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ON THE COVER



Congratulations to Alex Noble,
recipient of this year's Insignis Medal.
Pictured here with Valette guest speaker
Dr Greg O'Mahoney and Dr Paul Hine
at the Valette and Awards Ceremony.

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview acknowledges
the Cammeraygal people who are the
Traditional Owners of this land upon which
we are privileged to live and educate. We pay
our respects to the Elders past and present and
extend that respect to other Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
are respectfully advised that this publication/
production may contain the words, names and
images of people who have passed away.

Resilience in Riverview

Some of our alert Ignatian readers will realise that this edition appears to have come out of the blue. *October? But isn't it normally published in July and December?* Yes, you're absolutely right, but now your Ignatian is moving from a bi-annual publication to an annual one. From 2021, you'll receive the Ignatian once a year in May, so this year's October edition is a lovely little surprise to bridge the gap between last year's December edition until the next one. Expect a re-vamped Ignatian in your mailbox or inbox next May!

The theme of this Ignatian is resilience. No surprise when you consider all that our Riverview community has been through this year. We have felt the effects of the global pandemic that has affected so many in our nation and the world, and we continue to mourn the untimely loss of two young students in the course of Term 3. Both families remain in our prayers as we move toward the end of the year.

Despite the many challenges we have faced thus far, we gratefully acknowledge our continued blessings, particularly relative to the hardships faced by so many. While we may have faced isolation, evacuation and physical separation, through it all, our community has continued to come together to push forward with the College's mission to exercise a faith that does justice, as is evidenced in the pages of this Ignatian:

- / The innovative pivoting of the Ignatian Service Program to meet the needs of our service partners (page 15)
- / The coming together of our entire College to walk in solidarity for vulnerable communities overseas (pages 16-17)
- / The many varied ways our Old Ignatians and P&F continue to give back to the community (pages 46 and 57)
- / The leadership and resolve of our graduating Class of 2020 (page 10)
- / The strength and resilience of this year's Insignis Medal winner, Alex Noble (page 28)

I hope you enjoy reading the stories in this Ignatian and find strength in the indomitable spirit of the Riverview community.

"... those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

(Isaiah 40:30-31)

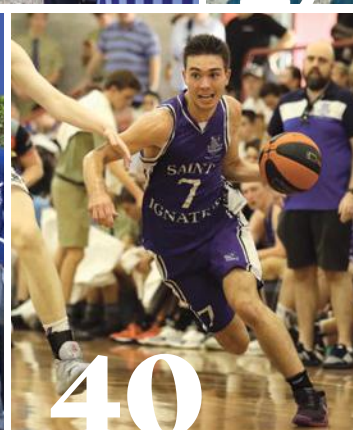
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“Despite what the year
has thrown, we have
indeed been blessed.
The foot is still raised.”

DR PAUL HINE

Resilience



The etymology of the word resilience gives strong insight into its literal use in the contemporary world. First used in the 1620s, resilience originally denoted 'the act of rebounding', deriving from its original Latin term *resilire*, meaning recoil. We are certainly on the rebound after what has been the most remarkable global situation that has been confronted since the world was at war – thankfully three quarters of a century ago. Haven't we been in a challenging and, at times, confounding place over the first half of 2020?

The year began against a backdrop of prolonged drought and the most devastating bushfires the nation has ever seen. An area twice the size of Belgium was consumed and many lives were lost, only to be eclipsed by floods that saw massive damage to property across New South Wales. Recovery from both was underway when COVID-19 hit, and since then, all manner of freedom has been curtailed: businesses shut, public gatherings closed down, social groupings denied, competitive sport prohibited, and the list goes on. As a new year and a new decade was born earlier this year, and with it a sense of optimism and hope, any notions of a worldwide pandemic and its impact would have been serendipitous.

This has been a year that has tested resilience. It has been tested many times before at Riverview (see the Archives article on pages 54-55) and the community has stood tall. Is it providence or just

plain fortune that the student motto for 2020 was 'one foot raised'? This was the instruction that St Ignatius gave to his companions as they ventured forth across Europe and later into the Orient – to be prepared for whatever came and to approach it in a positive and forthright manner. The schools were founded on a spirit of strength and resolve. In its own way, this metaphor has become an emblem for a new year and a new decade, signifying the resilience that is needed to roll with the vicissitudes of life in its many complex forms.

The response from our own community to the demands imposed by 2020 has been magnificent. At the height of the restrictions, when supplies were being fought over in supermarkets, the community gave generously to those who had little. Our boys and dedicated staff moved into the virtual environment and continued with their learning with great endeavour and commitment. Despite what the year has thrown, we have indeed been blessed. The foot is still raised.

Jesuit ministries and schools were founded to advocate for justice and to forge new frontiers. This is no more telling than in the current environment; where restrictions are met with resilience, and reluctance with resolve. My thanks to one and all who have given relentlessly to the greater cause of this community over the course of 2020.

**DR PAUL A HINE,
PRINCIPAL**

Faith and Hope



Coming to Riverview as Acting Rector in 2020 has been quite an experience! My first observation is that Riverview is a very complex operation with a huge number of moving parts, including multiple programs amongst many different groups of people, including students, staff, our boarding community, families and Old Ignatians – all of whom contribute to the wonderful community at the heart of Riverview.

My first couple of weeks were wonderful as I got to know some of the community – then coronavirus struck! Events and Masses became severely curtailed, and I have not been able to meet and know as many people as I would have liked. But the crisis has led me to reflect on an aspect of our spirituality: faith and hope in times of challenge. While many have acted wisely in the face of this crisis, others have not, and it is undeniable that we – humanity – are responsible for its spread. A friend asked me recently why God had allowed this to

happen, or why he or she doesn't intervene. I responded that God gave us free will, and he (an agnostic) replied, "Then why did your god give us free will? Was it a mistake?"

Free will is a great gift. It is the gift that makes love possible, but it also requires allowing mistakes to be made – and accepting the consequences of our decisions.

What does God do when we pray? He helps us to deal with the challenge we pray about. In my case, I often spell out fully to God how my prayers should be answered. The response is often not what I expected, but the right help delivered in a completely different way. I recall a sign outside a church that read: "I prayed to God to remove a burden from my shoulders, and instead he strengthened my shoulders."

A well-known scripture scene has Jesus walking across the water in a storm. Peter asks if he can walk towards him, and Jesus says, "Come". Peter set out, then his faith failed and he started to sink; Jesus put out his hand and held him.

I have often reflected on this passage in prayer. Ignatius in the Spiritual Exercises calls us to imagine ourselves in these Gospel scenes. Would I have the faith to step out of the boat if Jesus said, "Come"? Picturing myself trying it, I have felt myself floundering in the water, Jesus not helping me, but rather saying, 'You can swim - trust yourself, you don't need miraculous intervention'.

We often expect immediate answers to our prayers, but faith and hope require patience. Resilience is developed during this time in which our trust and hope is tested. Trust the Lord. Trust yourself. Trust the love of others. Yes, we will sometimes be disappointed but persist in that faith and trust.

Let us pray that in the various challenges that we and the world around us face, that all will do the right thing – to use the free will which is a great gift of God to us, to trust him to guide and support us with the best help for our circumstances.

FR GERRY HEALY, SJ
RECTOR



A Continuing Sense of Purpose



“A community that understands the importance of listening, that displays a willingness to be open to change and that is driven by the ideal of service to others...”

We are witness to circumstances that our world has not seen for generations. Almost no one on earth has a lived experience of our current challenges. Communities are learning and adapting in order to manage the threats posed. It has been greatly rewarding to observe how our community has risen to these challenges. To speak of the response as ‘resilient’ almost fails to do it justice.

Our students, our staff, our parents and those in the broader Riverview diaspora have given each other overwhelming support. Families have demonstrated genuine engagement with the staff of the College and dramatically modified their lives to further the safety and education of the boys. In addition to safety and continuing education, the College leadership has been guided by the principle of equity in shaping key decisions. The notion that all students in a given year group, whether they be boarders or day boys, should be on the same learning platform at any given point in time. Clearly, families could decide to opt out of this arrangement as their own health and risk assessments dictated. However, the default

option would ensure all were on an equal footing. This principle drove the timing of our shift to online learning and the structure of the phased return of face to face learning.

