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Courageous Hearts.



Front cover: 2023 College Captains, Conor Gluyas and Manni Tierney.

Inside front cover: Girls Boarding House today, 25 years since the first girls started boarding at Sacred Heart College.

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From the Principal



2023: a significant year of consulting, restructuring and planning for 2024.

An unapologetic focus on learning

2023 has been significant by way of our consulting, restructuring and planning for 2024. Across both campuses, we have reviewed numerous middle leadership positions, and restructured many with a focus on a data informed approach to improved learning outcomes of our students. Amongst the many changes are:

- The employment of four Literacy Coaches at Champagnat Campus, who will join English Teachers in two lessons per week, to teach literacy skills in a differentiated and explicit way.
- Expansion of the roles of Numeracy and Literacy Leaders across both campuses to analyse the data available to us in relation to where each student is at.
- The creation of five Leader of Learning Enrichment positions across both campuses to ensure we are better meeting the needs of our students with disabilities.
- The introduction of a Gifted and Talented Coordinator at Champagnat Campus to better engage our most gifted learners in Years 7 to 9.
- The commencement of our aspiration at Marcellin Campus that all Year 12 students should be aiming for a B- or better for their school assessment (70%) as a means of ensuring SACE completion, but

also raising our expectations of the learning and engagement in every classroom.

Advisory Council Chair, Steve Venning-Smith

The Chair of our College Council, Steve Venning Smith, has signalled his intention to retire from this position at the end of this year. Steve has been a wonderfully loyal and wise contributor to the Hearts Family, and indeed our region, for many years, including as:

- Secretary of the Brighton Parish Council;
- Chair of the St Teresa's School Council;
- Chair of the Marymount College Council;
- Member of the Combined Marymount and Sacred Heart College Council, and
- Chair of the Sacred Heart College Council since 2022.

This period of time has seen such significant change in our region, and for what is now, a coeducational Sacred Heart College from Years 7 to 12. Steve has been instrumental at a governance level to the outcomes we enjoy today.

I thank Steve personally for his support and wise counsel, and wish him every success for the future.

VET and alternative pathways

In 2023, over 270 students from Years

10–12 participated in more than 40 VET courses, including 15 Boarding students and 110 Year 10 students. Cert III Fitness and Cert III Entrepreneurship continue to be offered at the College, with both at maximum capacity. Other Cert III courses undertaken this year include Agriculture, Early Childhood Education and Care, Health Services Assistant, Rural Operations and Screen and Media. In addition, 34 students undertook work placement, and a further 13 students undertook a School Based Apprenticeship across various fields.

Sacred Heart College truly does continue to offer pathways and opportunities for every learner!

Thank you

I take this opportunity to thank every member of our community for the support and contributions this year, and wish you and yours a safe and restful holiday break, and a wonderful 2024!



Daniel Lynch

Principal,
Sacred Heart College



From the College Council



The days, weeks and months of 2023 have certainly passed quicker than anticipated with a lot happening in and around the College.

The year commenced with the 2022 Laurette Assembly. Joining us to celebrate the Class of 2022, and presenting awards was past Principal, Steve Byrne, Brother Des Howard and Hall of Honour inductee, Robyn Verrall (SHOC '82); a wonderful celebration of educational success and achievement from a very impressive group of young people who will no doubt make their mark in the community.

The beginning of year Mass and Commissioning Ceremony for our new Principal, Dan Lynch saw a sea of blue, with the whole school coming together to formally welcome and celebrate with Dan and his wife, Jess. To see the whole school together and the reverence that was displayed by the students and those gathered was quite moving.

In August, the 100th Intercollegiate was hosted by Rostrevor College. The atmosphere at the football on the Saturday was electric and the reinforcement of respectful behavioural expectations was evident (albeit assisted with some unplanned fireworks). Rostrevor College Principal and former Sacred Heart Deputy Principal, Shana Bennett and the Rostrevor team are to be commended for their hosting and the demonstration of healthy rivalry.

In September, members of the College Council visited the newly completed St Joseph's Centre and Hearts Village at Champagnat Campus. The expanse and the functionality built into the new surroundings is incredible and will serve current and future students and staff well. Champagnat Campus is an impressive site, impressing the locals (including the swooping magpies) and visitors.

2023 has presented some challenges for us all and it is a testament to Dan Lynch (Principal), Daniel Head (Deputy Principal), and the entire Sacred Heart team with the core business of the College continuing to thrive. Last year I noted that Dan and Daniel would forge a strong presence and collaboration, leading the College forward and this is exactly what they have done. Leading and walking with the wider College team, together they have actively demonstrated what it means to be a 'Heart'.

As the whirl of 2023 comes to an end, I wish to let you all know that I will be concluding my time with the Sacred Heart College Advisory Council. With the changes of the past 5 years settled and the College in a strong future focussed position, it is time for the next phase.

For the Venning-Smith group, our connection to Sacred Heart began in 2009 and we have been truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful community

and will always hold the College in our hearts as a place of belonging.

2024 looks to be a strong year for enrolments and resourcing, both of which will see the foundation of our College firmly set for success.

It is pleasing to see the rhythm of our Sacred Heart beats strongly in our students (past and present), carrying through to our local and global communities. The sense of belonging, connection, humility, and renewal is what makes our 'Heart' beat stronger.

Extending best wishes to our students for their SACE results and for their adventures beyond; and our endless gratitude to the College leaders, teachers, and staff for their significant contributions to our children, our spaces, and our community.



Steve Venning-Smith

Chair,
Sacred Heart College Advisory Council



New Hearts Village & St Joseph's Centre

Sacred Heart College, in partnership with old scholar, Jim Whiting's (SHOC '74) Badge Constructions, completed the construction of the new Hearts Village and St Joseph's Centre at Champagnat Campus in July.

The amazing new facility has provided eight state-of-the-art 21st Century learning spaces that have interconnectivity, large areas of glass, natural light, and ventilation situated next to a large external covered outdoor learning area, providing excellent spatial flexibility for teaching and learning.

Together with a highly functional staff preparation room, the new gymnasium

is a magnificent space containing two basketball courts, two netball courts, three volleyball courts and eight badminton courts. The gym is already proving to be a highly effective assembly meeting space, complete with an impressive 7 x 4m LED screen that uses the latest audio visual technology for assemblies, school Masses and other school functions.

The Marist Hall (gymnasium) has retractable seating for 374 people and space for approximately 1,200 students and staff. The new facility also contains a large function room and an adjacent kitchen area for food preparation. The eastern verandah provides shelter

and shade and is proving very popular amongst students at recess and lunch times.

The final part of the project has been completed with the creation and surfacing of three new courts for netball and tennis, available for student use.

The Hearts Village and St Joseph's Centre will be officially blessed and opened in 2024.

Jon Symonds
SHC Project Manager

25 years of Girls Boarding at Sacred Heart

This year, in Sacred Heart College's 126th year, we celebrate 25 years of girls boarding; a significant milestone that has provided rural and remote families with the opportunity to send both their sons and daughters to the same school.

Today, the College's Boarding Community houses 61 girls and 59 boys from rural, regional and remote areas across Australia in Years 9–12. The Boarding family continues to add a richness to the College with a strong community focus.

The history of boarding at Sacred Heart College dates back to the early 1900s. In 1897, Br Stephen Debourg was appointed to the Parish Primary School and newly established Sacred Heart High School in Port Adelaide, located in the former presbytery. Due to increasing enrolments and lack of space, the high school moved to Semaphore in 1902. Rural and remote boys were now accepted, however, due to a lack of space, they would board at private residences in the local area. As the Semaphore property became inadequate, Br Stephen sought out and

found a property at Largs Bay, which opened as Sacred Heart College on 30 January 1905. It was here that the first 29 boy boarding students were enrolled, accompanied by 49 day boys – a total of 78 students.

Over the coming years, the Largs Bay property became too small as student numbers continued to grow. This saw the final move of Sacred Heart College to its current Somerton Park location in 1914, which opened for business on 27 July 1914 with an enrolment of 50 comprising 25 boarders and 25 day boys.

During the move, a number of minor refurbishments were made to Paringa Hall to accommodate the Brothers and boarders, as well as classrooms. Refurbishments and renovations continued over the years, and at the end of 1927, Sacred Heart had its highest enrolment yet with 84 boarders and 47 day boys.

The impact of the Great Depression saw numbers drop dramatically with boarders dropping to 33 and a total enrolment of 76 by 1932. Slowly numbers began to creep up and on Sunday, 17

April 1966, the Boys Boarding House, Marian House (formerly Marian Wing), designed to accommodate 160 boarders, was officially blessed and opened.

With the opening of St Joseph's College at Mitchell Park (now Sacred Heart College Champagnat Campus) on 7 February 1967, boys from Years 8 and 9 boarded at Sacred Heart College while attending school at Mitchell Park.

It was a difficult period between 1975–1985 for Catholic and boarding schools in general given the politics of the time, fewer students moving into religious vocations, smaller sized families and the need for lay persons to staff religious schools. In response to falling numbers and after much consultation, Sacred Heart became one of 13 schools in the South West Region of Adelaide and in 1977, enrolled 24 girls from Marymount College to undertake their senior schooling. This was the very beginning of the College's transition towards becoming co-educational. This was followed by Year 11s in 1978 and Year 10s in 1979, making the College co-educational by 1979.





In 1998, the College officially became a co-educational boarding institution with the first girl boarders arriving to a slab of concrete that was soon to be their home away from home. The Year 12 boys kindly gave up the comfort of their rooms in the Br Denis Wright House (Year 12 Boys Boarding House) and temporarily moved to the Year 11 dorms until the Girls Boarding House, La Valla, was completed.

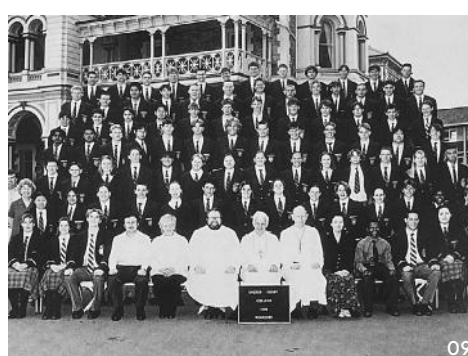
The first stage of the Girls Boarding House was completed by the end of Term 1, 1998, accommodating 24 girls. The second stage of the building, consisting of 16 separate Year 12 rooms, was completed at the end of the year and provided a total of 40 beds for girls. La Valla House, named after the French hamlet where St Marcellin Champagnat gathered his first Marist Brothers, was officially blessed and opened in front of more than 300 guests on Sunday 18 July 1999. Head Girl Boarder, Raneé Carey (SHOC '99) introduced the then Principal, Mr Chris Blake who welcomed all, with guest of Honour and former Governor of South Australia, Dame Roma Mitchell AC DBE in attendance.

The addition of girls to the Hearts Boarding family has given our boarding community a real sense of family spirit, providing a home for all Hearts.

The decision parents undertake to send their child to boarding school is one that is not taken lightly. Nor is the obligation that we have as a College to care for these young people on behalf of their parents. The Girls Boarding House is a happy, safe and inclusive home away from home for all of our girls, where they are able to be themselves, flourish and fulfil their potential.

The members of our Girls Boarding Community pride themselves on forming lifelong connections and making the most of the opportunities presented to them throughout their boarding journey. Our girls have a strong culture of academic success and are always open to making the most of every experience that comes their way in boarding.

We look forward to many more fun filled years of girls boarding at Sacred Heart College. Once a Hearts boarder, always a Hearts boarder!



- 01 The first group of Girl Boarders to attend Sacred Heart College in 1998.
- 02 Twenty five years on, the 2023 group of Girl Boarders.
- 03 La Valla House (Girls Boarding) opens in 1998.
- 04 The 2016 Girl Boarders before their Year 12 Formal.
- 05 Girl Boarders in La Valla House in 2012.
- 06 Cleve Field Days: Year 12 Girl Boarder, Holly Crettenden from Cummins; Head of Girls Boarding, Gabby Reeves; Head of Boys Boarding, Jason Dam; and Director of Boarding, Robert Gill.
- 07 Girl Boarders doing Yoga in 2019.
- 08 2019 Year 10 Girl Boarders.
- 09 The first co-educational Boarding Community in 1998.

Hearts Walk a Mile and Sleepout in solidarity

Each year, Sacred Heart College supports National Homelessness Week (7–13 August 2023) by participating in the annual Hutt St Centre's Walk a Mile in My Boots event and the Vinnies Winter Sleepout.

