered this a very generous and special gift and he had many wonderful memories of growing up there.

Coondambo was close to the railway line and Bill was able to do correspondence school until he went to Sacred Heart as a boarder from 1951 to 1955, and then as a "day boy" in 1956 when his parents moved to Adelaide.

Bill enjoyed his time at Sacred Heart and did well academically despite a couple of health setbacks early on. He contracted polio and missed a complete term and although he made a good recovery, this also affected his sporting dreams. He was proud that he was a prefect in 1956 and kept his blazer which he wore to the last reunion lunch he attended in 2024.

Bill studied Engineering at Adelaide University and after graduation worked with Engineering Water Supply (EWS) for 6 months until he was invited to take up

an appointment in the Snowy Mountains as Site Engineer at Island Bend in May 1963.

He married Margaret Allen in December 1963 and they lived in a tiny house in the construction township where they made many good friends. There were lots of young married couples with young children arriving at a similar age to his first child, Susan, who was born at Cooma Hospital in 1965.

Following the completion of the Island Bend project, Bill and his growing family moved first to Melbourne then on to Perth where Matthew was born in 1968. Bill enjoyed his project in WA building wheat storage sheds as far north as Mullewa and south to Kattaning before being transferred briefly to Dampier then on to Port Hedland where Christopher was born in 1970.

Bill was delighted to be transferred in 1971 to Copeton Dam near Inverell NSW where he joined a few of the people he had worked with at Island Bend. The family had a happy time with old friends and growing children until mid 1973. They soon decided it was time to end their nomadic life (15 moves in 10 years) and return to Adelaide where their son, Robert was born in 1973.

After many years of moving around Australia Bill started work at Baulderstone Engineering in August 1974. During his time at Baulderstone Bill worked on many notable projects including the Port Augusta Power Station, the O-Bahn Busway, the construction of Iron Duke mine, the Third Runway at Sydney Airport, Riverland Water Treatment Plants and many bridges throughout South Australia. He enjoyed his engineering career immensely and following retirement in 1998 from Baulderstone he undertook a

number of consulting roles.

In February 1981 Bill's wife Margaret died from cancer leaving him with four children under 16. A very sad time, but Bill liked to think that if any good came from this, it was that the family grew even closer and became a very responsive team. In 1987 Bill met (and later married) Keneatha, and they enjoyed their life together with lots of travelling after Bill's retirement in 1998. They settled in Port Elliot and both were involved with U3A, bushwalking and community activities.

Bill passed away after a short battle with cancer in Mary Potter Hospice and is survived by his wife Keneatha, four children, two stepchildren and their partners, and 13 grandchildren. As he liked to say, he was grateful for a full and fortunate life and thought it was a "wonderful adventure".



Brother Jordan (Christopher Michael) Redden **19.03.1926 – 13.07.2025**

The Sacred Heart College and Marist communities give thanks for the extraordinary life of **Brother Jordan (Christopher Michael) Redden (SHOC '41)**, who entered eternal life on 13 July 2025 at the age of 99, having lived 80 remarkable years as a Marist Brother.

Born in Peterborough, South Australia on 19 May 1926 and raised on a farm at Whyte Yarcowie, Christopher, affectionately known as "Jordo" first arrived at Sacred Heart College as a boarder in 1940. He brought with him a keen love for tennis, a strong work ethic, and an enduring spirit of service that would shape his remarkable life. After finishing school, and despite the opportunity of a secure government job, he chose to follow his heart and vocation, joining the Marist Brothers.

At just 15, he entered the Juniorate at Mittagong and in 1945 received the name by which he would be known for the rest of his life: Brother Jordan.