My own sense is that our formation program has been instrumental in guiding us through this period. A community that understands the importance of listening, that displays a willingness to be open to change and that is driven by the ideal of service to others is uniquely placed to work together in times of crisis. And we will need to continue with this sense of purpose as uncertainty and change are likely to be our constant companions for the foreseeable future.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the efforts of the College in recent months, particularly our staff. There has been extraordinary work required to modify all aspects of College life, and the thoroughness of that work was demonstrated when our COVID-19 Plan had to be enacted. We are fortunate indeed.

MR GREG MACKAY, CHAIR

Changing of the Guard



My Riverview journey began 15 years ago as a parent of three sons who attended the College. Through this experience, I believe there is no better school at which each of my very different young men could have been educated in the head, heart and hands to become men for others who understand their obligation in this world.

I began as a member of staff in 2011, and over this time, I have realised that the way I can best serve this special community is by raising awareness and support of the most distinctive aspect of Riverview: the Bursary Program. Bursary recipients bring a vibrancy and richness to our school, preventing us from becoming a financially-gated community and broadening our perspectives.

Being part of the Bursary Appeal this year afforded me a glimpse into the generosity at the heart of our donor community. I was fully aware that the circumstances of the past year – the aftermath of bushfires, prolonged drought and an unexpected worldwide pandemic – would impact our community's capacity to give. To my surprise, instead of donations decreasing, the Bursary Appeal saw an *increase* in donations – even with less donors able to support the program than in previous years! It is heartening to see such commitment to St Ignatius' ethos of a faith that does justice, and I look forward to connecting with and serving our donor community in the years to come.

I would like to thank my predecessor, Peter McLean, whose hard work over the past twelve years has seen so many bursary students flourish not only at the College but beyond its gates. I hope to build on the groundwork that has already been laid, and do justice to the bursary and donor community at Riverview.

MRS KIM CLARKE, HEAD OF FOUNDATION
www.bursary.riverview.nsw.edu.au

Thank you Riverview

The tradition of giving at Riverview is a core Ignatian value instilled from the very beginning of the College. From a fundraising perspective over these past twelve years, I have been privileged to stand with and on the shoulders of so many others. I have seen the Chapel modernised, the Boathouse refurbished, a new library emerge and, most recently, the new state-of-the-art Therry Building come to life.

Over these past years, upwards of 150 students receiving bursary assistance have graduated from Riverview. The Bursary Program ensures that Riverview is not just

the preserve of those with the financial capacity. This unique program makes it possible for boys whose families never dreamt it at all possible to have a life-changing educational opportunity.

I have had the great benefit to work with two significant Headmasters, both passionate and committed to the social justice virtues of bursaries for families in financially necessitous circumstances having the opportunity for their sons to attend the College. None of this, of course, is at all possible without the generous commitment to the Ignatian promise from so many Old Boys, past and current parents and friends of the College – all of whom I am most grateful for their support and friendship.

Whilst saddened to leave Riverview, I am not at all saddened to retire, as it is time. It's very exciting that the College has appointed a new Head of Foundation in Mrs Kim Clarke. Kim has been both a parent and a key executive at the College for many years and has in-depth knowledge of the College and constituencies, coupled with her extensive personal skills and expertise.

Thank you so much, Riverview community, for the truly wonderful memories.

**MR PETER MCLEAN,
(FORMER) FUNDRAISING
MANAGER**

Congratulations to the Class of 2019

The Principal, Rector, staff, parents and community of Saint Ignatius' College Riverview congratulate the graduating class of 2019 on their outstanding academic achievements in the 2019 Higher School Certificate (HSC).



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1 STUDENT
ACHIEVED AN
ATAR OF 99.95
(HIGHEST POSSIBLE)



99+

11 STUDENTS
ACHIEVED AN
ATAR OF 99+



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ACHIEVED AN
ATAR OF 90+



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SUBJECTS
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THE NSW
AVERAGE



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STUDENTS
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(10 UNITS OR MORE
IN BAND 6/E4)



2019 DUX (99.95)
SEBASTIAN BRAHAM



2019 PROXIME (99.85)
DECLAN RICKARD

NSW STATE PLACEMENTS

Special commendation to those students who have achieved a NSW state ranking:

- / **Sebastian Braham:** 1st in Classical Greek Continuers (19 Students in NSW), 1st in Classical Greek Extension (13 Students in NSW) and 7th in Latin Extension
- / **Benjamin Tuckfield:** 3rd in English Standard (30,397 Students in NSW)
- / **Nicholas Leonard:** 5th in Engineering Studies (2,271 Students in NSW) (Year 11 Accelerant)
- / **Declan Rickard:** 9th in Latin Continuers
- / **Matthew Croker:** 15th in Business Studies (17,775 Students in NSW)

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- / **Louis Callanan** Visual Arts Body of Work was selected for the NESA ArtExpress and deemed the best in NSW
- / **Seamus Byrne** Visual Arts Body of Work was nominated for the NESA ArtExpress
- / **Jeremy Luey** and **Henry Willis** were nominated for ENCORE, the NESA collection of the best of HSC Music Major Works
- / Over half of the 2019 Drama Students at Riverview were nominated for OnSTAGE:
Thomas Benson, Clay Bollesen, Clayton Lie, Conor McCoy, Harrison Tate, Darby Elith, Alexander Johnson, Michael Middleton, Cameron Noud, Nicholas O'Keeffe, Max Pollard and Isaac Silva

HSC ALL ROUNDERS

15 students achieved Band 6/E4 in 10 units or more to receive HSC All-Rounder Awards:

Sebastian Braham, Jake Carr, Matthew Croker, Harry Duffy, Julian Edwards, Josef Finsterer, Edward Goodman, Hugo Heanly, Alexander Morton, Thomas Neaverson, Declan Rickard, Brendan Robinson, Henry Ryan, Alexander Sidhu and Matthew Tonkli

“Go forth and set the world on fire”

ST IGNATIUS LOYOLA



Class of 2020

Valete Message from Outgoing Captain, Archie Cornell



Above Andrew Spring, Archie Cornell and James Weston | *"To Spring and Westo, you guys have helped me to get through a year where everything seemingly fell apart around us, and nothing would have been possible without you."*

Excerpt of Archie's speech from the Valete Ceremony:

2020 has been an incredible year in every sense. It started with such promise at our collective inauguration a little over 12 months ago. It's the most incredible feeling to be at the apex of this school – humble and proud in equal measure, but mostly excited to have finally arrived.

Term 1 saw a dominant display at the Head of the River, a third straight golf premiership, a third cricket premiership in five years with 2 GPS representatives, and a third swimming premiership in four years led by the fastest backstroker the GPS has ever seen. We couldn't really have asked for a better start.

Then it all hit us: time away from school, remote learning, social distancing. But it didn't have to stop there, and we didn't let it. Term 3 saw a fifth AFL premiership in the last six years (undefeated I should add), our debaters took out the GPS crown for the first time since 2008, the 1st XI soccer completed their fourth straight premiership and this

week saw so many extremely talented young men walk across both the Memoriale and Co-curricular stages – musicians, debaters, swimmers, and athletes. This kind of feat does not occur without full dedication to all facets of college life. It comes down to us – all 241 of us. As I look at all of you here today, there isn't one person who hasn't contributed to this level of success.

But whilst all this action is the spirit of our College – it is not its beating heart. The beating heart belongs to the student body and our voice. 12 months ago we made a promise to lead and navigate through the year with One Foot Raised. And we are still here to be that voice. We cannot allow fear to leach into the DNA of this College. Riverview is not the place for it. It never has been. Make the tough decisions. When there is a need for change, then change. If there is a call for direction, be pioneers of your own paths. Don't sit back and allow the world to dictate how we lead, act and behave.

We are a year group of men who are phenomenally strong - the unique challenges

of this year have allowed us to demonstrate this in spades. We've shone through adversity, remained positive, been united in sorrow, found inspiration amongst our peers, and we now know that we are made of the stuff that allows us to make that try-saving tackle, score the match-winning runs or push the boat that bit harder for line honours. When we leave this great school of ours, let us not think of everything we have lost, but think instead of everything we have gained. Whilst this is a year that no one will ever forget, it is not the sum of us.

To Dr Hine, Mr Kam, Mr Lowe and the entire College staff, we could not have arrived at this point without your constant dedication, and we thank you all and hope we do you proud.

So, congratulations boys – we faced down a global pandemic, and I could not be prouder of this cohort. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for each and every one of you. In the words of St Ignatius Loyola, 'Go forth and set the world on fire'.