This year, students at each campus gathered at their respective campuses to 'walk a mile' in solidarity with the 1,600 people that experience homelessness in metropolitan Adelaide every night. Students walked around the local area, raising funds that will go back to the Hutt Street Centre and the good work they do. Congratulations to Callum (Year 9 Mission Leader) who raised over \$1,000 for this important cause.

On Thursday 10 August, more than 30 Sacred Heart students and staff participated in the annual Vinnies Winter Sleepout. The night included a range of activities including a presentation from the St Vincent De Paul Society, a night-time outdoor reflection, a gratitude exercise and some competitive sporting games in the gym. The students cooked their own toasted sandwiches for dinner before spending the night sleeping on cardboard or small gym mats.

The students fully embraced the opportunity to build their own understanding and awareness of homelessness. As well as participating in the Sleepout, we were able to provide Vinnies with almost 50 cans of food via student donations.

In Term 3, 10 of our Marist Solidarity students and student leaders volunteered their Friday night to help facilitate McAuley Community School's own winter sleepout, 'Mini Vinnies'. Our students engaged in and led group discussions and activities based around the theme of homelessness with the younger McAuley students. Both the McAuley and Sacred Heart students greatly enjoyed and benefited from the night, and were able to build on their relationships together as two communities while uniting to support a good cause.

We give thanks to all parents/caregivers, students, staff and members of the Hearts community who have helped to make a difference.

**Belinda Barrile (Champagnat) and
Tim Fernandez (Marcellin)**

Directors of Marist Mission,
Sacred Heart College





100 years of the Intercollegiate Round



One hundred 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.

This year in August, 100 years on, the friendly rivals met for the 100th Intercollegiate Round, hosted by Rostrevor College in their Centenary year, competing against each other for the coveted Jan Baldwin Cup, Shanahan/Turner Cup and Brother Bourke Trophy.

Crowds of more than 300 Sacred Heart supporters created a sea of blue at Rostrevor College and the various sporting venues across the week to cheer on Sacred Heart in basketball, football, soccer, squash and table tennis.

Congratulations to First XVIII Football Acting Captain, Ben Dewhirst (Year 12) on winning the Jan Baldwin Cup; and, Beau Symonds (Year 12) awarded the MVP medal. In honour of the 100 year history, our First XVIII footballers wore a guernsey inspired by the 1921 First XVIII Football team (pictured above). Sacred Heart retained the Shanahan/ Turner Cup in basketball

with a 47 - 40 win, with Digby Ryan (Year 12) named as MVP. The First XI Soccer was a tight game, finishing 3-3, however Rostrevor retained the Brother Bourke Trophy, being the previous year's winner. Congratulations to Liam Powney (Year 12) who was named MVP.

Full results can be found on the College website at shc.sa.edu.au/intercollegiate-round-2023.

Well done to all teams on a wonderful display of good sportsmanship, respect and friendly rivalry during the competition. We also sincerely thank the coaches, staff, parents/caregivers, and old scholars from both sides, who have assisted behind the scenes to bring this wonderful event to life. And thank you to Rostrevor College Principal and former Sacred Heart Deputy Principal, Shana Bennett, and her staff and students for welcoming Sacred Heart.

Gavin Pinnington

Boys Sport Coordinator (Marcellin Campus)
Sacred Heart College



Valete to some long serving staff

This year we officially farewell some of the longest serving staff members that many Sacred Hearts old scholars may remember. These staff members have been a part of the fabric of what is Sacred Heart College for more than 10 years - some for more than 30 and 40 years!

Many of these staff members have experienced some major changes for Sacred Heart College across the years including the introduction of girls to the Senior Campus in 1977, and the amalgamation and co-education of Sacred Heart Middle School at Mitchell Park (now Champagnat Campus) and the Senior School at Somerton Park (now Marcellin Campus).

We thank these staff members for their years of service, each who has deeply embued the Marist characteristics of *Family Spirit, Presence, Simplicity, Love of Work*, and *In the Way of Mary*, and has left a lasting impression on the Hearts family.



Angelo Pirone
Head of Science/
Teacher (Marcellin)
41 years service
Retirement



Chris Goodrich
Teacher (Marcellin)
38 years service
Retirement



Andrew Castrique
Laboratory
Technician
(Marcellin)
35 years service
Retirement



Craig Kelly
Maintenance
Assistant
(Marcellin)
34.5 years
service
Retirement



Meredith Jones
Learning
Enrichment
Coordinator
(Marcellin)
33 years service
Retirement



Joe Millemaci
Teacher
(Champagnat)
26 years service
Retirement



Robyn Sutherland
Aboriginal Education
Coordinator
19 years service
School Operations
Coordinator at the SA
Aboriginal Secondary
Training Academy
(SAASTA)



Heidi McLeod
Teacher
(Marcellin)
18.5 years service
Retirement



Barbara Smith
Head of Languages
(Champagnat)
17.5 years service
Assistant Principal
- Students, Staff
and Community
Engagement with the
School of Languages



Trevor Freeman
Finance Manager
16.5 years service
Retirement



Brett Leikas
Teacher
(Champagnat)
14 years service
Cyber Security
opportunity



Genevieve Hurley
Front Office
Receptionist
(Marcellin)
13.5 years service
Retirement



Prof. Paul Manning
Teacher
(Marcellin)
13 years service
Retirement



Kerrin Tinnion
Teacher
(Champagnat)
12.6 years service
Director of
Learning, St
Francis de Sales
College



Adam Rice
Teacher
(Champagnat)
11.5 years service
Real Estate
opportunity



Louise Durrans
Dance Teacher
(Marcellin)
10 years service
Other
opportunities



Sue Gyles
Library / Student
Services and
Reporting
Coordinator
(Marcellin)
10 years service
Retirement

Old uniforms for Cambodian children



Joy Marshall from Sew So Good has worked in Cambodia for 12 years, focussing on creating long term and positive impacts for families living with HIV. In conjunction with the College Uniform Shop, Joy has brought joy to many young children and families by donating old Sacred Heart sports uniform items, as well as good quality clothing and school resources to the children of Cambodia.

"They especially love the basketball jerseys, sports top and shorts. The faces of the children are what makes it all worth it," Joy said.

Joy started by supporting the women of Cambodia, working together to create quality products to be sold in Australia. Profits were directed back to the group to buy resources such as commercial sewing machines, provide school uniforms, school supplies and supplement food for the families; and providing employment opportunities for women meant they could earn an income of their own, providing hopes for a better future.

When Covid arrived, Joy saw an opportunity to support the women in Cambodia who were really struggling by using their skills to make high quality,

three-layer facemasks. Over 3000 masks were sold here in Australia! All the funds from Sew So Good Facemasks were directed back into food, educational support and healthcare. This project was so successful, a community house was built!

Joy has recently stepped back from her work in Cambodia and is interested in hearing from anyone who would like to continue her good work on 0411 600 347, allowing the women of Cambodia to continue to have a fair work opportunity and income to create better lives for them and their children.

A nod to the past



01 2023 Year 12 student, Max Lintl (left) wearing his father's blazer with fellow Year 12 student, Kevin Luo, who wears the current College blazer.

02 Old scholar, Franz Lintl (SHOC '80) in his final year of schooling in 1980.

03 Old Scholar, Thomas (Tom) Chant (SHOC '13) wearing his father's blazer on his last day of Year 12 10 years ago in 2013.

04 Old scholar, Robert Chant (SHOC '83) in his final year of schooling in 1983.

In a sentimental nod to the past, and possibly a trend that we may see yet again, 2023 Year 12 student Max Lintl wore his father's, **Franz Lintl (SHOC '80)**, 40-50 year old Sacred Heart College blazer on his last official day of school this year. As a member of the Sacred Heart Sailing team, Franz wore the blazer when celebrating SHC's inter-school sailing victories across three consecutive years in 1978, 79 and 80.

Rewind 10 years earlier and old scholar,

Thomas (Tom) Chant (SHOC '13) did the same in 2013 - wearing the same blazer his father, **Robert Chant (SHOC '83)**, wore on his last official day at Sacred Heart College because he couldn't find his own blazer and thought "it would be a cool thing to do."

Tom and his father, Robert now work together on their sheep crop and cattle property in Millicent in the south east.

Franz, a Mechanical Engineer, has worked

in the water industry for SA Water, while Max eagerly awaits his Year 12 results and hopes to get an apprenticeship as a Marine Diesel or Power Plant Diesel Mechanic.

Over Sacred Heart's 126 year history, there have been a few changes to the College blazer including updates to the embroidered crest and removal of the pinstripe edging in 2017 when the fabric changed from wool flannel to polywool twill.



2023 College Musical: Legally Blonde Jr

Earlier this year we saw the return of the biennial Sacred Heart College Musical with a fantastic production of Legally Blonde Jr. Full of colour, vibrancy, energy and laughs, the show was enjoyed by local primary school students, families and friends.

A big thank you to our amazing staff and student crew, both onstage and backstage, who worked extremely hard behind the scenes after months of rehearsals and fine tuning.

Lastly, to the production team who worked long hours to make this show such a success; your passion, drive and unwavering support was seen, loved and appreciated, particularly by the students involved. You have shaped memories that will last a lifetime.

Well done to all on a fabulous performance!





2023 Marist Day



Each year, Sacred Heart College comes together as one for Marist Day - a time to acknowledge, ponder and strengthen our Marist tradition.

This year, on the last day of Term 3, both campuses came together at Champagnat Campus for cross-campus interaction and to join in solidarity to support Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) and the countries of the 2023 Immersion trips: Fiji and the Philippines.

Students participated in a whole College Liturgy for the first time in the new St Joseph's Centre, with a theme devised by the Year 7-12 Mission Leaders: "*Created in Love, Called to Action*". The liturgy began with a Welcome to Country by Uncle Frank Wanganeen and included a reflection video featuring our students.

Students then participated in a variety of cross-campus outdoor activities in their Houses, designed to encourage and reinforce relationships across Years 7-12. The day ended with a College Assembly which included musical performances and a celebration of the newly appointed 2024 Year 12 College and Year 9 Campus Student Leadership teams.

The 2023 Immersion students continued to fundraise for the Marist communities in Fiji and the Philippines through having students and staff decorate House banners using gold coins and holding various food stalls.

Belinda Barrile (Champagnat) and Tim Fernandez (Marcellin)
Directors of Marist Mission
Sacred Heart College





Marist reflection



"Yet here at Sacred Heart College, the power of sheer goodness which is so evident..."

"Hang in there, everything will be okay", is a rather crass and dismissive assessment of what is happening within our Church, and certainly demeaning of those who have taken a stance one way or another.

Many have distanced themselves from the faith, scandalised or disappointed by the numerous cases of abuse. Others see the Church as no longer relevant to their lives.

In Australia, a regular Faith-practice among families has diminished. Our Sacred Heart College wider family probably reflects this.

Australia is largely a secular society where the outcomes of capitalism and consumerism are all pervasive, with the inevitable result that Individualism and the "me first" stance reign supreme and are in stark contrast to the life-giving message of Jesus and the mutual care that can sustain the human family.

Yet here at Sacred Heart College, the power of sheer goodness which is so evident as well as the influence of good role-modelling and strong leadership of dedicated staff are testimony of something far deeper – a true Spirituality that nourishes and sustains us all.

Where is God in all this? Love is seen more in action than in words and the essence of God is love – welcoming and fostering a sense of belonging.

Nowadays, we are being led to a personal relationship with our loving God, which hopefully will build us anew into rich and vibrant communities of Faith.

The first month-long Synod of the Catholic Church has concluded in Rome. This was truly a ground-breaking affair where for the first time, there were as many women members as there were Cardinals. Respectful listening, dialogue and prayer made up the dynamic of the gathering. In Marist terms we can compare Synod to Family Spirit.

Br Des Howard
Community Leader
Marist Brothers Community,
Somerton Park



01 Pope Francis at the Synod in Rome this year.

“ God’s love not our own agenda will reform the Church... a Church that never demands an attestation of ‘good behaviour’ but welcomes, serves, loves, forgives: a Church with open doors that is a haven of mercy.”

Pope Francis I

Br Des' 80th birthday celebrations

"People are not defined by their actions, but by the type of person they are."



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01-03 Br Des celebrating his 80th birthday with family and friends.

04 Br Des in Papua New Guinea with Francis Mahap, his former student and now a staff member of Divine Word University, Madang.