Jordo's ministry spanned classrooms, playgrounds, and communities across Australia including Camberwell, Kilmore, Bendigo, Hawthorn, Broken Hill, Bunbury, Griffith, Mitchell Park, and, most dearly, Somerton Park and North Adelaide. He

served as teacher, Deputy Principal, Master of Discipline, Sports Master, choir leader, and pastoral guide. His greatest gift, however, was his presence. Whether in the classroom, at the cricket nets, on the sidelines of footy, or driving students in the "Jordan Taxi," he was fully with those around him. Generations remember his warmth, humour, and unflinching encouragement.

His love of sport, especially cricket, led to one of his enduring legacies: the Marist Cricket Carnival. In 1974, alongside Tony Lantry of St Joseph's Hunters Hill, he established the competition to bring Marist schools together in friendship and faith through the game. From starting with just four schools, the Carnival has grown into a cherished tradition involving 20 Marist schools across Australia and New Zealand, an initiative that perfectly reflected Jordo's belief that sport could deepen community and strengthen the Marist spirit.

Beyond school life, he was a devoted member of the Redden family, beloved son, brother, uncle, and grandfather figure, and a steadfast supporter of Marist missions, particularly in East Timor. His pastoral care extended well into his later years, most recently at Aquinas College, and he remained a constant presence at Sacred Heart College, attending events, offering wisdom, and delighting in the successes of students and Old Collegians alike.

In 2020, Jordo celebrated his Platinum Jubilee, 75 years as a Marist Brother in the very chapel where his vocation began. Looking back on his life, he described it simply as "a wonderful life, a lucky life." Those who knew him would add: a faithful life, a generous life, a life lived for others.

Brother Jordan's passing marks the end of an era for Sacred Heart College. His memory and influence are woven into the story of the College and into the hearts of all who knew him. We give thanks for his extraordinary life and enduring legacy of faith, service, and love.

In memoriam

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of past and present members and friends of the Sacred Heart College community.

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

Amen.

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Anthony (Tony) Thomas Shaw
(SHOC '55)
15.10.1939 – 07.05.2025

Graham George Spurling
(SHOC '53)
04.01.1938 – 30.03.2025

Paul Teisseire
(SHOC '73)
07.12.1954 – 06.06.2025

Raymond Wood
(SHOC '61)
19.11.1946 – 21.01.2023



Anthony (Tony) Thomas Shaw 15.10.1939 – 07.05.2025

Tony Shaw (SHOC '55) was an extraordinary man: energetic, driven, bold, generous, and unrelentingly persuasive. He was someone who threw himself into life with unflagging passion and boundless optimism – always with a to-do list that needed to be ticked off.

Tony was born in Adelaide on 15 October 1939 to Rose and Vic Shaw. The eldest of three surviving children, he grew up in Glandore and attended St Anthony's School, Edwardstown, where he assisted the priest as an altar boy and counted the collections after Mass.

He continued his senior years at Sacred Heart College (1952–1955), riding his bike every day to Somerton Park, where he played football and tennis. It was here that his athletic talent came to the forefront: in 1955, Tony was the Sacred Heart College Open Tennis Champion.

In 1956, Tony started his working career in Adelaide with finance company, Industrial Acceptance Corporation (IAC), all the while immersing himself in sport. Tennis, football, squash, night cricket, water skiing ... you name it, he tried it. But it was football that was to become his true sporting love.

In 1962, Tony played his first game in the SANFL, as a South Adelaide rover, and he scored a goal with his very first kick in league football. In 1964, Tony entered the SANFL history books. The determined, reliable back pocket was in the South Adelaide premiership team that defeated Port Adelaide in a historic win in front of 56,000 fans. South Adelaide had achieved the seemingly impossible – catapulting from the bottom of the ladder the previous year to the top of the ladder the next. The stunning premiership win was one of the greatest SANFL games in history.

Tony played 102 league games for South Adelaide and after his playing days were over, his close connection to the club continued. He was awarded South Adelaide Football Club Life Membership in 2010 and served on the South Adelaide Football Club Board, Panther Club Committee and Past Players Committee around the same time. He was the driving force behind the 1964 premiership reunions and compered the memorable 50th reunion at the new Adelaide Oval in 2014.