Vale, Class of 2020

Valete week was celebrated at the end of Term 3 to honour and dignify our Class of 2020 – a group of young men who faced a challenging year with great courage and resilience. We wish them well as a school community and thank them for their unique contribution and strong leadership in a year that will go down in history.



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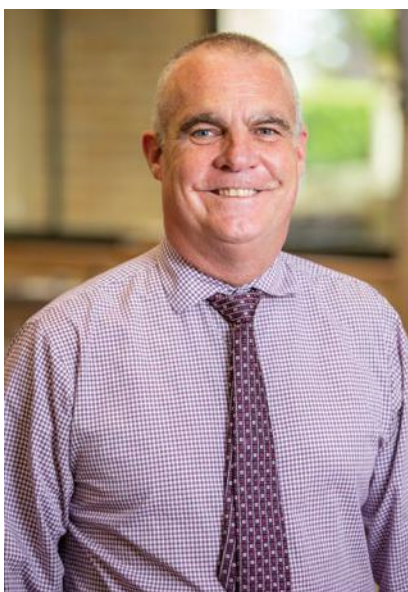
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1 | Morning tea in the Rose Garden 2 | The Co-curricular Awards Ceremony celebrated the Year 12 cohort's many (many) co-curricular successes 3 | The entire College community dignified the cohort in a special Guard of Honour 4 | The Valete Mass held on the lawn of the Dalton Chapel 5 & 6 | The Valete and Awards Ceremony 7 | Winner of the Insignis Medal, Alex Noble, with his very proud brothers, Zac (OR2018) and Benjamin (Year 9)

Farewelling an extraordinary group of young men



The Class of 2020 is a special group of young men. While many might begin any discussion of this group in our current

climate ruminating over the things that they have lost during 2020, or the milestones that they have not been able to celebrate, I'd like to celebrate the fortitude of Year 12 Division.

This division has demonstrated a unique bond and connectedness over a difficult year. With the threat of losing everything at the drop of a hat, the Year 12 Division has handled every cancellation or postponement of a rite of passage with grace and resilience. We have had to look after each other more closely this year as we all learn to live in the 'new normal' of boarding, confined to designated areas, and unable to find respite in the usual camaraderie. This was felt no more strongly than when the boarding house was empty during the remote learning period. The halls were quiet and, in many

ways, the soul of Kevin Fagan House was missing.

We've shared a lot of laughs and even when tested by extraordinary sadness or trial, these young men have looked beyond their individuality to a "collective destiny" protecting the boarding community and us all by going without.

Thank you, gentlemen, for your respect, your care for one another, your ability to roll with the punches, and intelligence to see through the complexity of our world with hope and faith. I hope when you eventually do get to dress up and wear the cufflinks presented to you, that you reflect fondly on your mates in Year 12 Division and how strong you can be when you need to be.

**MR GERARD CARSON,
YEAR 12 HEAD OF DIVISION**



A Steady Hand Through Uncertain Times



Above 'Ignatius the Pilgrim' window in the Dalton Chapel | St Ignatius statue at Dalton Quad leads by example

Pamplona. Manresa. Alcala. Salamanca. Jerusalem. Rome. What do these have in common?

Each of these are places and times where Ignatius' plans became unstuck; places and times that offered Ignatius great uncertainty and suffering. Sound familiar? We might add Saint Ignatius' College Riverview and Sydney 2020 (as well as the rest of the world) to this list. We have been beset by uncertainty, ambiguity and second guessing at every level. Disruption, previously prized as a precursor to innovation and creativity, has become a byword for the day to day reality of contemporary lives.

We can learn a lot from how Ignatius responded in such a situation. Ignatius learned through some tough lessons to take a contrary disposition – he learned that, “During that time, God behaved towards him in the same way that a school-master conducts himself with a child: he was teaching him” (Autobiography, 27).

Ignatius learned that freedom comes from being unattached to the things that take focus away from the hope that is founded in deep faith (can you name your disordered attachments?). Ignatius centred on God, resolving to serve the mission (what is *your* God-given mission?) and to be led to it by the Spirit. Such humility allowed for Ignatius to be flexible in the face of challenges in carrying out his mission – with courage and peace in a time of uncertainty and pain.

Such advice might sound simple, however it is predicated on Ignatius' long-term project of responding to difficult situations *from the inside*, out. He understood that in order to be of service to others, one must be in good shape oneself. The Irish Jesuit, Fr Brendan McManus SJ, on a recent international webinar on the theme of *Cura Personalis*, used the analogy of a mobile phone – it can only be of use if it is charged. In our tradition, such charge is sought and gained from the benefits that

accrue over time via the clarity brought about by the Examen.

Fr Brendan finished the webinar with a wonderful distillation of some of the key elements of the Ignatian tradition in which we are graced to stand:

- / Look back for clarity
- / Look forward to where I am being called
- / Be present to the goodness of the world

Accompanying students through unsteady times is the privilege and challenge of those charged with the formation of young people at this time. We do well to appropriate the disposition that Ignatius did to work our way through with resilience and steadfast faith that indeed, the world is charged with the grandeur of God.

**MR JOHN GILLES,
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
FORMATION**

Making Ourselves Available

With the onset of the global pandemic earlier this year, Riverview's Ignatian Service Program was forced to pivot from many of our usual hands-on services. Immersions were halted. Service visits to shelters and marginalised communities were forced to pause. Yet, the needs of our service partners were greater than ever, with escalating pleas for help from vulnerable communities around Australia and across the globe.

It was evident that the Ignatian Service Program would need to adapt to meet these demands while ensuring the safety of our students. At this time, Ignatius' insight during his stay at Manresa became the cornerstone on which the revised Program was built. He discovered that, to make ourselves available, is to serve.

In the early weeks of the pandemic, the service program responded by galvanising our students to assemble food packs for the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol van, collect Winter Warmer kits (including beanies, scarfs and gloves) for the Exodus Foundation and donate bags of groceries to stock the shelves of the Ignite Food Store in Emerton.

Families and staff from among the Riverview community also prepared daily meals and food hampers for the community of

Redfern Jarjum College, and delivered food hampers to over 70 families supported by the Jesuit Refugee Foodbank at Westmead. Additionally, a PenPal program between our Year 8 students and residents in Catholic Health Aged Care facilities in NSW developed as a direct response by our students to support those increasingly isolated due to the lockdown restrictions.

As we came to understand the longer-term implications of this virus, the service program responded to many financial pleas from our service partners by encouraging students to seek donations from families and friends through programs including The Salvation Army Red Shield Digital Doorknock, Jesuit Mission Walk in Solidarity, the Special Olympics Foundation and St. Canice's Kitchen Backyard Winter Sleepout. Many of these initiatives are on-going, however at the time of writing, over \$50,000 has been raised already.

As we venture into unknown territory in the latter parts of 2020 and into 2021, we will continue to draw insight from Ignatius to ensure that our Ignatian Service Program makes us available to serve those most in need in our society.

**MRS KATHERINE ZEROUNIAN,
FAITH IN SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR**



Above Left Collecting groceries for the Ignite Food Store **Bottom Left** Assembling food packs for the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol van with special messages in each pack **Right** Collecting beanies and scarves for the Exodus Foundation's Winter Warmer kits

Province Ministries: Thank you from Timor-Leste, Cambodia and Jesuit Mission



Jesuit Mission would like to thank the Saint Ignatius' College Riverview community for walking in solidarity to support vulnerable communities in Cambodia and Timor-Leste.

In Cambodia, your contribution supports the KBO COVID-19 Relief Fund, which provides small business loans and employment opportunities. In Timor-Leste, you helped to provide emergency supplies such as rice, cooking oil, soap and noodles to 480 households, who would otherwise have no other means of acquiring food.

A special thanks to Mrs Katherine Zerounian, Riverview's Faith in Service Co-ordinator, who led the initiative for students to walk the 7000 kilometre distance from Sydney to Cambodia, and the staff to walk 3840 kilometres from Sydney to Timor-Leste.

We are very grateful to all the staff and students – both senior and Regis – for taking creative measures to support those who need it most during this pandemic. It was inspiring to see staff give up their staff day to walk in solidarity.

"I'm deeply grateful to the St Ignatius' College Riverview community. With such help, our partners on the ground are able to respond swiftly and effectively to the new challenges arising every day," said Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission.