In August, Brother Des Howard celebrated his 80th birthday surrounded by his family, friends, and the Somerton Park Brothers community who came to honour this significant milestone.

The College was very generous in providing the Br Stephen Debourg Performing Arts Centre as the venue for the occasion, setting it up and overseeing the catering, which included a stunning birthday cake. During the toast, Br Greg Hugh spoke about Des, making for a very enjoyable evening.

Br Des is living proof that it's never too late to discover new passions. And at 80, Des still has the energy and

determination to continue exploring new possibilities.

Before arriving to the Somerton Park community in 2021, Des founded the first community exclusively for senior brothers in Melbourne. During this time, he also volunteered at the House of Welcome, a centre operated by the Sisters of Charity that provides aid to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Currently, Des visits Yatala Prison every week to meet with eight prisoners on Wednesdays and conducts Sunday worship services twice a month. He also participates in ecumenical services that are broadcasted on closed circuit television across the prison.

Des has spent a significant part of his religious life as a leader in spiritual formation. He contributed to Marist missions in Papua New Guinea and Fiji for 20 years and served as the District Leader of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands for six of those years. He also directed formation programs at Manziana in Italy for six years.

In addition to his religious pursuits, Des has taught at various schools throughout the province and served on the Provincial Council for many years, including a term as Vice Provincial.

Since returning to Adelaide after a lengthy absence, Des has reconnected with his younger brother, two of his five sisters, and extended family members, including nieces and nephews.

According to Des, "people are not defined by their actions, but by the type of person they are." Each of us has unique talents influenced by our environment and genes, and Des possesses an abundance of them. His engaging personality, acceptance of people for who they are, and encouraging manner make him an excellent leader and companion.

Finally, I would like to extend my congratulations to Des on his 80th birthday. May the years to come be filled with happiness and accomplishments.

Br Greg Hugh
Marist Brothers Community,
Somerton Park

From the Foundation



"Current families, in particular, are benefitting from the past generosity of others..."

The College Foundation has been in operation for 34 years after its establishment in February 1989 to raise funds for the benefit of the College. Over the years, this income has been used to provide better facilities for its students, and assisted the College with many large capital projects including the building of the Br Stephen Debourg Performing Arts Centre and St Paul's Food & Technology Centre, upgrades to the Boarding House, addition of the scoreboard on the Main Oval, just to name a few.

The Foundation also has a Bursary Fund to which people can donate. Currently the Foundation supports a number of bursaries that assist selected Year 9, 10 and Year 11 students with their schooling for the following year. Following a tough selection process, this year the Foundation is delighted to congratulate the students listed on the following page for receiving a 2023 Bursary. Congratulations all!

The Foundation has, through the generosity of old scholars and parents, built up a capital base of shares and property valued at nearly \$2M and it is income from these investments that supports College projects.

To maintain its current high standards, the College must continually look to improve and extend its facilities. It is therefore critical that the Foundation continues to raise funds to build its

capital base to enable it to help the College to achieve this.

We therefore appeal to parents, old scholars and others interested in the College, to offer their support. This can be done in a number of ways.

Earlier this year, we introduced our "Coffee Club" fundraising initiative, asking people to commit to giving, say, \$10 per week (\$40 per month) for three years. This is less than the cost of a cup of coffee per day and we ask for the generosity of our community to support this initiative. Current families, in particular, are benefitting from the past generosity of others, and this is an opportunity to show your appreciation and support. A form to enable you to make a contribution is included with the Blue and Blue. It can also be accessed via the College website at shc.sa.edu.au/community/foundation.

One off donations and bequests are always appreciated. Should you be interested in giving a one-off donation or bequest, please contact Julie Hext at the College at juliehext@shc.sa.edu.au.

In closing, I wish to thank all those who have supported the Foundation in the past year, including the College staff who help in many ways.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe, happy and successful new year.



Peter Whelan
President,
Sacred Heart College Foundation

2023 Bursary recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a Bursary towards their 2024 schooling at the Year 10 & 11 Graduation Assembly on 15 November 2023. These students were selected based on their academic achievements and their positive contributions to the school community. Sacred Heart College and the College Foundation expresses its utmost gratitude to those contributing bursaries for students of the College.



Year 9 Bursary recipients

Champagnat Award
Jordan Khabwari

Marcellin Spirit Award
Kate Allen

**Sister Marie Ralph – Christian Service
Award**
Callum Nguyen

Brother Jordan Redden Award
Eden Brown



Year 10 Bursary recipients

**The Sam Climpson–Stewart Bursary
(Boarder)**
Anna McAuley

The Whiting Brothers Bursary (Boarder)
Zara East, Koiki Hughes and Sienna Lines



Year 11 Bursary recipients

The Sharon Jeloscek Memorial Bursary
Oscar Murphy

**The Nicholas Peterson Bursary
(Boarder)**
Lachlan Glynn

**The Sacred Heart Old Collegians
Bursary**
Henry McKinnon and Isla Slattery

The Foundation Bursary
Grace Hollinshead and Holly Weckert

**The Michael Herbert Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Bursary**
Ella Davies

From the Sacred Heart Old Collegians



We take great pride in how SHOC is represented in the community...

The SHOC Community in 2023 has continued to thrive; a year where we welcomed new College Principal, Daniel Lynch, who has had a significant impact on all facets of the College Community.

We have been working to align the future of SHOC and it's connection with the College, both through facilities use and engagement. Dan continues to show great commitment to SHOC.

The primary purpose of SHOC is to facilitate and enable that connection across not only old scholars, but parents, friends and all others embraced by the SHOC Community. You don't have to be an old scholar to be part of it.

It was another incredible year for the SHOC sporting clubs with hundreds of men and women wearing the Double Blue every weekend in Netball, Soccer and Football, while the newer Basketball and the Athletics Clubs have continued to expand in their own right.

SHOC achieved strong representation in finals across all codes and grades. Importantly, success of SHOC is not solely driven by winning sporting premierships. We take great pride in how SHOC is represented in the community – something that has its foundations built from within the College.

2023, like all other years, presented it's challenges. I congratulate each of the Sporting Club Presidents and Committees for supporting and driving a "SHOC culture" behind the scenes that helps shape our respect in the community, takes care of our individuals and makes us proud to call ourselves SHOC.

As previously communicated, we are supporting a passionate cause on behalf of all SHOC clubs, to build the "Hearts Hub" facility on Brighton Road Oval. In partnership with the College, we are aligning with the longer term pathways the new Leadership have for the College. You may notice the cricket pitch on Brighton Road Oval being moved, this is our first step of the redevelopment.

To close, we once again, on behalf of the SHOC Community, congratulate Daniel Lynch and his entire team and student body on another outstanding year.

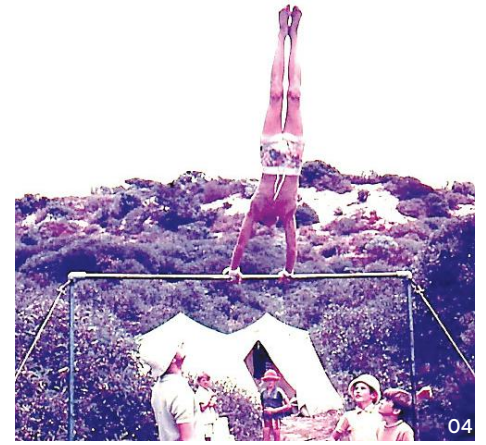
Please feel free to make contact if you have a passion or idea for SHOC. We would love to hear from you.

Enjoy the summer.



Rob McKay

President,
Sacred Heart College Old
Collegians Association (SHOC)



- 01 Former members of the 1970's Sacred Heart Competition Gymnastics Squad naming Gym Beach: John McArthur (SHOC '74), Allan Henderson (SHOC '74), Gavin Rodger (SHOC '75), Michael Rodger (SHOC '75), Brendan Williams (SHOC '75) and Anthony Williams (SHOC '73).
- 02 Gavin Rodger (SHOC '75) at Gym Beach in 2020.
- 03 Former members of the 1970's Sacred Heart Competition Gymnastics Squad in October this year, Ron Reyn (SHOC '73 and Head Prefect), Brendan Williams (SHOC '75), Bernie Nichols (SHOC '61, Teacher 1963-72, Primary Principal 1974-76), Anthony Williams (SHOC '73), Michael Rodger (SHOC '75), and Gavin Rodger (SHOC '75).
- 04 The boys training at Gym Beach in the 1970s.
- 05 Gym Beach today.

Old boys' link to Gym Beach

It may be little known that the Sacred Heart College gymnastics squad had a role in the naming of Gym Beach, Dhillba Guuranda - Innes National Park on the Yorke Peninsula in the 1970s.

Here is their story...

In January 1970, the Sacred Heart College gymnastics competition squad went to a beach north of Browns Beach, Yorke Peninsula, for a training camp, the first of several such camps. The site was also used by the students for recreation following their rigorous gym training sessions and the many competitions throughout the year. All of the gym apparatus except Rings were set up in the sandhills along with tents and cooking gear.

To help guide his mother to the campsite later in the week, one of the gymnasts hand wrote a cardboard sign pointing to what we called "Gym Beach". He stuck it onto an existing road sign.

Now, it just so happened that on that Friday afternoon (January 1970) the RAA came through doing a road survey. They saw the sign to "Gym Beach" and the rest is, as they say, history. The name Gym Beach appeared on RAA maps from then on. Gym Beach later became a part of Innes National Park, later named Dhillba Guuranda - Innes National Park in 2020 following an agreement between the SA Government and the Narungga people.

Gym Beach now consists of six campsites (three of which can take

caravans), toilet facilities, a hiking trail and some truly beautiful scenery.

Bernie Nichols (SHOC '61)

Former Sacred Heart Gym Coach

Fifty three years later, some former competition squad gymnasts gathered at the SA Gymnastics Centre to see their former coach **Bernie Nichols (SHOC '61, Teacher 1963-72, Primary Principal 1974-76)**, now 80, enter his first ever gymnastics competition in the 2023 Australian Masters Games, Adelaide, in October. Bernie gained silver medals in Rings and Floor. You can read more about Bernie in the *Where are they now?* section on [page 42](#).

Old scholar's Rough Sleeper initiative



Fifteen years ago, old scholar, Nic Yeomans' (SHOC '97) encounter with helping a homeless person on a cold winter's night resulted in his decade-long work with Vinnies Fred's Van. He is now making an impact both here and overseas for social good.

Nic is the Founder of 'Rough Sleeper', a brand that ethically produces clothing items which support the production and distribution of rough sleeper street packs to homeless shelters around the world.

Nic, who is married to Lydia and together they have two daughters, Ella and Maddie, describes the Rough Sleeper concept as a 'profit for good' business with all profit allocated into the production and distribution of rough sleeper packs.

As a zero landfill business, Nic prides the company on only dropping two product lines a year and upcycling any deadstock into their re-made line. Whilst exploring the best methods of manufacturing, Nic ensures that the people in the supply chain are treated ethically and with a 'living wage' rather than a minimum wage.

"There is no point helping a homeless person struggling in Richmond, but at the same time taking advantage of the person who is making the garment," Nic said.

This is the ethos Rough Sleeper stands by. The brand explores the concept around peer to peer impact whereby peoples purchasing decisions can create social impact in their own community.

In the past 12 months Nic has travelled from Adelaide to Melbourne – Milan – Vicenza – Madrid – Dhaka – London – Dublin and back to Adelaide, researching and creating the best product to be paired with the most suitable homeless shelters around the world.

"The general feeling from those using the packs and from homeless shelters has been overwhelmingly supportive. Most rewarding has been the interaction with customers and their response. It makes us think peer to peer impact has great growth potential." Nic said.

Nic and his team are constantly in touch with their homeless shelter partners to discuss any revisions they need for the street packs. The street packs currently include trackies, beanie, hoodie, A4



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- 01 Old scholar, Nic Yeomans (SHOC '97) on the subway in New York City.
- 02 A Rough Sleeper t-shirt made from recycled fabrics.
- 03 A Rough Sleeper pack distributed to a person experiencing homelessness in Madrid, Spain.
- 04 A Rough Sleeper pack.
- 05 Founder of Rough Sleeper, old scholar, Nic Yeomans (SHOC '97) in the warehouse.
- 06 Rough Sleeper staff handing our Rough Sleeper packs to a homeless person in Gawler Place, Adelaide.
- 07 Rough Sleeper staff ensuring manufacturing are treated ethically and living on a 'living wage' rather than a minimum wage.

notebook and pen, shavers, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, underwear, amongst other key essentials.