In 1969, thanks to a job transfer as IAC Manager, Tony moved to Darwin, where the climate matched his adaptability, grit and endurance. He and his then-wife, Carole, welcomed their two children, Kelly and Adam. Tony worked at IAC until 1974, before joining Bridge Autos Toyota as part-owner and financial director.

In Darwin, Tony embraced the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL). He played for NTFL club St Marys until a broken ankle forced him into retirement. He coached the club for two seasons in the early 70s to two grand finals, winning a premiership in 1972. He joined Nightcliff as coach, taking the club to premiers of the special post Cyclone Tracy competition in 1975.

He continued coaching through the 70s at Nightcliff and North Darwin, and coached the first Northern Territory Teal Cup team in 1979. His final coaching stint was with the Waratahs in 1981/82.

Tony became NTFL president in 1987 for six seasons, from 1987/88 to 1993/94. During this time, the Northern Territory won the 1988 Bicentennial Second Division Championship, and the NTFL established its new headquarters at Marrara Oval and staged the Collingwood v Aboriginal All-Stars game. Tony was also very active in the development of junior footballers and introduced coaching clinics to primary schools.

He was given NTFL Life Membership in 1987, was the NT representative on the board of the Australian National Football Council from 1992 to 1994, was awarded an Australian Football League Merit Award in 1995, won an Australian Sports Medal in 2000, and was inducted into the AFLNT Hall of Fame in 2010.

An AFLNT spokeswoman said, "As a coach, administrator and mentor, Tony helped shape the pathways that so many Territory footballers walk today. His leadership and passion were instrumental in building the strong foundations of NT football."

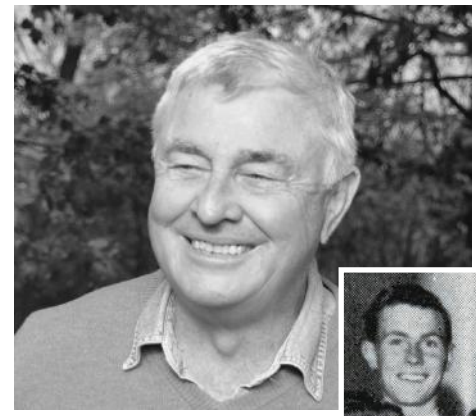
Professionally, Tony forged a respected business career, most notably rebuilding Bridge Autos Toyota in the wake of Cyclone Tracy's devastation. During his 29 years as Dealer Principal, the business expanded to 130 employees. His resilience, vision, and work ethic turned the business into a Territory institution. He was also active with the national Motor Trades Association NT, serving on the board for 24 years in executive roles and was awarded life membership in 1997.

His work with the association and as chairman of AADA NT (the Australian Automotive Dealer Association NT) greatly assisted the development of the motor industry in the Northern Territory and contributed to his reputation as one of Darwin's leading businessmen. During his term at Bridge Autos, the dealership was consistently a member of the top 20 commercial dealers in Australia. Tony was also instrumental in building and opening service stations at Oenpelli and Jabiru. In 1990, Tony was a foundation member of the Carbine Club of Northern Territory, serving on the board for eight years and as president for two years. He was awarded Life Membership in 2003.

Tony was one of a kind. He lived a life of service and made an enormous impact on so many people in so many ways. He had incredible networking abilities, natural leadership qualities, and a natural-born ability to generate goodwill and friendship. He was a generous and deeply loyal friend.

He will forever be in the memories and hearts of all who knew him, always carrying his infamous to-do list in his black folder, along with his bullet points of topics to discuss.

Tony is survived by his partner, Nola Paynter; children, Kelly Robinson and Adam Shaw; and grandchildren, Jedda and Zach Robinson. He was greatly loved and will be deeply missed but never forgotten.