**LIZ KIM, COMMUNICATIONS
CO-ORDINATOR,
JESUIT MISSION**



Top Riverview Staff walking in solidarity **Above** Year 8 boys walking together

"It's a great feeling knowing we're supporting great causes as we walk in unity with Jesuits around the world – especially in Cambodia. A big thank you to our valued Regis community. We are really proud of our students and happy that we were able to complete the walkathon."

**GEORGE & LACHLAN,
REGIS CO-CAPTAINS**

"The Staff Day at the end of Term 2 shone bright as we were shifted soles to help some souls. It shone bright because of the actions and achievements of the staff, who did their best for Timor L'Este. A great amount of much-needed cash was raised as folk walked, ran and rode their way around the campus. The focus was on fun, but a great deal was done."

**MR GUS MASTERS,
IGNATIAN CO-ORDINATOR**



Above In a College-wide initiative, staff and students walked in solidarity to raise funds for vulnerable communities in Cambodia and Timor-Leste

Changing the Narrative

The *Changing the Narrative* project was introduced this year for Year 11, inviting students to share their gift of insight gained from walking 'for and with' the marginalised. This initiative reflects one of the central phrases of Ignatian Spirituality, "to love and to serve in all things", and is aimed at enabling our young men to discern their role in the world beyond the gates of Riverview.

Congratulations to Marcus Bambagiotti who was awarded the inaugural Comunicar Award for the strongest entry, and to William Gunns, Alexander D' Souza, Rory Silk, Macgregor House, Charlie McGowen, Archie Culican and James Hayes who were shortlisted as finalists.

An excerpt from the winning entry:

At the beginning of my service journey, like many others, the value of service had not yet dawned on me... [but] I was fortunate to spend my time serving at the Marian hostel and Calvary retirement community, which is where my appreciation for service began. Observing just how meaningful your efforts are and the impact that they can have, quickly broke down the closed mindset of service being a responsibility and opened me up to being a part of something greater than myself, to

show gratitude and give back. Throughout my time there, I met new people, learnt new things and experienced things that cannot be replicated anywhere else. Throughout my Ignatian service experiences, I have grown as an individual. No matter how much I could possibly serve, it could never level up to the impact of the lessons I have learnt. My service helped sustain my mental health and improve my outlook on life, it showed me appreciation and gave me somewhere that I feel I can belong.

MARCUS BAMBAGIOTTI (YEAR 11)



Above Mrs Katherine Zerounian, Charlie McGowen, Archie Culican, James Hayes, Rory Silk, Marcus Bambagiotti, Alexander D' Souza and Fr Gerry Healy SJ (Absent: William Gunns and Macgregor House)

Kids Giving Back

While our Ignatian Service program is currently curtailed, our students have found many varied ways to make a difference. Here is just one of many stories we could tell, in the form of an email from the CEO of Kids Giving Back:

It is not often I write a message to a Principal regarding the participation of their students in our holiday programs, but on this occasion I feel compelled to. We had the pleasure of having three of your students attend our recent Kids Helping Kids Holiday program. Traditionally, your students join us for activities that focus on homelessness and food scarcity, but the program on this day was focussed on children and supporting them through the forced social isolation of COVID lockdown in Melbourne.

I wondered as I met them if they knew they had signed up for a day of puppet making and sewing with a diverse age range of children as young as 8. However, my fears were entirely misplaced. I realise now they had not come for the activity;



they had come to make a difference – and that was the approach they adopted. As a result of their efforts, two boxes of resources were sent to Victorian refugee children currently living in lockdown in high rise buildings who are experiencing an unprecedented level of social isolation.

All three boys worked incredibly hard on that day, and they took initiative and sought out opportunities to take on additional tasks like cleaning up the workspace without any

prompting. They truly gave of themselves and exemplified the Ignatian values and the mission in your service learning. I cannot sing the praises of these three young men enough – they are wonderful ambassadors for your school. I wish to acknowledge the environment that your school has created which has enabled these young men to step outside their comfort zones and actively contribute to those who are vulnerable in our community.

Mrs Robyn Monro Miller,
CEO, Kids Giving Back



We couldn't see you at this year's Bazaar...but we need your help more than ever

For 68 years, with your generous support, the much-loved Jesuit Mission Bazaar has directly supported the most vulnerable people around the globe.

Hosted at St Ignatius' College Riverview every year, you and the College community have been an integral part of the Bazaar.

But this year, with the Coronavirus restrictions, the Bazaar simply couldn't go ahead.

While we couldn't welcome you to the 69th Bazaar, you can still help by sending a donation in the envelope provided or donate online at jesuitmission.org.au/bazaar

Your support will provide vital needs to those suffering from the pandemic



Resilience in Regis



In the midst of this catastrophic pandemic, we were forced to move into a remote learning capacity. Through remote learning we experienced how interdependent we were, and how much we depend on the support of each other. We deeply craved connection – not simply the online type – and missed our homeroom friends, sports buddies, our STEM groups and even the teachers.

During remote learning, I feel we all became more resilient, through our positive adaption to adversity, learning through Zoom and completing interactive Nearpod with our students. Even Zumba found a place in our schedule and profound moments were witnessed with many students facing the fear of dancing whilst online!

Returning to face to face teaching was enormously gratifying in Term 2, with many uplifting moments. It was wonderful to hear birthday wishes and laughter, and to witness the joy of friendship amongst the boys. The students returned with renewed faith, vigour, respect, gratitude and determination. Returning to campus has allowed for new disciplines and habits to be effectively integrated into Regis, including greater attention to health, determination and good citizenship.

I wish to thank our parents who have supported their sons so effectively throughout the remote learning period, and who continue to support the College by accommodating our new kiss and ride policy at the school. Through this period, I saw first-hand the extensive capacity of our Regis community to exercise resilience.

**MRS CAITLIN REMEUS,
HEAD OF REGIS**



From top to bottom Regis students enjoy an ice-block on a hot day | A fruitful term for the Regis Garden Club | Fun with science | Matthew Lee, like his many fellow Regis young men, settles in for online classes

Regis 2020 Captains

Regis Captains

Lachlan Wappett
George Wormwell

Class Captains

5.1

Lachlan De Angelis
Xavier Todd

5.2

Jack Winter
Caelan Cosgriff

5.3

Austin Smoker
Xavier Antcliff

5.4

Jude Feilin
Henry Stuart

6.1

Noah Duane
Hamish Elliott

6.2

Barclay Sutcliffe
Louis Maher

6.3

Thomas Poynton
Patrick Delaney

6.4

Angus King
Luke Delany



Above left to right At assembly, the students learn “strong people don’t put others down, they lift them up” | Year 5 camp | Zoom time for the Regis leaders

Year 5 Camp – Collaroy Basin

In Term 1, our new Year 5 cohort enjoyed an invigorating and rewarding three days at the annual camp in Collaroy. Every student got involved, many of them facing and overcoming their fears with the encouragement of new friends and advice from our supportive staff. We were privileged to witness the fostering of new friendships and the accomplishment of new achievements, whilst surrounded by breathtaking views and natural bushland.

While many of us were embraced a little too enthusiastically by the bugs that roam Collaroy Basin, the weather worked in our

favour; being outdoors and doing adventurous activities in the rain simply made it all more fun. We reflected each night and made connections with St Ignatius and how he, as our Saint, demonstrated the reality of living faith for each one of us. We learned that just as St Ignatius chose, we also can choose to respond to the invitations of grace which are given to us daily.

The camp proved to be a wonderful start to the new year for our youngest Regis cohort, and gave grounding for what could otherwise have become a very tumultuous term.



Campus Swap

On 18 August, it was with a mixture of apprehension and excitement that the Regis boys marched across the senior campus to take up residence in the Arrupe Building. For three weeks, Regis staff and students relocated in order to provide Year 12 with an examination centre during the Trial HSC Examinations.

Principal Dr Paul Hine says, “What a gesture of support and generosity from the boys and their teachers, as they gave over their space to ensure the integrity of these assessments, so important in a year that has been marked by discontinuities and disjuncture. The generosity and the sacrifice of the staff and students in Years 5 and 6 enabled a major priority to be achieved for the greater good of the school community. Sincere thanks to all involved.”



Regis - 2020 Pictorial Review



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Regis - 2020 Pictorial Review



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Welcome, Leaders of 2020/2021

Congratulations are extended to the students who have been elected into leadership positions for 2021. The College is in very capable hands.