The socially aware brand uses the most up to date innovation in the way it manufactures its product. This includes circular manufacturing techniques that include deadstock fabric, recycled cotton, recycled polyester and organic cotton.

The brand is one of only 12% globally to pay what is known as living wage (as opposed to minimum wage) in its supply chain. The brand also produces Australian made garments which are upcycled by its factory in Melbourne. This range saves deadstock from landfill and upcycles it into a new and improved design.

Through this initiative, Nic hopes to achieve three key things:

1. Provide a direct financial impact into helping homeless people who cannot get shelter at least get a more comfortable night, and some relief to figure out their next and best move.
2. Create awareness via the brand on the current situation regarding street homelessness and provide people with a way they can help simply by purchasing the brand.
3. Create a general awareness on some key factors around what is living wage. And also how can a brand be more sustainable where possible.

Nic's next step is to expand the shelter footprint and also invest media spend

into the USA market where the issue of homelessness is widespread.

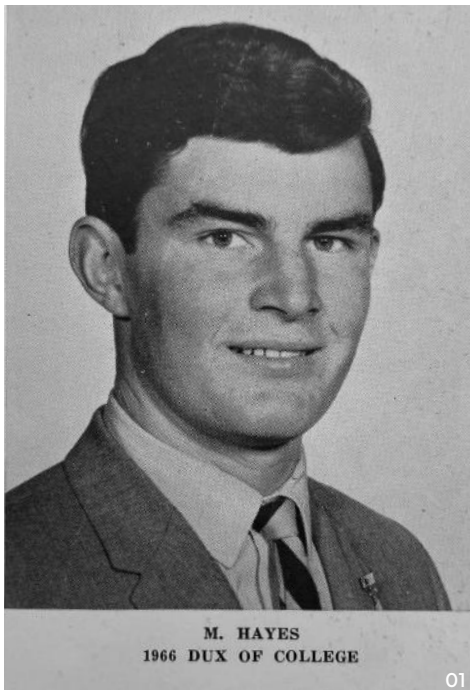
"Rough Sleeper are partnered with LA Mission which looks after Skid Row and our packs hit Skid Row monthly as part of LA Mission helping these people," Nic said.

"We also are looking at the next phase of our social investment area and expanding into other areas of help in this space on top of the street packs. We are looking to engage state government and appropriate people to ascertain other areas we can direct our profit to impact the issue."

With Christmas approaching, check out the range and help support those sleeping rough at roughsleeper.com.

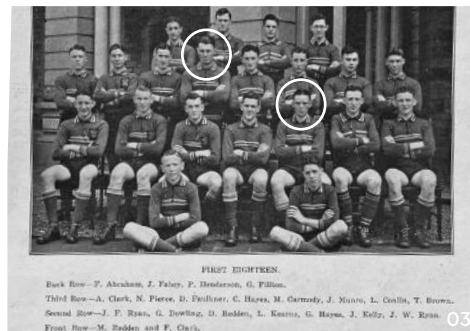
Generations of Hearts

The Hayes family (1936 - present)



The Hayes' family connection with the Heart's boarding community began in 1936 when two brothers were sent to board at Sacred Heart College's Paringa Hall. A trek down from Wirrabara in the mid North, **Cletus (Chid) Hayes (SHOC '36)**, was the eldest of five, big in stature and well suited to first ruck of the First XVIII. He was soon joined by his younger brother **Gerald (Micky) Hayes (SHOC '39)**.

Being of mature age (approx. 20) Chid, was given additional school responsibilities. At one stage, he and a fellow student were to prepare the horses for the weekly banking trip to Adelaide. A quick swill at the Holdfast



Hotel along the way meant they would arrive to find the bank closed. The school's funds were hidden in Chid's sock draw until the following week, when he was able to bypass the Holdy and ensure he made it to the bank on time.

After a brief stint at Sacred Heart, Micky enlisted and served in the 2nd/48th Infantry Battalion (Australia's highest decorated unit of WW2) and was killed in action in Egypt on 22 July 1942 aged 23.

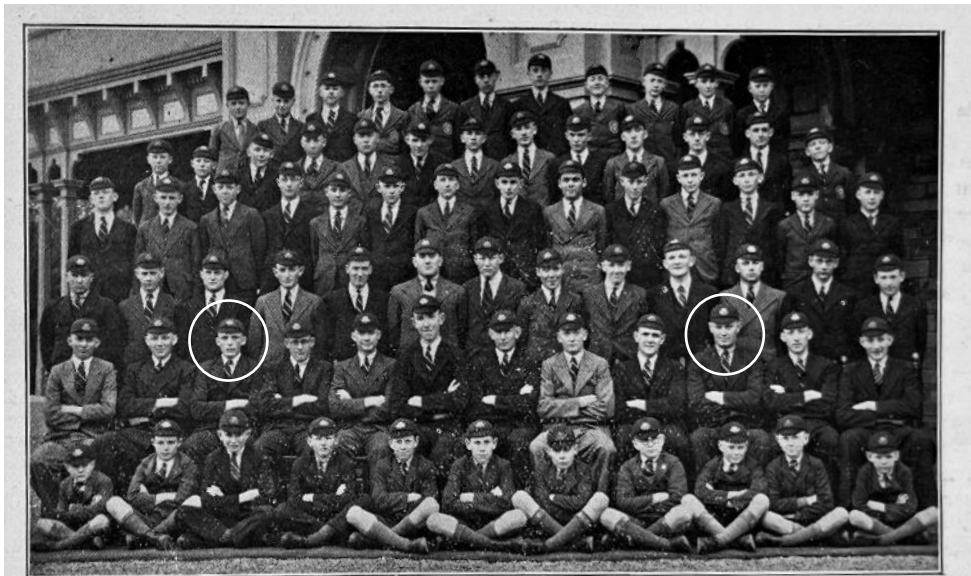
Such is the bond of the two, Chid died 50 years to the day of his brother's passing. Never was he forgotten.

The strong sense of family continued



with the second generation of Hayes' to walk through the gates of Sacred Heart College. **Michael (Tony) Hayes (SHOC '66)**, who received a scholarship, and his younger brother, **Patrick Hayes (SHOC '66)** experienced the life of boarding school at Paringa Hall together. Tony was Dux of the College and a Prefect in 1966, and went on to be a Professor at Guelph University in Toronto, Canada.

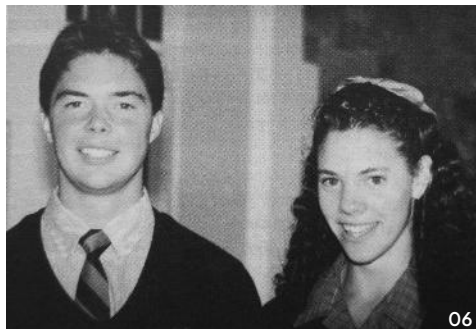
Patrick returned to farming and along with his future wife, Rosemarie, moved to their farm at Padthaway in the Southeast, soon adding a third generation to the Hayes' Hearts bond. All five of Patrick and Rosemarie's sons boarded at Sacred Heart; **Daniel (SHOC '90)**, 1992



SOME OF THE BOARDERS.

Back Row—J. Manning, P. Martin, B. Martin, J. Polkinghorne, J. Judd, F. Clark, B. Fennell, J. Wilkinson, W. Kenny, P. Hofgan, E. Fahey.
 Fifth Row—R. McPherson, J. Curtin, E. Byrt, D. McPherson, A. Clark, L. Daly, H. O'Connor, G. Kelly, T. Smith, A. Hanson, G. Pillion, F. Mulhall, J. Hill.
 Fourth Row—P. Travers, J. Gleeson, J. Redden, J. Munro, K. Palmer, K. Byrnes, B. Samuels, J. O'Driscoll, S. Mabarrack, P. O'Connor, J. Mitchell, L. O'Dea, K. Kiley, G. O'Connor.
 Third Row—S. Staines, N. Kelly, J. Fahey, M. Carmody, D. Faulkner, L. McClure, K. Cotton, J. Butler, F. Redden, P. Backhouse, L. Conlin, J. Cottrell, H. Byrnes.
 Second Row—O. Smith, J. W. Ryan, G. Hayes, K. O'Leary, I. Kenny, G. Kain, G. Dowling, D. Redden, L. Kearns, C. Hayes, J. Kelly, J. F. Ryan.
 Front Row—C. Savage, R. Adams, R. Dunn, J. O'Hailoran, A. Campbell, E. Campbell, J. Walmsley, I. Cameron, J. McAuliffe, E. R. Ryan, B. Meaney.

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College Captain **Michael** (SHOC '92), **Gregg** (SHOC '95), **Luke** (SHOC '97) and **Nicholas** (SHOC '01); three of which had their first Home Class in what was known back then as the "old stables", the same area in which their grandfather had saddled the horses years prior.

Gregg's daughter and current student, **Alicia Hayes (Year 11)** is part of the fourth generation to board at Sacred Heart and continue the strong Hayes' legacy at the College as she enters Year 12 next year. Alicia is a budding pilot who spends plenty of hours in the air with her grandpa, **Patrick Hayes (SHOC '66)**, nurturing the generational bond. Alicia's siblings, **William (SHOC '16)**, **Mikaela**



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(SHOC '18) and cousins (**Daniel Hayes**' (SHOC '90) children), **Stacey** (SHOC '21) and **Bradley** (SHOC '22, 2022 **Boarding Captain**), have also been part of the generational Hearts journey.

The Hayes family at Sacred Heart have had athletes and strugglers, suspensions and Duxs, School Captains and Veterans. As we look back, we are reminded of the saying "Home is where the heart is." Throughout, the Hayes' family have always called Sacred Heart their home, as will the Hayes' that follow.

First generation

Cletus "Chid" James Hayes (deceased; SHOC '37)

Gerald "Micky" John Hayes (deceased; SHOC '39)

Second generation

(Cletus' children)

Michael (Tony) Hayes (SHOC '66) (College Dux, Prefect)

Patrick Hayes (SHOC '66)

(Cletus' nieces)

Colleen Hayes (SHOC '80)

Margaret Hayes (SHOC '83)

Third generation

(Patrick's children)

Daniel Hayes (SHOC '90)

Michael Hayes (SHOC '92, College Captain)

Gregg Hayes (SHOC '95)

Luke Hayes (SHOC '97)

Nicholas Hayes (SHOC '01)

Catherine Hayes (nee Kennare, SHOC '99) (Luke's wife)

Fourth generation

(Daniel's children)

Stacey Hayes (SHOC '20)

Bradley Hayes (SHOC '22, Boarding Captain)

Lachlan Hayes (enrolled for 2024)

Samuel Hayes (future enrolment)

Fourth generation

(Gregg's children)

William Hayes (SHOC '16)

Mikaela Hayes (SHOC '18)

Alicia Hayes (Year 12 2024)

- 01 - 1966 Dux of the College and Prefect, Michael (Tony) Hayes (SHOC '66).
- 02 - The Hayes family: Patrick (SHOC '66) and Rosemarie Hayes with their children (L-R): Nicholas (SHOC '01), Gregg (SHOC '95), Daniel (SHOC '90), Michael (SHOC '92), and Luke (SHOC '97).
- 03 - 1937 First XVIII Football team: Cletus "Chid" Hayes (SHOC '37) circled third row and Gerald "Micky" Hayes (SHOC '39) circled second row.
- 04 - Fourth generation and soon-to-be Year 12 student, Alicia Hayes with her grandpa, Patrick (SHOC '66) after her display flight at Jamestown Air-show.
- 05 - 1937 Sacred Heart College Boarders featuring brothers, Cletus Hayes (dec; SHOC '37) and Gerald Hayes (dec; SHOC '39) (circled).
- 06 - 1992 College Captains, Michael Hayes (SHOC '92) with Jane Jarvis (SHOC '92).
- 07 - The Hayes brothers (L-R): Gregg (SHOC '95), Nicholas (SHOC '01), Daniel (SHOC '90), Luke (SHOC '97), and Michael (SHOC '92).

College Reunions



Post 1950s (50+ year reunion)

Twenty-eight "old boys" who graduated from Sacred Heart College more than 50 years ago gathered at The HWY in Plympton for our annual Post 50s luncheon on 6 September 2023. Unfortunately numbers were down on last year with a number of apologies locally and from interstate, but it was still a lovely chance to gather together and share some memories from the past.