Graham George Spurling
04.01.1938 – 30.03.2025

Graham Spurling (SHOC '53) often spoke with gratitude for his mother, Mary, and the Marist Brothers who cared for him and his brothers, Peter and Bill. Educated first at Marist Brothers School, Thebarton in the 1940s, the boys were later encouraged to attend Sacred Heart College, an experience that left a lasting impact on Graham. His affection for Sacred Heart remained throughout his life, with his children and many of his grandchildren also becoming proud Hearts students. The Spurling, Kitschke, Lightfoot, and Garcia families continue this strong tradition, having a member of the extended family at Sacred Heart College in every decade since the 1940s.

Graham was also a loyal supporter of the Sacred Heart Old Collegians Football Club, both on the sidelines and financially, from the early 1980s. One of his greatest joys was watching his grandchildren play sports for Sacred Heart and SHOC.

Professionally, Graham made a remarkable contribution to the Australian car industry. Awarded an Order of Australia for his services to manufacturing, he was instrumental in shaping the Australian car industry during the 1980s, working alongside Senator John Button to prepare it for the

era of globalisation. A fierce advocate for South Australian industry, Graham strongly believed in the importance of manufacturing for a resilient economy, often championing the workers who made it possible, the designers, engineers, assembly line staff, and support teams.

His career began with Chrysler in Detroit in 1960, where he witnessed the golden age of American industry. Those experiences, combined with the lessons he later absorbed from Japanese manufacturing practices while at Mitsubishi, gave him a deep respect for the dignity of ordinary working people and a guiding vision for leadership.

As Managing Director of Mitsubishi Motors in 1985, Graham made the bold decision to commit Mitsubishi as the first sponsor of the Adelaide Formula 1 Grand Prix without prior approval from Japan. That leap of faith helped secure the event, laying the foundation for the celebrated motor sport culture in South Australia.

Graham and his wife Peggy later spent a decade in the USA, where he led GNB, a battery manufacturer. Returning to Australia, he served on numerous boards, engaged in charity work, and co-founded Bundaleer Vineyard near Jamestown with his old school friend, **Des Meaney (SHOC '48)**. Their shared vision transformed an abandoned orchard into a new wine region and label.

Deeply spiritual and a devoted Catholic, Graham and Peggy were long-time members of Brighton Catholic Parish. He played a pivotal role in several major Church projects, including the Columbarium at Brighton and the development of the SA Water Building as a key asset for the Archdiocese. His

contributions were recognised with a Papal Knighthood.

Graham also gave back directly to Sacred Heart College. In the mid-1970s, when the school faced financial difficulties and considered selling the Main Oval, Graham and a group of parents, including Peter Burns, Des Saint, and Laurie Smart, successfully led a fundraising campaign to save it. Today, the Main Oval remains the centrepiece of the Somerton Park campus thanks to their efforts.

Family was always at the heart of Graham's life. He umpired his children's football games at Sacred Heart, famously offering the whistle to anyone who dared criticise his decisions. He and Peggy shared 65 wonderful years together, raising **Tom Spurling (SHOC '78)**, **Mike Spurling (SHOC '80)**, **Cate Lightfoot (nee Spurling, SHOC '81)**, **Jane Kitschke (nee Spurling, SHOC '83)** and **Anna Garcia (nee Spurling, SHOC '88)**, and were blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In his later years, Graham continued to serve others, volunteering at Calvary Oaklands aged care home, supporting new immigrant priests, and sharing his faith through pastoral work.

A man of deep conviction, generosity, and vision, Graham Spurling will be remembered not only for his significant contributions to industry, Church, and community, but also as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.



Paul Teisseire
07.12.1954 – 06.06.2025

Paul Teisseire (SHOC '73) was born in Glenelg and lived on Farrell Street most of his childhood. He would often be found playing down at the beach with friends. He moved away in his early adulthood, but the beach called him back in 2000 with his wife and children.

Paul's family background is multi-generational Australian, dating back to the mid-19th Century. He grew up with both parents as well as two older sisters and a brother. Paul's father, Frank Teisseire, attended Rostrevor College.