College Leadership for 2020/2021



College Captain
William Martyr



**Vice-Captain
(Day Student)**
Thomas Hamer



**Vice-Captain
(Boarder)**
Toby Smith

Boarding Leaders

Beadle: Kyle Wallace (Ettalong)
Sacristan: Felix Leung (Turramurra)

Proctors

Jonathan Codemo (Yoogali)
James Henville (Roseville)
Milo Hunter (Yeoval)
Lee James (Mudgee)
Tristan Kelleher (Switzerland)
Benjamin Leonard (Maleny)
Nicholas Long (Five Dock)
Jack Montague (Blueys Beach)
Archie Quirico (Berrima)
Hugh Samsa (Burradoo)
Harry Spora (Curban)

House Leadership for 2020/2021

	House Captain	House Vice-Captain
Campion	Zach Wong	Ravin Fernando Tom Henry
Cheshire	Alex El'hazouri	James Campton Jack Matthews
Chisholm	Jack Montague	George Coates Liam Skender
Claver	Tom Duffy	Hugo Kerr Samuel Harrop
Dalton	Jack Aman	Samuel Allsopp Jonathan Clinton
Fernando	Gabriel De Haast	Felix Dickinson Archie Culican
Gonzaga	Adam Sidhu	Charles Jewell Matthew Macken
Mackillop	William Granger	Joshua Maher Luca McDonald
More	Will Austin	Nicholas Le Lievre Mason Pisani
Owen	Tomas McNeil	Edward Bowrey Orlando Carr
Ricci	Alexander Iacono	William Wright Yuvraj Garg
Romero	Harry Blair-Rath	Felix Leung Charles Lemieux
Smith	Mackenzie Thompson	Austin Reich James Wilson
Southwell	Jack Farhat	Fergus Faulder Jack Bowen
Teresa	Harry Spora	Fred Wormwell Nilanka Abbey
Xavier	Thomas Cheok	Daniel Nelson Oscar Kirk

Senior School

Pastoral Care in a Pandemic



Top left Remote learning made fun **Top right** Physically distancing in Dalton Quad **Bottom** New regulations include wearing masks on public transport and regular hand sanitising/washing

The isolation brought on by the pandemic was a big challenge for our pastoral care team because we rely so heavily on connectedness. Obviously, those daily touch points were broken when the school moved into remote learning, but our Heads and Assistant Heads of House were great at executing those connections in different ways.

What the boys missed most was seeing each other, so each House hosted year-based online gatherings and the students loved chatting with each other. We also saw the importance of providing a resource for families to self-direct their wellbeing and care, so we built a pastoral care web page, led by Head Counsellor Ben Moffatt, that is unique to Riverview and allowed people to explore everything from sleep, stress, health and well-being.

While we're back on campus now, things have obviously changed a great deal. There are rigorous new rules about wiping down desks and washing hands. House meetings and assemblies are now streamed online. Year groups are allocated different areas of the playgrounds. But the students have responded like superstars – they've lost so much, yet they do see the bright side of things and have adapted incredibly well.

The Year 12s in particular have been amazing – their resilience and optimistic view of the world is so commendable. They lost so many landmarks of their final year, but they've adapted and understood that they're part of something bigger. It was a huge blow for Archie, the College Captain, and his leadership team, but they rose to the challenge. The speech Archie recorded to the community during isolation had a direct and positive impact on students

and families who immediately warmed to his optimism, his strength and conviction to stay the course. Vice-Captains Andrew and James also led the student body very strongly and should be really proud of the way they've handled themselves. As their time at Riverview comes to a close, we planned the events of Valeté week to send them off in a way that is appropriate to the fine young men they are.

As we head to the end of the year, I want to commend all the students for their adaptability and thank the parents for working with us. While recognising our sadness and frustrations, the Riverview community has never been stronger. We all share a sense of loss about this year, but we're doing it together, and that makes all the difference.

**MR PAT LOWE,
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STUDENTS**

Alex Noble - "I Fight You Fight"



Above The Noble Family - Zac, Benji, Alex, Kylie and Glen **Top right** A rehab session for Alex with help from Zac **Bottom right** In recognition of Alex's extraordinary courage and resilience, The Alex Noble Shield was inaugurated this year as the perpetual trophy of the annual Riverview v Joeys match

Alex's story is one that most of our Riverview community are not only familiar with, but have been fully supportive of since the time his accident occurred two years ago. In October 2018, while in Year 10, Alex suffered a catastrophic injury on the football field that turned his life – and that of his family – upside down. From being a rising sports star on the path to becoming an elite athlete, Alex was faced with the prospect of becoming a quadriplegic and potentially never walking again.

But those who know Alex know this isn't where the story ends – that he isn't the type to allow a negative prognosis to determine his future. While still lying in the ICU, he saw older brother Zac struggling amidst his HSC examinations, and spoke the now-famous words: "I fight you fight".

This phrase perfectly encapsulates his spirit.

"He's amazing," says Zac, "He's the most mentally strong person I've ever seen. These types of injuries can make or break you, but he's gained every single possible benefit out of it – he's killing it and it's amazing to watch." Younger brother Benjamin agrees. "It's almost unreal, his determination. I don't

know how he does it, but I respect him so much."

Alex's impact on his brothers is evident: Zac is currently studying sports science with the intention of treating spinal cord patients, and Benjamin dreams of becoming the football player Alex wanted to be: "It's given me the motivation to finish what he started, but I also feel like now I'm more understanding of how people feel and I want to help them out."

However, Alex's influence doesn't end with his family. His *I Fight You Fight* website and Instagram account have an ever-growing number of followers and Alex recently featured in SBS's *The Feed* special on Post-Traumatic Growth Syndrome. His mother Kylie says, "He was always very social and committed to his sport, which at times took priority over his studies and I would often talk to him about the importance of character as well as physical development. Since his accident, he is better in almost every way. Most significant is his greater empathy and compassion. He uses humour to deal with things and he's focusing really hard on his studies – it's like he's found another way to be competitive."

Alex puts it bluntly: "There's no point wasting time being sad – it's a waste of life. You've just got to suck it up." Alex is not only aware of the changes in himself, but he self-directs them to maximise his growth. "Before, I used to be closed-minded and just focused on footy and having fun, but now I have more meaning in life. I try to do the best I can in every area of my life – if you do everything as hard as you can, you'll develop mentally and physically and be a better person." He acknowledges, "There are things I can't do anymore, but there are new opportunities I can thrive in, and I can achieve things now that I couldn't before."

Alex's achievements are remarkable. From having almost no movement, to being able to stand semi-autonomously. From joining his class a few days a week, to going back to school full time. From expecting to complete his final year over two years, to not only finishing on time with his year level, but graduating at the top of his class in some subjects. And, during the Valette Ceremony, he was awarded the Insignis Medal – the highest honour the College can bestow on a graduating student.



“I can achieve things that I couldn’t before”

ALEX NOBLE, RECIPIENT OF THE INSIGNIS MEDAL

Principal Dr Hine says of Alex, “He is a young man of exceptional courage and determination. Those who know Alex would be well aware of how demanding and excruciating the space between the limitations imposed by broken vertebrae (C4 and C5) and personal goals with uncompromising ambitions can be. Alex’s story is unique, uplifting, and highlights the triumph of the human spirit.”

His parents Kylie and Glen Noble are overflowing with gratitude. Glen says, “The real joy of this story is the Riverview community. All those people – some were

friends, some acquaintances and others complete strangers – they came together and showed us so much love and they were so genuine. So many times, people would do things to help and I’d thank them and they’d say, “That’s alright, I’m a Riverview Old Boy.””

Kylie adds, “It’s unbelievable. We’ll never be able to thank them enough or show them how incredible it is, what they’ve done. It’s the Ignatian thing – I’d heard it talked about at assemblies and I’ve understood what it was, but I’d never experienced it until this. It’s real.”

While this year marks the end of Alex’s journey at Riverview as a student, there’s still

a long road ahead. What’s on the radar for Alex? “The HSC is coming up so that’s the main thing – I’d like to go to uni and study Business /Law if I get the ATAR.” Then he leans back and smiles. “But first, summer’s coming up, so just go to the beach everyday.”

Alex’s humour and fight have inspired many, but the effect is synergistic. “Everyone sees me doing well and they support me, so I try harder to do it for them,” he says. “To the Riverview community, thank you for being there for me, and keeping me stable and lifting me up.”