We all enjoyed a drink at the bar and then sat at our tables as Foundation President and old scholar, **Peter Whelan (SHOC '60)** opened the meeting and said Grace. We then held a minutes silence for some dear friends who have recently passed away, including **Harvey Charlesworth (SHOC '63)**, **Richard Chirgwin (SHOC '58)**, **John Fogarty (SHOC '54)**, **Peter French (SHOC '55)**, **Geoffrey Morris (SHOC '58)**, **Peter O'Grady (SHOC '69)**, **John Stearne (SHOC '54)** and **Paul Vort-Ronald (SHOC '59)**.

After settling down for lunch, we moved around talking and carrying on in our usual manner. As everybody at the luncheon knew one another, there was great banter in the room. We were surprised when we each received a special gift - a 125 year anniversary tie, beautifully boxed and presented. It was also wonderful to hear from the College's new Principal, Daniel Lynch, who gave an excellent speech about the school today and his projection for the school's future.

The reunion finished at around 3.30pm and some of the chaps retired to the front bar while others headed home. All in all, a jolly good afternoon that we look forward to organising again next year. A huge thank you to Sarah Zulian, the College's Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator for her time and effort in for helping to bring this wonderful event together.

Roland "Rolly" Vaughton (SHOC '58)

Contributor



Class of 1983 (40 year reunion)

The 40th reunion for the Class of '83 was held in style at The HWY, Plympton on Saturday 21 October 2023. Seventy-six former Sacred Heart students were able to attend and as our 1983 College Captain, **Jane Kitschke (nee Spurling) (SHOC '83)** said in her welcome speech, the turnout was a tribute to the SHC community we were so fortunate to be a part of back in the bad old 80s. We were served great food and plenty of drinks so our thanks go out to Linh and the staff at The HWY who eventually had to kick the "stayers" out at closing time!

Thank you to Dan and Leah and to Alex Johnson for their superb live music and for competing with all the talking and laughter! It was a great atmosphere and a great night!

Steve Trzcinski (SHOC '83), Elizabeth Sexton (SHOC '83) and Tina Turner (SHOC '83)
Contributors



Class of 1993 (30 year reunion)

The Class of 1993 met up to celebrate 30 years since graduation on 7 October 2023. We were kindly hosted by **Damien Kelly (SHOC '93)** at The Golden Wattle in Pirie Street. Thanks to Damien and **Jenny Leong (SHOC '93)** for encouraging me to get something organised!

We had a fantastic turn out with everyone keen to catch up and to reminisce about our time at Sacred Heart College. I was reminded of the many wonderful people we got to spend our high school years with and more than a few of us couldn't quite believe 30 years had passed since we were in a classroom together. Thanks to **Lisette Minot (SHOC '93)** who captured the night on camera and to my fellow Captain, **Ben Flint (SHOC '93, 1993 College Captain)**, who won best dressed by managing to dig out (and get on) his Year 12 t-shirt. For those who missed out, you can head to the [1993 SHC reunion Facebook group](#) for pics!

Claire Hyland (SHOC '93, 1993 College Captain)
Contributor



Class of 2003 (20 year reunion)

The 2003 20 year reunion was held on 4 November at the Morphett Arms Hotel. The last 20 years quickly disappeared as friendships were rekindled and school memories were shared.

It was wonderful to see so many people with such varied and diverse lives and post-school experiences, and it was especially wonderful to have people from right across Australia returning for the event. Thank you to all who were able to attend on the night.

Daniel Head (SHOC '03)
Contributor, SHC Deputy Principal

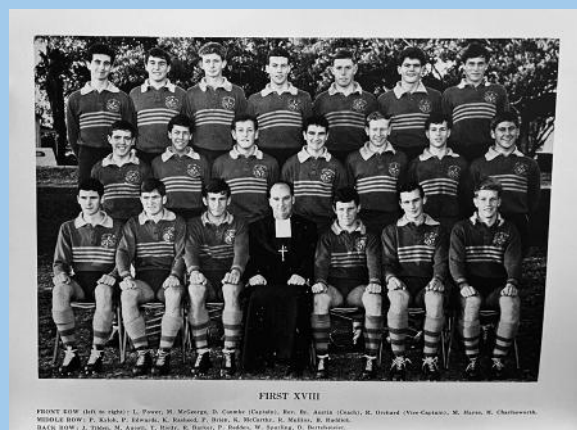


Sacred Heart First XVIII reunion (61 years)

Now an annual event, the victorious Sacred Heart First XVIII of 1962 held a reunion at the "Centre of the Universe" (the Alberton Hotel) to celebrate our victory over Assumption College Kilmore 61 years ago. We have now agreed to meet annually instead of our usual 10-yearly reunion for obvious reasons. It was great to see **John Tilden (SHOC '62)**, **Bruce Ruddick (SHOC '62)**, **Paul Edwards (SHOC '62)**, **David Coombe (1962 First XVIII Captain, SHOC '62)**, **Bob Kennedy (SHOC '62)**, **Bob Dieckman (SHOC '62)**, **Peter Brien (SHOC '63)**, **Kevin McCarthy (SHOC '62)**, **Keith Rasheed (SHOC '62)**, and **Terry Reilly (SHOC '63)** able to attend.

Apologies were received from people living interstate and from **Peter Redden (SHOC '63)**, who was recovering from a bout of illness. Sadly, we missed **Roger Orchard (dec; SHOC '62)**, who passed away just after our 60th reunion last year. Roger was the original organiser of this event and without his organisation and determination, we probably wouldn't have got it off the ground. We look forward to reporting again next year!

Peter Brien (SHOC '63)
Contributor





PREFECTS

SEATED (left to right): William E. Smart, Adrian L. Logie, James C. Whiting, Brother Columbanus Pratt, Vittorio A. Zanette, Paul J. Ryan, John P. Hurley, Robert F. Malone, Mark S. Gillespie, Richard J. Barrett.
 STANDING: Paul F. Gallagher, Timothy D. Bourne, Stephen K. Myatt, Patrick F. McIntyre, Matthew D. Petersen, Robert P. Casanova, Christopher J. Whennan, Paul J. Rubenach, John W. DeVisser, Gerard P. Leahy, Simon P. Dickens, David B. Gilento, Christopher J. Cain.

1974 Sacred Heart College Prefects

2024 reunions

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

- Post 50s reunion (attended SHC pre- 1950)
- Class of 1974 (50 year reunion)
- Class of 1984 (40 year reunion)
- Class of 1994 (30 year reunion)
- Class of 2004 (20 year reunion)
- Class of 2014 (10 year reunion)



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SHOC Sport

SHOC Football & Netball Presentation Night

More than 130 old collegians, team members and supporters gathered at The HWY on Friday 24 October to celebrate another successful season for SHOC Football and Netball Clubs at their 2023 presentation dinner.

The night honoured SHOC footy and netball players who had an outstanding season and those who greatly contributed to their respective clubs during the 2023 season.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

SHOC Football Club Awards

Presidents Award - Outstanding contributions to the SHOC Football Club:

Tim Griffiths (donated by Kevin and Kate Moroney)

A Grade Best and Fairest: Ethan Moore

B Grade Best and Fairest: Nick Forster

C Grade Best and Fairest: Patrick Goodwin

D Grade Best and Fairest: Jake Underwood

SHOC Netball Club Awards

Michaela Kenneally Award Winners: Lauren Druce and Amy Whelan

B1 Best and Fairest: Molly Dignan

B3 Best and Fairest: Kaitlyn Clifford

C2 Best and Fairest: Sinead Donaghey

C4 Best and Fairest: Lara Carubia

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the night to cap off a successful season.

Amy Whelan

SHOC Netball Club



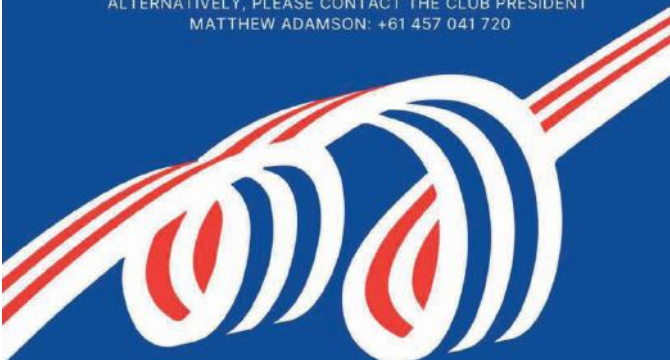
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**SPONSORSHIP
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Day/Time: Saturdays, 1.30-5pm

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Greg Walkington: 0417 886 623

Tony Proud: 0450 533 641

All proceeds go to the
Sacred Heart College Foundation.

SHOC Cricket

The SHOC Cricket Club started the 2023/24 season with just the one team in LO3. After average results last season we have certainly turned things around, being undefeated this season, largely due to a fresh influx of old collegians to the group.

The Club is being led by on-field Captain, Gavin Regan, and the off field leadership team including **Matt Adamson (President, SHOC '93)**, Srikanth Kosuru (Secretary) and Vinod Raghula (Treasurer).

We have had some amazing performances this season with **Jonah Whitelum (SHOC '18)** making his SHOC debut with 116 followed by 95 in his second game. Gavin Regan (C) started the season with back to back 50s followed by consecutive hundreds - 109 and 132 respectively. He also took 5 wickets in the game against Marion while Srikanth Kosuru also took 5 wickets against Unley.

Veteran and Club President, Matt Adamson will be playing his 300th game for the club early in the New Year - a club record adding to his achievement of being the club's leading run scorer.

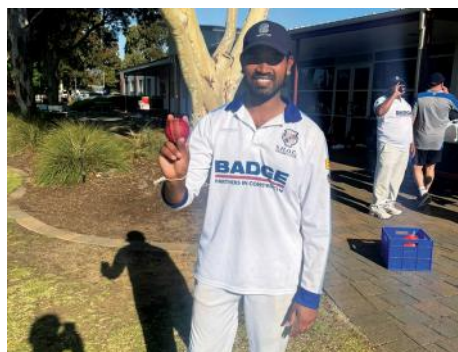
The boys have won the first T20 game of the season, and with more rounds to come, they hope to continue the success in this competition and looking forward to a successful season!

None of the this would be possible without the amazing support from Sacred Heart College, the curators, and our sponsors: Morphett Arms Hotel, Badge Constructions, Beavis Plumbing, Action Indoor Sports Morphett Vale and Letcher Moroney Chartered Accountants.

Matt Adamson
SHOC Cricket Club President

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SHOC Football

SHOC Football Club experienced a successful season in our return to Division 1 this year. At the conclusion of the minor round all four grades finished in the top 3. The A and B grades had an earlier than desired exit from the finals while the C and D grades both made the grand finals; and Our D grade being victorious with old scholar, **Joe Thompson (SHOC '22)**, awarded best afield in the D grade grand final!

In the A grade there were nine debutantes, eight of which were old scholars, as we continue to foster a strong connection with Sacred Heart's school leavers. Off season recruits **Ethan Moore (SHOC '18, A grade B&F)**, **Beau McRae (SHOC '19)** and **Sam Laube (SHOC '16)** proved valuable throughout the year while SHOC FC mainstays **Seb Kerrish (SHOC '17)**, **Clayton Symonds (SHOC '18 and club captain)**, Shaun Tapp and **Oscar Lovelock (SHOC '17)** continued to be important cogs for the senior team.

On field, the club is blessed with a highly motivated and talented crop of players as evident by all four teams playing finals. The club is powerfully committed to achieving sustained success in Division 1; harnessing these players and developing their talent for long period is at the forefront of the Football Club's ambitions.

A big thank you also to **Matt Raponi (SHOC '96)** and his assistants in the B Grade for a great job. Matt was able to embrace and implement Alex's game plan and develop our players in preparation for A Grade. **Tim Griffith (SHOC '97)** was duly celebrated at our end of year presentations by being awarded the President's Award. Tim not only coached our C Grade to a grand final, but also effectively coordinated our premiership winning D Grade Team.

With a large influx of school leavers enabling us to have a sustainable D Grade team for the first time in a few years, these young men, surrounded by a couple of old heads, had an outstanding season and ultimately were able to enjoy premiership success. Huge thanks to **Michael Hayball (SHOC '85)** and **Justin Ganley (SHOC '87)** who were able to co-coach the team for the majority of the season. To see the enjoyment the coaches and their band of assistants had coaching such a positive group of footballers was an inspiration to rest of the club.