When Paul was five, he was taken to the Children's Hospital and spent around three months recuperating from pneumonia at the hospital and then down at Estcourt House, now West Lakes. He became very close to his mother during this time. She took the bus every day to visit him in the hospital. Paul's father also had a very accomplished sporting background, having played Sheffield Shield cricket with Don Bradman and league football with South Adelaide, so sport played a big part in his life from an early age. Paul was grateful his father taught him how to play cricket and football.

Paul grew up in a fairly religious household, which was standard Catholic

life in the 1950s and 60s. He attended St Mary's Convent school on High Street in his junior years and had vivid memories of the nuns being very strict. Paul welcomed the move to Sacred Heart College at Grade 4, which was the norm in those days. He set himself the goal in Grade 4 to emulate his older brother by playing First XI Cricket for Sacred Heart, which he did for two years. He also played a lot of school football over the years.

Paul's father was the Managing Director of Harris Scarfe, and in Year 10, Paul started working there during the holiday Christmas period. He always said that he learnt a lot of valuable lessons from his father about dealing with customers and clients from this work experience, which stood him in good stead in his legal career. Paul's father was a positive role model in many ways, impressing on Paul that honesty and integrity were important in sport but an essential foundation for a successful legal career.

Paul always said that he was very fortunate to have had an excellent education at Sacred Heart College and then to have been able to attend Adelaide University for his legal studies. He studied for his legal degree part-time over five years while working in a legal office. He was made a Partner at the firm Ollsson Lawry when he was approximately 28 years old. He never lacked for invitations to join other legal firms over the years, but he always stayed based in Adelaide. Paul practiced law in the business and taxation fields for over 25 years and then moved into company directorships around 2000.

Paul travelled extensively (particularly through Asia) for his clients. He also travelled back to the United States many times over the years to visit his wife, Joyce's family.

Paul served as a director on many large public companies, but his true enjoyment in business was with generational businesses. His two favourite directorships were with Drakes Supermarkets and JT Johnson and Sons. He worked with these very successful South Australian businesses for over 45 years and considered them family. It brought him extreme joy to see others succeed.

Paul married in his early 20s and adopted a son, but the marriage did not last. After having been single for several years, he met his wife Joyce in New Orleans. Joyce moved to Australia within 12 months, and they were together for 35 years. They had two biological children, Ali and Josh, as well as a "bonus son" (Guy Page), who joined their family when he was 16. Paul's son, **Josh Teisseire (SHOC '12)** attended Sacred Heart College, and Paul soon became the Chairman of the College Council for many years. He enjoyed working with several principals at Sacred Heart College, including Dr Paul Hine, Mr Steve Byrne and current Principal, Daniel Lynch. Paul really enjoyed his time on College Council and the huge accomplishments in education, amalgamation of the Middle School in Mitchell Park and then later in 2019, the amalgamation of the Marymount Campus, as well as the redevelopment of the Sacred Heart Main Oval building, the Br Joseph McAteer Centre, that functions not only for sport but can be used for whole-school assemblies and functions.

Paul and Joyce were also Foster Carers for over 30 infants (mostly newborns) who, for a multitude of reasons, could not be cared for by their biological families. Paul also served on the Flinders Foundation board for over 10 years, as well as other charitable organisations.

Paul and Joyce enjoyed opening their home for College Council end-of-year cocktail functions, school exchanges with Kilmore, sausage sizzles, and swim guests with the Sacred Heart College Cricket Carnival. Who knew 26 boys could fit into the spa at one time!

Paul was very private about his health, and was extremely fragile for the last two years. In June this year, the doctors could not do any more for him, and he was so grateful that his friends and colleagues at Drakes Supermarket and Flinders Foundation were able to assist him with a placement at Laurel Hospice.

A life lived to the fullest, with Sacred Heart College playing a role in his education, business life, community contributions, sport and family.



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