2021 College Leadership



The newly elected College leaders

“Our hope over the next year is to find the *magis* in all things”



Message from our new College Captain, William Martyr, and Vice-Captains, Thomas Hamer and Toby Smith

We are very grateful and humbled to be appointed such important roles in this incredible school. We'd like to acknowledge the difficulties faced by the outgoing leadership team over the past year, and thank them for their support and guidance as we stepped into these roles. We're aware that we have a challenging year ahead, but we know it'll be a good one. Our hope over the next year is to find the *magis* in all things: in the brother/sisterhood, in our academic accomplishments, and in the culture we establish. We're excited to see how far we go as a year group, and what we achieve as a school.

Will:

I feel that both St Ignatius' and Jesus' tenets of being a 'man for others' is what makes our College such a special place to be. This directive of putting others' needs before our own has impacted me deeply. Also, being exposed to the experiences and history of prominent First Nations people, especially Mum Shirl – patron of Smith House – has challenged me to develop the values of generosity and tenderness.

Tom:

For the coming year, Will, Toby and I hope to achieve a strong sense of unity throughout the school and we hope that future activities and inter-House events will help to facilitate this. While doing so, we want to inspire the boys to explore their own individuality as we believe high school is a journey of self-discovery.

Toby:

The proctors and I are making a conscious effort to strive for the *magis* in every facet of life within the boarding community. We are in a unique position of being able to provide younger students with honest, realistic, and reliable advice, as well as guidance, which is central to knowing who we are as individuals. Over the year, we hope to continue developing as servant leaders within our school community.

Left to right William Martyr, Thomas Hamer and Toby Smith

In This Together



Above Noah Allan, Graham Duckett, Kaleb Taylor (First Nations Program Co-ordinator), Taine Woodford and Jarvis Lake

As the First Nations Coordinator, my role is to be someone that our boys can feel connected to; I want them to see that someone's working consistently hard for them and is a constant presence for when they need it.

My priority is to make sure that the needs of the First Nations young men are met, both culturally and individually. A big challenge this year has been managing the COVID concerns for our students' families and communities. Disease has a very negative history among Aboriginal people, so we had to make sure our families had support in their decisions about sending their boys back this year. Some have not returned yet, so we also had to look at how we could genuinely support them from afar while making them feel they are absolutely still part of the College community.

Because of COVID restrictions we've lost the ability to meet and eat together as a group, which is something we like to do often. However, our young men have raised the bar in caring for each other and watching out for their brothers. We use technology to connect, particularly with our boys who are not back on campus, and check in a few times a week during homework time to reflect on the day. This connection lets us know we're all in this together.

I can't express how proud and impressed I am with all of our First Nations students during this time. Whether deciding to return to school or work remotely, I've seen every one of our young men step up and work hard through this time. I want to thank every single student and their communities in the way we have worked together, still managing to have a sense of expectation and being ready to keep moving forward.

MR KALEB TAYLOR, FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR



Top The smoking ceremony at the Reconciliation Assembly

Bottom Noah Allen was awarded the B&V Toomey Prize for Aboriginal Studies at the Valette Ceremony, and has since also been awarded the prestigious Kambri Indigenous Scholarship at the Australian National University

Inclusion Program Students Shine



Above Learning the culinary arts | Jack Farhat (third from the left) was voted Southwell House Captain this year | **Below** The Year 11 students' woodwork project for the College | The group with Anya and Eli, the Health Centre therapy dogs

As is the case across the school, the country, and indeed the world, it has been very strange times in the Inclusion Program in 2020. The shift to online learning towards the end of Term 1 proved to be a monumental challenge, but can retrospectively be viewed as a period of tremendous growth for staff, students and families. Students have further developed IT skills, as well as the core skills of dealing with uncertainty and change on an almost daily basis. Social distancing requirements have created a more inclusive environment for the program as classes are held throughout the school, instead of the confines of St Michael's House. The COVID-19 pandemic has created a seismic change in education but there is a sense of optimism in the Inclusion Program that the change is going to benefit students in the long run.

With all the challenges they have faced, students have happily returned to the routine and variety of Riverview life. The Year 11 students have been putting the final touches on their major woodwork projects for the term, a donation to the College of two large picnic benches which will take pride of place on St Michael's

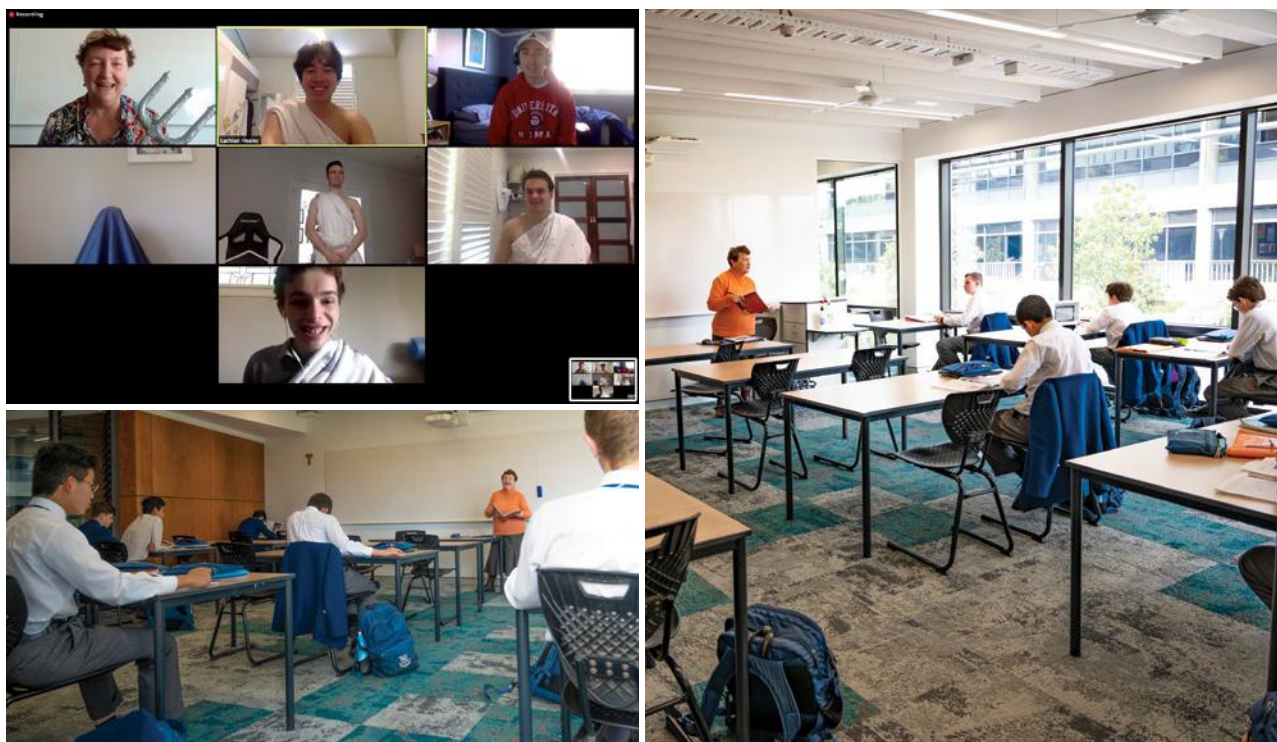
Terrace for staff and students to utilise in the upcoming summer months. Meanwhile, students have shifted the focus of their Ignatian service activities by making wonderful contributions of food and groceries towards the Jesuit social service Ignite Store appeal.

In Term 3, students in the Inclusion Program had plenty to be proud of, as Jack Farhat was voted in by his peers in Southwell as the House Captain for 2021. 'Captain Jack' is a worthy recipient and the first student from the Inclusion Program to be voted a House Captain. There is no doubt he will lead the House valiantly and proudly with his trademark smile and positive attitude.

While much of the future remains uncertain, the one constant in all our lives will continue to be the inspiration and pride we can take from students who face large obstacles on a daily basis yet continue to embrace change and strive forward with "One foot raised".

**MR TOBY MARTIN,
INCLUSION PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Languages at Riverview



Above Learning language online and in the classroom

What can we learn from language apart from learning *the* language?

The teaching of languages is firmly established in the Jesuit tradition of scholarship, the liberal arts and the development of the whole person. Languages also play a role in the Society's imperative to remain relevant and responsive to the needs of a changing world.