Off the field, the club continues to grow its Welfare Committee's workings. The Welfare Program assists with sourcing employment and professional contacts for players, arranging guest speakers, player welfare check-ins and more. The Committee developed a Past Players Mentor Program whereby past players are allocated a player to engage with in a mentoring capacity. We see the workings of this committee as highly valuable in strengthening club connection and enhancing our players personal lives.

Our thanks goes to our generous sponsors, Bay Motel Hotel, Badge Construction, PMY, Amorini, Letcher Moroney and Creative Structures as well as our passionate and loyal SHOC family! With more than 140 registered players in 2023, retention has been a key purpose in the off season and we extend a warm invite to any 2023 school leavers, old scholars and anyone else to join the SHOC Football Club for season 2024!

Alex Cailotto (SHOC '09)
SHOC Football Club Senior Coach

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SHOC Netball

It has been another great season for our netball club with an injection of new committee members, bringing new energy and ideas to the club. On the netball front, we had four teams registered for the 2023 season with great success.

Our B1s finished 6th and our B5s finished 5th, just missing out on finals by one game. The C3s went through to the preliminary final, however despite an enormous effort, were unable to proceed through the grand final. And finally, our mighty C4s, who only lost 2 games for the season, were strong in the grand final and took out the 2023 premiership. Congratulations to all the ladies and coaches involved! Thank you to all of our coaches for this season, Esther Young, **Amy Whelan (SHOC '15)**, Sheridan Underwood and Tess Holloway. We are also excited to have two teams entered in the summer competition and wish them well.

Our social committee, led by Lauren Druce, were again very busy this year,

with many events held across the season. Our main event, Ladies' Day, held in the Br Joseph McAteer Centre at Sacred Heart College, was a huge success with about 130 in attendance, including Katrine Hildyard - Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing. We would like to thank Katrine for her support of our club. Not only is this event our biggest fundraiser for the year, we also supported the Breast Cancer Foundation with a donation of \$1,500! Thank you to all who helped support this important cause!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our hardworking committee members, who volunteer their time to ensure our club continues. A very special mention to our **Michaela Kenneally (SHOC '98) (club volunteer of the year)** award winners, **Amy Whelan (SHOC '15)** and **Lauren Druce (SHOC '16)**, both who put endless hours into our club and the 2023 season, which would not have been the success it was without either of them.

Finally, and most importantly, we would also like to acknowledge and thank our major sponsors, who with their support, enables our club to succeed. Thank you to: Tony Whennan, Bay Motel Hotel, Sabai Café, Polk Restaurant, Mediterranean Café, Letcher Moroney Chartered Accountants, State Swim and Badge Construction. We would also like to thank all of the people and businesses who generously gave donations and gifts over the season for club's events.

We would also like to farewell **Caitlin Mader (SHOC '18)** from the SHOC Netball Committee and thank her for the dedication she has given the club over the last five years, including club President this past year.

If you would like to get involved in the netball club either as a player, coach or volunteer, please email shocnetball@gmail.com.

We would love to have you on board!

SHOC Netball Club Committee

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SHOC Soccer



2023 was an exciting year in the history of SHOC Soccer, celebrating 20 years since the establishment of the club. We were pleased to host an anniversary dinner with the company of some club greats. They shared their wisdom from back when the club worked week to week just to field a team before earning our first silverware back-to-back in 2011 and 2012.

We were also honoured to have the presence of some old collegian greats including **Joe Gauci (SHOC '18)**, who shared some soccer wisdom - in particular, goal keeping wisdom - with our players. It seems some of this wisdom and the inspiration from the past players had a strong influence on our players across all teams.

All four men's teams finished strongly in the top half of their tables with the A-grade making it to their grand final. However, after a tough fight right to the end, we were unlucky to miss out on the silverware this year.

Our women's team were feeling the strong inspiration also and proved week

after week that they were ready to make their mark on SHOC history. After making it to their grand final back in 2019 but missing out on the cup, 2023 was their year.

First was the hard-fought FSA Cup journey, battling through a 0-0 semi-final only to score in the dying minutes to seal our fate in the grand final against Hahndorf. The team left everything on the pitch that night, finishing full time at 1-1 and remaining 1-1 at the end of extra time it went to penalties. **Kelly Moss (SHOC '14)** and **Sophie Gill (SHOC '13)** scored with nothing but finesse before our trusted keeper, **Katherine Gibb (SHOC '15)** saved one. Firing us home for the win was **Kristen Davis (SHOC '17)**, **Maya Thompson (SHOC '21)**, and **Cindy Pasquini**.

After many celebrations the team stayed focused to continue their strong performance to complete a rare 'double SHOC' also winning the league title with only 1 loss for the whole season.

Katherine Gibb (SHOC '15)
on behalf of SHOC Soccer Club Board



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Where are they now?



Sophie Agostino (SHOC '17)

Sophie Agostino (SHOC '17) is a proud Sacred Heart old scholar who firmly believes that "once you are a part of the Hearts family, you have a connection and bond that lasts a lifetime."

This rings true as Sophie has secured a position as a permanent Maths and Science Teacher at Sacred Heart's Marcellin Campus from next year.

She currently works as an ESO at a local primary school in Glenelg and just this year, finished university with a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education (Secondary).

Since losing her younger sister and Sacred Heart old scholar, **Charlotte Agostino (SHOC '20)** to Osteosarcoma in 2021, Sophie has inspired the Gold Laces initiatives, and Sock-it-to-Sarcoma Fundraisers in memory of Charlotte and in support of research into childhood cancer.

Sophie, who was Sports Captain in Year 12, was able to balance her study and extra curricular time and was a part of the Open A Netball Team from Year 10, which allowed her to experience travelling to

other Marist schools around Australia for the Marist Netball Carnival. Since then, she played premier league netball for Oakdale Netball Club from 2016–2021, and she now plays premier league netball for Contax Netball Club, with her team winning the premierships this year! Sophie was also selected as GS in the Netball SA Team of the Year.

Following Sophie's family's move from Renmark, she attended Marymount College from 2013–2014 and then Sacred Heart College from 2015–2017. Sophie said Sacred Heart provided her with friendships for life.

"I am so lucky to still be connected to so many people that were a part of my three years at the College that are still as strong today as they were when I was 17," Sophie said.

Sophie believes the teachers she had during her time at Sacred Heart inspired her to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher.

"I was particularly fortunate to experience such passionate female teachers in Maths and Science, and therefore have become an advocate for inspiring young women in STEM," Sophie said.

"The saying '*the influence of a great teacher can never be erased*' really resonates with me."

We look forward to welcoming Sophie "back" to the College at the beginning of next year.



Paul Coory (SHOC '82)

Old Scholar, **Paul Coory (SHOC '82)** has enjoyed significant career and family success, believing there is no failure in life, only success and learning!

Paul attended St Joseph's Junior School (now Sacred Heart College Champagnat Campus) from 1978–1979 and then Sacred Heart Senior School (now Marcellin Campus) from 1980, graduating in 1982. Paul enjoyed his time at school and has fond memories - "I had a small friendship group, was shy around girls, played in the Third VXIII Football team, and hated being in the spotlight."

University was a significant change of pace for Paul where he flourished in his first year of university and got involved in everything - clubs, public speaking, writing for the Uni Paper, and exploring new interests and friendship groups.

"It was only at uni did I realise the personal growth I underwent during my last year or two at SHC," Paul says.

Following his time at Sacred Heart, Paul studied Architecture at Adelaide University and then in the mid 90s, worked as an architect in Berlin,

Paul Coory (SHOC '82) continued

Germany for two years. Upon his return to Australia, Paul moved to Queensland, for a 12 month trial period that has lasted more than 25 years, so far.

Later in his career, Paul diverted his career to working for an international developer, then for a construction company for over a decade before starting his own project management company in 2018, COHA Group. Paul's company employs seven staff and specialises in several sectors, with Sport Infrastructure, and Hospitality and Entertainment their main sectors. Their clients include sporting clubs across many different sports, including AFL clubs, the Brisbane Lions, Port Adelaide and most recently, the Gold Coast Suns.

Earlier this year COHA was a finalist for the QLD Project Management Excellence Awards for their work on the Brisbane Lions' new High Performance Training Facility, Brighton Homes Arena.

Paul was recently elected to the Board of the Committee for Brisbane – a private sector led NFP organisation that provides strong advocacy to government and sporting bodies to create a better greater Brisbane on an economic, social and community level, with a focus on the 2032 Olympic + Paralympic Games. Earlier this year, he also led a team of 15 pro bono consultants and suppliers to donate their services and time to help build a para sports clubhouse for the Sporting Wheelies + Disabled Association of QLD – the first of its kind in Australia.

Despite his significant professional achievements, Paul says his biggest achievement is meeting his wife of almost 16 years, Charlotte, and creating their three beautiful daughters, Isabella (13), and twins Amelia (12) and Alice (12).



Will Day (SHOC '19)

Congratulations to old scholar, **Will Day (SHOC '19)**, who won the 2023 Peter Crimmins Medal for Hawthorn Football Club on 7 October. Will accrued an impressive 125 votes as Best & Fairest in 2023 – a fantastic achievement for the emerging star who has just surpassed 50 games this season.

The Peter Crimmins Medal is awarded to one Hawthorn Football Club player deemed best and fairest each season. Votes for the medal are awarded after each home-and-away match.

In the same year he graduated Year 12 at Sacred Heart, Will was selected at Pick 13 in the 2019 NAB AFL Draft to play for Hawthorn. This follows his grandfather's footsteps, Robert Day, who played 38 games for the Hawks in the early 1970s, including the 1971 premiership.

This year alone, Will won Hawthorn's fan-voted MVP award, along with selection in the AFL Player's Association (AFLPA) 22Under22 team. He also won the player voted, Lethal Award at the Best & Fairest night earlier this month.



Lachlan Durrans (SHOC '22)

Many old scholars might know **Lachlan Durrans (SHOC '22)** as a seasoned musician and drummer for local band, 'Birds are Spies', who have recently expanded to a four piece band and released a new single in September.

This year, the band won a grant through The Conservatorium of Music (Adelaide Uni), allowing Birds of Spies to record new music in a professional studio early next year.

This year Lachie began the Bachelor of Music (Jazz Performance) course at Adelaide University, giving him new opportunities in the music scene. Through the course, he has been involved in small jazz gigs around Adelaide and as a drummer in local musicals. He has also had opportunities to work and learn with more experienced and professional musicians including International jazz artist, Jazzmeia Horn (New York).

At the end of last year, Lachie was the worthy recipient of the Kathleen McPhee Music Scholarship through Catholic Education SA (CESA) - a huge milestone that enabled him to purchase drum equipment he would not normally have been able to. The scholarship is awarded each year to a graduate from an SA Catholic secondary school to support their tertiary studies in music.

Lachie attended Sacred Heart Middle School (now Champagnat Campus) from Year 6 in 2016 and transitioned to Marcellin Campus in 2020, graduating in 2022.

During his time at Sacred Heart, Lachie was a part of the Arts student leadership team which gave him the confidence to step outside his comfort zone; giving him interpersonal skills which have benefitted him when meeting and networking with other musicians.

Lachie said he was privileged to be taught by some fantastic drum tutors at the College who encouraged him to consider studying Music at University - advice that was life changing.

"The Arts community at Sacred Heart provided some major performance opportunities that I will remember forever. These include playing in the Drumline at a State of Origin game and the SANFL Grand Final at Adelaide Oval, halftime at an Adelaide 36ers game, numerous Christmas pageants and the



Riverland Field days in Barmera," Lachie said.

Bernie Nichols (SHOC '61)

At 80 years of age, old scholar, **Bernie Nichols (SHOC '61)** competed in the 2023 Australian Masters Games gymnastics competition, taking home silver in Rings and silver in Floor! In his retirement, Bernie continues to road-ride 80–120km a week, mountain bike 25km a week and does gymnastics twice per week!

As a former student, teacher and school Principal, Bernie maintains that he was assisted very strongly in all of these roles by the values and skills he learnt from the Marist Brothers and teachers of Sacred Heart College.

Bernie, who now resides in Queensland, started at Sacred Heart in Br Theophane's Grade 6 class in 1953, and finished his primary schooling in Grade 7 with John (Doc) Emery - particularly memorable for the craft work they did such as basket weaving and creation of Mulga wood artifacts.

Bernie spent five years in the Cadets where his last role was Platoon Commander of the third-year specialists including the 3" Mortar, Vickers Machine gun, and Medical sections.

Br Eric had a great impact on Bernie through his Choirs and Gilbert & Sullivan Operettas, Pirates of Penzance and

HMS Pinafore. So too did Br Romulus for developing in him a real love of Mathematics.

As a boarder around 1958–59, Bernie remembers sleeping in the top dormitory of Paringa Hall where the atmosphere was very airy, and the possums roamed free! This was Br Domnus's domain which is now a series of very well-appointed classrooms. In his last year Bernie was made a Prefect and a Cadet Under Officer.

Best friends since 1953, **Chris Harman (SHOC '60)** and Bernie were best man at each other's wedding, continue to be bike riding partners and are now neighbours on the Sunshine Coast!

After leaving school, Bernie studied, worked as a projectionist at the Shandon Drive-In Theatre, Elizabeth, and stayed on at Sacred Heart as an Officer of Cadets (Lieutenant). Then Principal, Br Romauld, convinced Bernie to join the College staff as an Assistant Teacher, in 1963, under the supervision of Laszlo Gimesh, and then teacher in 1965. His extra-curricular activities included Cadets for 12 years and Gymnastics.

On 10 December 1971, in the Sacred Heart College Chapel, Bernie married Therese Boeyen. They have now been married for 52 years and have four children and seven grandchildren, and all live within 100km of each other in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast.

In 1973, the Marist Brothers provided Bernie a year's study leave, during which time Therese and he were living in the SHC Lodge (now known as the Cottage). This study leave was to prepare him for his next role as Principal of the Primary School from 1974–76. With the closure of the Sacred Heart Primary school in 1976, Bernie was appointed Principal

of St Catherine's School, Stirling, close to where Therese and he had built their large log cabin home.

From there he was seconded to the Port Pirie Diocese Catholic Education Office as a Consultant, followed by an invitation to join the Toowoomba (Qld) Catholic Education Office in a similar role. Interestingly one of his roles in Toowoomba was that of Board Liaison Officer – a very similar role at the same time to that of one of his former teachers, Br Austin Stephens.

In 1993 Bernie Left Catholic Education to "run his own school." He became part owner and Principal of a Business College, teaching up to Advanced Diploma level and providing traineeships; an ELICOS provider for their own and students of the University of Southern Queensland, and; a Job Network provider, under contract to the Commonwealth Government in Toowoomba.

Even after leaving the Catholic System, Bernie still maintained his contacts with roles such as Member and Chairman of the Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic Education Board, Member and Chairman of the Nudgee International College Board, and Independent Chairman of



the Queensland Catholic Education Commission's Digital Education Revolution Working Party.

Mitchell O'Leary (SHOC '18)

Old scholar, **Mitchell O'Leary (SHOC '18)** is a firm believer that, "You never know your bad luck isn't saving you from worse luck!"

"Life's detours and setbacks are often hidden blessings, guiding us towards greater opportunities. This outlook has kept me positive and resilient, always ready to embrace the bigger, brighter picture that awaits," Mitch said.

It is this optimism that has seen Mitch launch clothing label, Outdated Collective. As founder of the popular label, Mitch says launching and nurturing the brand is his "crowning achievement."

Outdated Collective specialise in crafting unique hoodies and clothing, reaching customers worldwide.

"Witnessing its evolution from a fledgling idea to its current success has been a journey of passion, dedication, and immense satisfaction. It remains my biggest passion and driving force," Mitch said.

Mitch believes the College provided not just education, but life lessons, equipping him with the necessary tools and guidance to chase his dreams and take bold strides into the future.

"For this, my gratitude knows no

bounds," Mitch said.

Mitch's journey at Sacred Heart Middle School (now Champagnat Campus) began in 2012 as a bright-eyed Year 6 student and culminated with his Year 12 graduation in 2018. Mitch believes his time at Sacred Heart was a transformative period filled with growth and learning, both academically and personally.

"While I might not have been the most studious in every class, the connections I forged at Sacred Heart are treasures I carry with me. The bonds with my peers and mentors were profound, shaping my character and leaving an indelible mark on my heart," Mitch said.

After leaving Sacred Heart, Mitch worked as an ESO at St Mary's Memorial School – a role he cherished. A few years after graduating, Mitch began his Outdated Collective venture, which is now his full-time pursuit and passion.

"Living my dream each day is a blessing beyond words," Mitch said.

The Hearts community can get behind Mitch's dream by heading to his website at outdatedco.com.



Seb Reichelt (SHOC '20)

Old scholar, **Seb Reichelt (SHOC '20)** is following his passion for music, photography, travel and wakeboarding, and is experiencing life doing the things he loves.

Seb attended Sacred Heart College from 2014, and in his final year of schooling in 2020, was in the first cohort of students to be affected by Covid-19, making for a very different Year 12 experience.

"We were lucky to still have our school formal a few months later than usual, but we had to sit at Assembly and Graduation with a spare seat in between. On the whole we were lucky to still have most of the normal Year 12 experiences," he said.

After accepting an early offer to study Maritime Engineering at Flinders University, Seb felt his heart wasn't in it, and instead decided on a gap year.

Intrigued by the idea of American summer camps, he applied with CCUSA to Camp Matoaka in Maine, USA, particularly because they taught children to wakeboard, one of his hobbies.

By becoming a Camp Counsellor, Seb was able to combine his passion for wakeboarding with travel.

"It was perfect; I could wakeboard at sunrise and sunset on a pristine lake in

Maine every day for over 2 months while it was winter in Adelaide," Seb said.

Seb was awarded the CCUSA Camp Counsellors USA Award in memory of late old scholar, **Daniel Cagney (SHOC '12)** who travelled to North Carolina as a camp counsellor, an experience he loved. Sadly, Daniel passed away in 2014. His parents Bernadette and Chris Cagney, along with his sister, **Melissa Cagney (SHOC '10)**, are still avid fundraisers for Beyond Blue in memory of Daniel and hold the fundraising event 'Formal Friday' each year.

Following his experience as Camp Counsellor, Seb travelled extensively through the US, Canada and Mexico, with Mexico being a definite highlight and allowing Seb to pursue his passion for photography shooting world class waves in Puerto Escondido.

"My photography teacher, Sarah Melhuish, helped ignite my creative

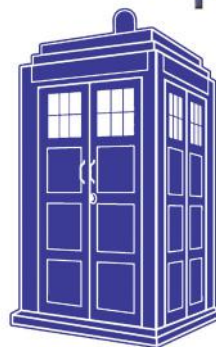
side, and to push forward with my photography and videography career. The Marist characteristic I take with me is the 'Love of work'. I am always searching for new ideas and experimenting with my camera," Seb said.

Currently working as the Digital Content Producer for Byerlee Design, a high end graphic design firm specialising in the South Australian wine industry, Seb is beginning to build his own digital media business, while continuing to pursue his love of music.

Seb is a drummer in local band, 'Loopole' described as a surf stamped rock sound. Loopole started after Seb spontaneously bought a drum kit following him and four of his best mates deciding to take their love for listening to music one step further. The band has now been gigging across Adelaide since 2020 and released several singles, with an EP available on all music streaming platforms.



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Old scholar update



Joe Gauci (SHOC '18)

Congratulations to old scholar, **Joe Gauci (SHOC '18)** who made his full International debut for the Subway Socceroos in a friendly against Ecuador earlier this year and recently played in the Socceroos squad for the FIFA World Cup 2026 Second Round Asian qualifiers last month.

The Adelaide goalkeeper has excelled with the Reds since debuting in the 2020/21 A League season. He was also appointed as a Vice Captain for Adelaide United and re-signed with Adelaide United until the end of the A-League Men 2025/26 season.

Joe's definitely come a long way since captaining the Sacred Heart College First XI Soccer team in 2017 and for the Simon Matthews Cup!

AFL Draft recruits



Ashton Moir (SHOC '22)

We congratulate old scholar, **Ashton Moir (SHOC '22)** on his selection as Pick 29 to Carlton Football Club in the 2023 AFL Draft.

Ashton, who will wear the number 43 guernsey for Carlton (as did former premiership player, Anthony Koutoufides), has been described by the Blues as an immense talent who "can kick with both feet and will have our fans on the edge of their seats with excitement for a long time to come."

The Hearts Community are looking forward to seeing you out on the field.



Will McCabe (2023)

Congratulations to 2023 Year 12 boarding student **Will McCabe** on his selection in the 2023 AFL Draft at Pick 19 for Hawthorn Football Club.

As a life-long Hawks fan, Will describes the draft as a "super unreal moment." Will's father **Luke McCabe (SHOC '93)** played 138 games in the brown and gold, and now Will has his chance to shine at the same club.

The Hearts Community are incredibly proud of you and we can't wait to watch your football journey unfold in 2024 and beyond!



Bodie Ryan (2023)

Congratulations to 2023 Year 12 student **Bodie Ryan** on his selection in the 2023 AFL Draft at Pick 46 for Hawthorn Football Club.

A "versatile defender with a great balance of offence and defence" on the field, Bodie has been described by the Hawks as a strong competitor with great character.

All the very best for the 2024 season and beyond, Bodie! The Hearts Community are ready to watch you soar.

Births



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01 Annabelle Lola Agnew

Congratulations to old scholars, **Mary Agnew (nee Hurley, SHOC '09)** and **Brad Agnew (SHOC '10)** on the birth of their daughter, **Annabelle Lola Agnew** on 27 January 2023 at Ashford Hospital. Annabelle weighed in at 3.4kg and was 51.5cm in length.

03 Charlie Jay Harding

Congratulations to old scholars, **Shane Harding (SHOC '11)** and **Ashley Harding (nee Telford, SHOC '11)** who welcomed **Charlie Jay Harding** into the world on 11 July 2023. Charlie weighed 1.28 kg and was 42cm in length.

02 Jock Peter Gill

Jock Peter Gill was born on 12 October 2023, weighing 4.06kg and 50cm in length. He is the second child for old scholar, **Robert Gill (SHOC '02)** and **Nicola Gill**. Jock's big sister, Isabel (5) is smitten with her new baby brother! Congratulations Robert, Nicola and Isabel!

04 Alana Blair Willcox

Introducing **Alana Blair Willcox**, born on 6 July 2023 to old scholar, **Millie Willcox (nee Mitrovski, SHOC '10)** and **Bryn Willcox**. Alana weighed 3.3kg and was 49cm in length at birth. Congratulations Millie and Bryn!

Weddings



01 Stephanie Hondrou (SHOC '08) and Louis Battista

Congratulations to old scholar, **Stephanie Hondrou (SHOC '08)** and **Louis Battista** who were married on 25 February 2023 at St George Greek Orthodox Church followed by the wedding reception at Plant 4 Bowden. The wedding party included old scholars, **Stacey Hondrou (SHOC '04)**, **Ellie Hondrou (SHOC '02)** and **Frankie Labbozzetta (SHOC '14)**.

03 Mathew Slegers (SHOC '11) and Stephanie McKay

Congratulations to old scholar, **Mathew Slegers (SHOC '11)** and **Stephanie McKay** who were married on the 25 March 2023 at Beach Road Winery, McLaren Vale. Old scholars, **Lachlan Denyer (SHOC '11)** was the Best Man and **Thomas Cooper (SHOC '11)** a groomsman, while **Bec Slegers (SHOC '13)** was one of the bridesmaids. The newlyweds enjoyed their honeymoon in Port Douglas.

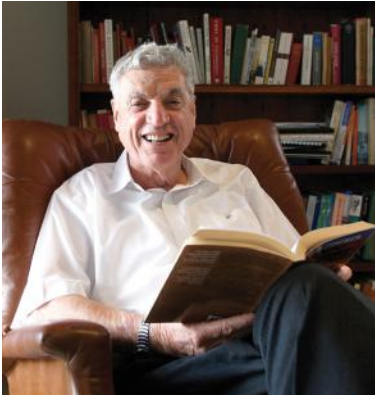
02 Zac Romeo (SHOC '11) and Olivia Lombardo

Old scholar, **Zac Romeo (SHOC '11)** and **Olivia Lombardo** were married on 21 October 2023 at the Sacred Heart College Chapel, followed by the wedding reception at the Adelaide Town Hall. The wedding party included old scholars, **Luke Romeo (SHOC '13)** and **Claudia Romeo (SHOC '13)**, and current student, **Bella Romeo**. The wedding party were transported in a classic red 1966 Mustang Convertible, a silver 1967 Mustang Fastback and a Jaguar.

04 Kate Wormald (SHOC '15) and Joshua Manning

We congratulate old scholar, **Kate Wormald (SHOC '15)** and **Joshua Manning** who were married at the Sacred Heart College Chapel on 14 October 2023 followed by the reception at Sôl Restaurant, Adelaide City. Kate's childhood best friend and fellow old scholar, **Keelyn Nicolle (SHOC '15)** was Maid of Honour on the day. The couple enjoyed their honeymoon in New Zealand.