Language learning forces the student to examine closely the mechanics of language, to process detail and discern connections. It develops cognitive skills: memory, data processing, analysis, perception, critical and creative thinking skills. Multi-tasking skills are engaged through switching from one language to another. Literacy in one's own language, communication and negotiation skills are enhanced with the exploration of how meaning is created.

The study of syntax and vocabulary is never done in isolation. The typical learning task is authentic and engages several cognitive

functions simultaneously. For example, tasks requiring expression in the target language: reading a text (email, forum post, advertisement, application) and responding; hearing a spoken text (e.g. message) and summarising it; writing a text with appropriate attention to purpose, context and audience; adapting tone and register to interact more effectively with another speaker; drafting a survey, collating and analysing data; creating multi-modal presentations; producing a variety of text-types. In the Classical languages, decoding the complexity of the inflected endings gradually becomes second nature as students read and translate texts and analyse literary features.

Language and culture are intimately linked. Learning a language makes you open to diversity and tolerant of difference. Specific projects bring together research, creative and critical thinking skills. The Italian and French students create a variety TV show. The analytical process shows how students

become drivers of their own learning. They first determine the content (e.g. news item, celebrity spot), then the text type (e.g. interview, profile, advertisement), the language functions (e.g. asking questions, talking about the past), and finally the required language structures (how do I say...). Latin students analyse the historical context of ancient Britain in order to submit a proposal for a new Roman fort. They also use the discovery method to explore basic linguistics and history of language.

At Riverview we value language learning because it broadens the mind, makes you more versatile and adaptable to change, and gives you the ability to function across cultures. In developing easily transferable skills, it prepares our students for the challenges of the future and enables them to engage in the global community more effectively and sensitively.

**MRS LOUELLA PERRETT,
HEAD OF FACULTY LANGUAGES**

Farming: A Profession of Hope



Above clockwise Farm Manager, David Dodds | The garden tool shed built by our Year 12 class | The Cattle Program

It's been said that "Farming is a profession of hope" – and never has a year like this more exemplified that quote!

As we know, the Primary Industry sector has been battered by drought, bushfires and a pandemic, and the College farm has also had its share of frustration and disappointment. Our Cattle Program showed great potential from the outset with eight outstanding donor steers arriving in early October 2019 for a planned regimen of feed and schooling by an enthusiastic committed student Show team. Led by Mr Roffey and Ms Mikan, we entertained high hopes for the Show season, however it was not to be.

That should in no way deflect from the Show team's achievement however – quite simply, our steers were magnificently prepared and schooled, for which the boys should be complimented.

Whilst home schooling interrupted day to day teaching on the farm, Mr Roffey planned and has implemented a comprehensive paddock clearing program, installation of new, user-friendly cattle and sheep yards, an extension of our sheep breeding program and an impressive shed built by the Year 12 Primary Industry class of 2020.

Despite the difficulties 2020 has thrown at the College farm, we approach 2021 full of hope.

MR DAVID DODDS, FARM MANAGER

Congratulations Jude Egerton-Warburton

Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition | 3rd Placing

This year, Egerton-Warburton (Year 12) represented the College in the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition, which was held online for the first time since it was established in 1935. Recognised as the most prestigious public speaking event in NSW, past winners include former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, former High Court Chief Justice Anthony Murray Gleeson AC, former NSW Premier and Riverview Old Boy Nick Greiner AC (OR1963) and, of course, the honourable Sebastian Braham (OR2019).

As a combined competition between GPS and CAS schools, the event is a challenging impromptu-style format where students are allowed 15 minutes to prepare an eight-minute speech on a given topic. Jude spoke with humour, grace and eloquence on the topic 'It's time to say it like it really is' to a crowd of three and a virtual audience of many. As a result, he was placed third in an extremely competitive cohort and the College is very proud of his efforts. A special mention goes to Mr James Rodgers, who coached

him admirably through the process, and to the many who were present in spirit and online.

**MRS MARILYN FITZGERALD,
HEAD OF PUBLIC SPEAKING**



Above Jude with coach Mr James Rodgers (OR1971)

2020 Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence

Congratulations to Patrick Grant, this year's recipient of the Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence at Riverview. This award recognises the recipient's responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community, and active contributions to the Catholic faith life of the school. Patrick participated in the ceremony online, held in lieu of the normal ceremony at St Mary's Cathedral, where the following citation was read:

Before commencing as a boarder at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, Patrick served his local parish of St Joseph's in Gunnedah, providing music, altar serving at weekly Masses and generally assisting his rural faith community. At Riverview, Patrick was elected as Sacristan where, for the past twelve months, he has involved himself extensively in leading the prayer and liturgical life of the College. Patrick has altar served, been a minister of the Eucharist, and helped to organise Masses and other liturgies. More recently, Patrick created and

currently moderates a weekly discussion group for his fellow senior boarders, wherein issues of theology, philosophy and morality are explored. Patrick is respected by his parish communities in both Gunnedah and Riverview as a young man of deep faith.

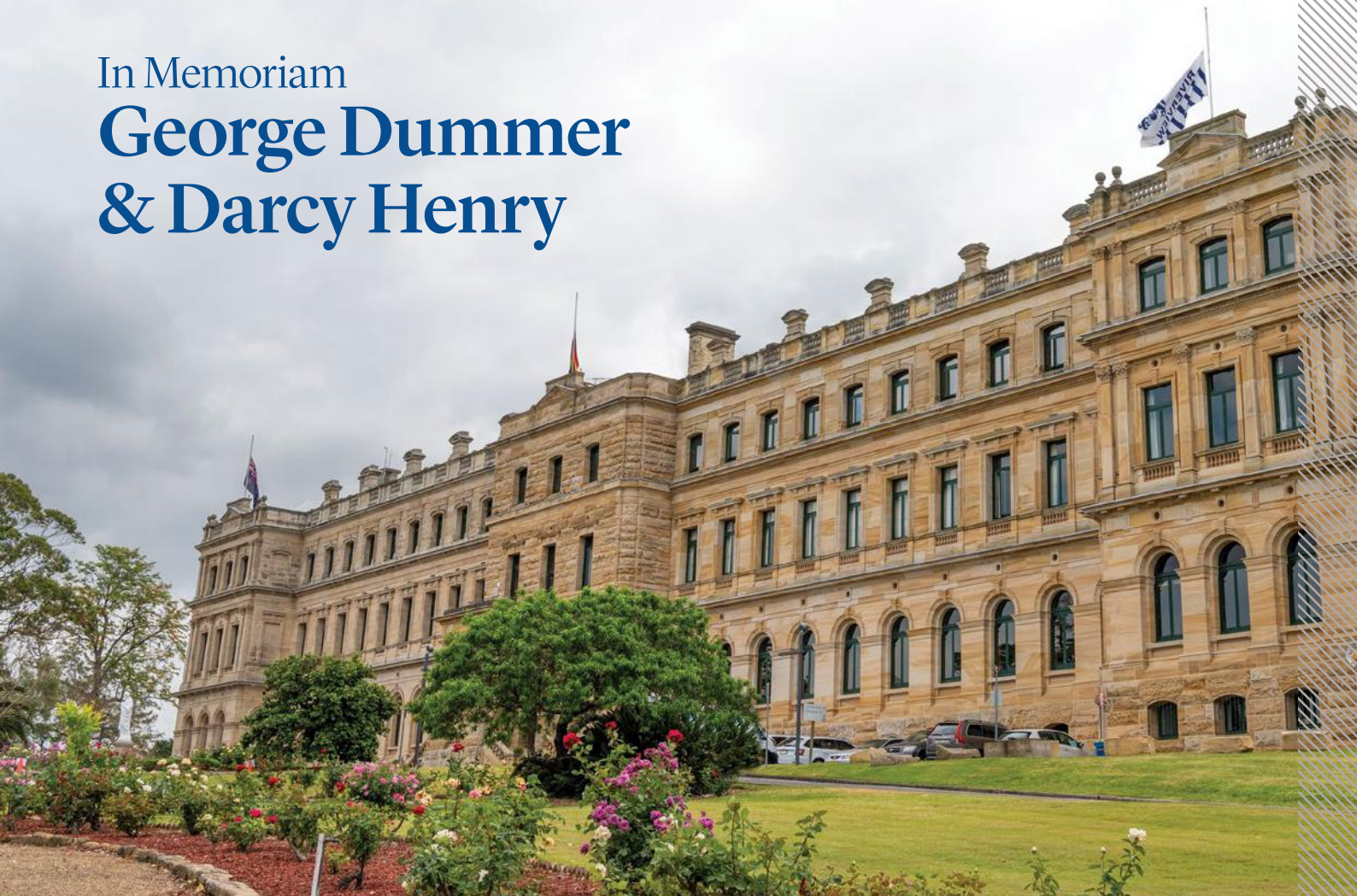
We congratulate Patrick and thank him for his many contributions to the Riverview community of faith. AMDG.