In memoriam



Monsignor Robert Joseph Egar

22.07.1933 – 19.09.2023

Monsignor Robert Joseph Egar had a far-reaching and full life in which he made a significant impact on parishes, schools, Catholic Education and those fortunate to have crossed his path.

Robert Joseph Egar was the seventh of nine children born to Eugene and Dorothea Egar on 22 July 1933. His younger sister Ruth became a Sister of Mercy and younger brother Tony became a Passionist priest.

He was educated at the Convent of Mercy school at Parkside, followed by Christian Brothers College in Adelaide.

Mgr Rob grew up in a happy home with peaceful, faith-filled and committed parents. Family life was always important and later life he was often the organiser of family gatherings.

Mgr Rob commenced his ecclesiastical studies at St Francis Xavier's Seminary, SA and St Patrick's College Manly, NSW. He was ordained priest in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on 27 July 1957.

Rob's first appointment was as Assistant priest at Croydon where he remained for six years. He then served at Brighton Parish where, in March 1966, he was appointed Chaplain to Flinders University and became a member of the Catholic Radio and TV Committee. It was also here that he began studying and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1974. In May 1967, Mgr Rob was appointed a member of the Senate of Priests.

In the decades that followed, Mgr Rob served at various Adelaide parishes including Croydon (1957–1963), Brighton (1964–1969), Morphett Vale (1970–1983, 1998) and Salisbury (1983–1990).

Mgr Rob spent many years in close and dedicated collaboration with the Marist ministry in Adelaide, notably as Chaplain to Sacred Heart College for more than 40 years from the 1960s.

In 1990 Mgr Rob became Vicar-General, a position he held for more than seven years and from 1995 he served in Glenelg, until becoming Parish Priest at Seacombe Gardens in 2000.

Across the years, he was appointed (and often re-appointed) to many leadership and service roles including: Diocesan Consultor (1971–1977), member of the Southern Cross Advisory Board (1974), Consultors' representative on the Council of Priests (1976, 1987), Council of Sites and Architecture (1979), member of the Priestly Life and Ministry Committee (1983), Council of Priests representative on the SA Catholic Schools Commission (1988), Chaplain to the Catholic Education Office (1997), and member of

the Council of Priests until July 2000, to name a few of his accomplishments.

Following Mgr Rob's formal retirement as Parish Priest in 2009, he was still very much an active priest, helping with supplies, especially in country parishes, and other pastoral services such as weddings, school Masses and funerals. He also continued to hold Wednesday morning Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel.

In recognition of his leadership and work within the Archdiocese, on 26 April 2002 he was appointed a Prelate of Honour of his Holiness Pope John Paul II with the title of Monsignor.

Mgr Rob enjoyed his travels overseas and wherever possible, he would travel by train, a love of his since childhood. Even in his later years he loved to get on the Overland from Adelaide to Melbourne. On two occasions he walked part of the Camino Trail in Spain, and also the MacKillop Trail, sometimes called the Aussie Camino, from Portland to Penola.

Mgr Rob had a great love for history, especially World War II, the history of Europe, the Papacy and the Catholic Church in Australia.

In 2009, together with Fr Bob Wilkinson, Mgr Rob became the joint editor of the NCP publication the SWAG. Later, he and his friend, Ros Rowett, formed a publishing group, 'Pilgrims Quest' and produced a number of publications about the priesthood, Mass and other religious topics. One of these, 'Making More of the Mass' sold over 20,000

copies, and expanded into the United States.

As his health began to decline Mgr Rob moved to the priests retirement centre at Villa Murphy, but he kept active and celebrated regular Masses in the Southern Cross Home, Bucklands. Mgr Rob died peacefully in the Royal Adelaide Hospital on 19 September 2023 at the age of 90. His funeral Mass was celebrated in St Francis Xavier Cathedral on 3 October.

"Well done good and faithful servant, enter now into the joy of the Lord" - Bishop O'Kelly.

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.

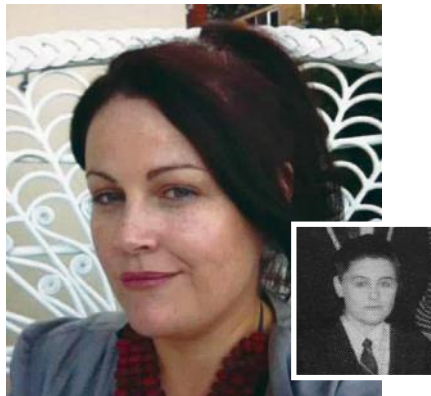
Monsignor Robert Francis Aitken

Monsignor Robert Joseph Eggar

**Harley Alan Coombs Hooper
(SHOC '64)**

**Emma Krotofil
(SHOC '92)**

**Larnor Robert Ritchie
(SHC '50)**



Emma Krotofil (SHOC '92)

02.12.1974 – 06.06.2023

An incredible mother, daughter, sister, sister in law, niece, cousin and friend; the loss of **Emma Krotofil (SHOC '92)** has cut deep for her family, friends and members of the local community.

Emma was born on 2 December 1974. She was the first-born girl of the next generation, two months after welcoming her cousin Philip, the first-born boy. These two shared a special bond for 48 years. Her parents, Imelda and Reinhold adored Emma, and soon her sibling, Roland was born on 26 May 1976.

Emma and her family lived in a demountable housing trust home, which as her brother Roly tells it, used to "shake like earthquake aftershocks as Emma stomped around her room dancing to Madonna. Plates would rattle in the cupboards and pictures would fall off the walls!"

Emma attended Stella Maris Parish School and then transitioned to Marymount College where her lifelong friendship began with her 'bestie' **Amanda Wayne (nee Wilczek, SHOC '91)**.

Emma then attended her final years at Sacred Heart College Senior School (now Marcellin Campus) from 1990–1992, which provided her with an excellent transition into the real world.

Emma met her other best friend,

Charlotte in 2005 at the Salvation Army Employment Plus where they worked together closely. Amidst the daily workload, there were many funny and highly inappropriate memories that they shared. Emma was lovingly referred to as "Fatty" by Charlotte, and in turn, Emma would call Charlotte Fatty – never as a dig at body shape, but rather a term of endearment between best friends.

Emma loved to host her friends and family at the "Porch Sessions" at old Gilbertson Road most weekends and was always in her element surrounded by the people she loved most. It was at her Auntie Anna's 60th birthday that Emma introduced her brother, Roland, to Charlotte, hinting that he was single. As they say, the rest is history and soon the two friends became "family" when Roland and Charlotte married and started a family. This was something Emma always took full credit for.

Emma was an organiser extraordinaire. At Christmas she insisted on coordinating the family Kris Kringle – despite protests from the family. She was generous, caring, protective and thoughtful, and always loved conspiracy theories.

Emma was an incredible mum having Callum in her early 20s in October 1997. After meeting Doug Sanders, she went on to have two more children, Ruby in October 2009 and then Harper in February 2014. Emma was completely besotted with her children. She loved being a mum and was active in her children's school life; taking on volunteer roles such as Canteen Coordinator and Netball Coach, including coaching two teams with Stella Maris Parish School and St Joseph's Netball Club, and Team Manager for the girls' Oakdale Netball Club. Emma's nurturing and motherly side was always present; even as a child when she would hold her younger cousins on her lap, hip or beneath her outstretched arms.

Emma Krotofil (SHOC '92) (continued)

When Ruby was a baby, Emma decided to return to university to study midwifery and worked so hard throughout the next three years to achieve her goal. She was even present, as a student, during her nephew Hunters birth, an incredibly special moment.

Emma completed her grad year at the Women's and Children's Hospital and then went onto work at Flinders Medical Centre, Flinders Private and Ashford Hospital later in her career. She loved being a midwife and it bought out the best in her. It was definitely her calling.

Just after Harper was born, Emma decided she would establish a small home-based day care business, named Harper's House Family Daycare. She thrived looking after the children while being at home with her beloved Harper and Ruby; some of the happiest for Emma.

Emma was incredibly proud when Callum headed off to university in Canberra in 2016 to study Law and International Security, returning to Adelaide to complete his studies and graduating in 2021. In an unfortunate turn, Callum became ill in 2021 and Emma took on the role as his full time carer. She fought fearlessly to give Callum every chance to recover.

Sadly, on 6 June 2023, Emma passed away at 48 years of age. Emma was farewelled on 23 June 2023 at Heysen Chapel, Centennial Park Cemetery.

To the staff at Stella Maris Parish School and Sacred Heart College Champagnat Campus; Emma's family offer their thanks for the ongoing support you are giving Ruby and Harper, particularly Kirstie Salter (Sacred Heart) and Emily Hughes (Stella Maris).

"Farewell our beautiful Dolly. We will all miss you. You will live forever young in our hearts. Sleep peacefully knowing our promises to you will be honoured."



Larnor Robert Ritchie (SHC '50)

31.03.1933 – 01.05.2023

About 10 years ago, Larnor "Larry" Ritchie told one of his grandsons that he'd jotted some thoughts down for when this time came - either for the eulogy or to record some of his life and his memories. He had a document saved on his computer - quite impressive for a man of his age - named "A VERY GOOD LIFE" which, in its title, sums up beautifully how he felt about his life. An inextricable part of this life was his profound love of Sacred Heart College.

Born in 1933, Larnor began a career with the Department of Lands at the age of 17. Despite missing the opportunity for a university education due to financial constraints, he rose through the ranks, retiring at 58 after a distinguished 42-year career in public service.

An intensely proud family man, he married the love of his life, Monica, in 1955 - a union that lasted some 68 years. Together, they created a warm and welcoming home on Kent Avenue, a place that became a hub of love and countless memories, especially for the countless Sacred Heart students who considered it a second home over the decades and whose presence brought Larnor and Monica much joy.

Larnor's wife, five children, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren were the centre of his world and his pride for each of them was

palpable. Of those, a number attended Sacred Heart; children **Lisa Smith (nee Ritchie, SHOC '79)**, and **Jason Ritchie (deceased, SHOC '91)**, son-in-law **John Head (SHOC '79)**; grandchildren **Daniel Head (SHOC '03, current SHC Deputy Principal)**, **Tim Smith (SHOC '06)**, **Josh Head (SHOC '07)**, **Sarah Smith (SHOC '08)**, **Ben Smith (SHOC '10)**, **Jeremy Head (SHOC '10)**, **Rachel Head (SHOC '12)**, **Anastasia Ritchie (SHOC '17)**, and **Makayla Ritchie (SHOC '21)**.

Larnor was a prolific record-keeper, and following his passing, his family discovered that he had written facts boasting of any number of his grandchildren's achievements - academic grades, sporting scores, goals kicked, wickets taken for the Sacred Heart First XI - each on various bits of paper; it is almost as if he needed to make sure it was captured, both as a legacy of the purpose of his life well-lived and a record to exist in perpetuity.

Larnor was so proud of being a Sacred Heart Collegian. Larnor actually challenged the term "Old Collegian" which is now part of our vernacular, because a Marist Brother in the 1940s told him that "*once a Sacred Heart Collegian, you are always a Sacred Heart Collegian.*" The contemporary iteration of this, that we hear quite often, is "*once a Heart, always a Heart.*" Larnor's contribution to the College is actually enormous, albeit understated. His name is not on as many honour boards as some, but his service is significant; he served as the Sacred Heart Old Collegians Association secretary, editor of the Blue and Blue in the 1950s, was a Sacred Heart Collegians Association committee member in the 1970s and 1980s, and both a Sacred Heart and Marymount school board member at various times throughout the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

An obituary for Larnor could not be complete without mentioning a profound love of cricket. Ken Cunningham once described Larnor as having “state potential,” a compliment that was a source of great pride, but Larnor gave up playing to focus on his young family. In later years, he would walk down to the Main Oval to watch the First XI train and provide advice and coaching.

As we bid farewell, we remember a life characterised by love, family, and service. His legacy that he took such careful steps to document lives on through his family, his deeds, and the many lives he touched. His own (perhaps adapted) words, found in a handwritten poem after his passing, best capture his essence:

***“You will find
as you look back upon your life
that the moments that stand out
are the moments
when you have done things for others.”***

In his passing, we lose not just a cherished Sacred Heart Collegian but a great man who will continue to inspire his family. His was truly a very good life.





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