**MR PAUL ACHMAR,
CAMPION HEAD OF HOUSE**



In Memoriam

George Dummer & Darcy Henry



“Good people, even if they die young, will find a home with God. The number of our days is not what makes people respectable, nor is the number of years we live a true measure of how worthwhile our life has been...”

(WISDOM 4:7-15)



George Dummer



Darcy Henry

George Dummer

On Saturday 5 September, the Riverview community lost one of its own when George Dummer, a Year 9 boarder from Bowral, tragically and suddenly passed away. A deeply respected and much-loved member of the community, George was passionate about Rugby and Mountain Biking and gave of his best in the classroom. The grief over his loss took many forms over the term, including a liturgy and memorial rock set up adjacent to 1st Field by his friends and peers. For the U15 rugby game he would have played in the weekend after his death, George's guernsey number was painted on the pitch and a minute of silence was held before the whistle blew – a moment of profound respect for his memory and solidarity with his family.

On Monday 21 September, which would have been George's 15th birthday, a memorial service was held in the Rose Garden to celebrate his life and memory. His Year 9 peers gathered along with his parents, Jane and Murray, siblings, Charlie and Sophia, and their grandparents. George's friends shared memories of his contagious laugh, his fearless mountain biking skills, and his sense of fun. His mother Jane shared, "He was a 'View boy through and through. You were his brothers, which makes me your mother, and I'm not going anywhere. Thank you for sharing and demonstrating your love for him."

As a reminder that George's spirit lives on strongly, the P&F organised the planting of a crab apple tree in front of the Arrupe Building, which blooms around the time of George's birthday each year, and presented his family with a twin tree.

George will not be forgotten. May he rest in peace.



Above George's memorial service, held on 21 September 2020
| George's crab apple tree in front of the Arrupe Building

Darcy Henry

Darcy Henry followed his father Michael (OR1988) and his three older brothers, Hugh (OR2018), Tom (Year 11) and Charlie (Year 10), to Riverview and into Champion House. Similarly, his uncle, Paul (OR1990), and cousin Jack (Year 8), are Ignatians. On the evening of 2 October, Darcy died of a very rare cardiac condition, aged just 14. The Riverview community shares the grief of the Henry family, Michael and Karen, George, Hugh, Tom, Charlie and Lucy.

Darcy had a love for life, for his family; gratitude for his school, his House, and his many friends whom he nurtured with his sense of humour and warmth. He was naturally close to all our hearts.

He was artistic, imaginative and creative, taking joy in music and drama. He rejoiced in his considerable academic giftedness in the classrooms and in debating and sports. He found joy in serving those who need us most, a virtue that his family is renowned for. These qualities are now sacred to his memory.

In Darcy's death, there is desolation but there is also much consolation, especially in the knowledge that "coming to perfection in such a short time, Darcy achieved a long life."

We can be particularly consoled by the words of the Church's Liturgy for the death of a young person: "May Darcy now live radiant and forever young in the happiness of your presence."

And may the angels lead Darcy gently into Paradise.



Above Darcy's memorial service, held on 14 October 2020 |
Darcy's coral bark maple tree, which has been planted in the Rose Garden with a view of The Woods

Performing Arts

Exploring New Frontiers

The Drama and Music departments responded to the restrictions on live rehearsals and performances this year by embarking on exciting alternate solutions. Music rehearsals moved to larger spaces to accommodate for physical distance between instrumentalists, until August when all woodwind and vocal rehearsals moved entirely online. Drama students embraced the opportunities available in the digital world by moving the Co-curricular productions for Year 9 (*The Internet is Distract-OH LOOK A KITTEN!* by Ian McWethy) and Year 10 (*All In the Zooming*) to an online platform, where performances were shared with our Riverview community via streaming.

Our faculties have never been more proud than this year, as our students demonstrated incredible resilience, creativity and drive as they adapted to online learning. Music students took quickly to lessons and tuition online, relishing the opportunity of gathering and playing together in the virtual space. Drama students explored

mime, stage combat fighting, scriptwork and more, skilfully adapting their physical performances into Radio Dramas during their Zoom lessons before returning to face-to-face learning in Term 2, eager to apply their new skills in the O'Kelly Theatre.

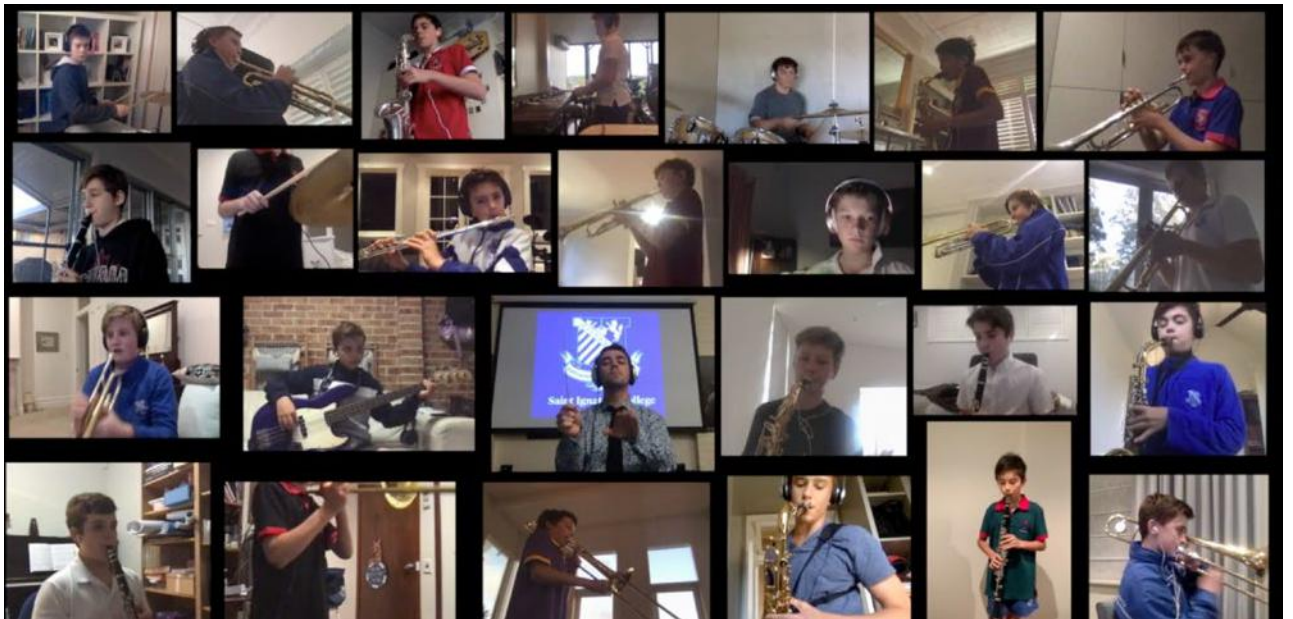
Our Year 12 students, whose year has been so disrupted, have shown incredible resilience, and it was a privilege to showcase their talents in our respective online HSC Showcases. Their wonderful performances have seen an exciting number of OnStage nominations for drama work, and Encore nominations for Music.

While students of the performing arts were greatly affected this year, we are proud that they rose to the challenge with incredible adaptability – a mark of true creative minds.

**MR PETER WATTERS, HEAD OF FACULTY -
MUSIC, AND MS LOUISE ARNOTT,
HEAD OF DRAMA**



Clockwise from top left Thomas Andrews, Patrick Lucas, Tobias McDonald and Bill Delany



Top Physically distanced Big Band rehearsal (left) and Blue Notes rehearsal (right) **Middle** Intermediate concert band together on screen **Bottom** Big band rehearsals in Ramsay Hall

Perseverance Through a Pandemic

Basketball

Coming off a season where the 1st and 2nds teams won undefeated GPS Premierships, the 2020 GPS basketball season was always going to be challenging – especially as the whole premiership team from 2019 had been in Year 12 and graduated last year.

The 1st team worked extremely hard during the Term 4 trial season and overcame tremendous obstacles to play at the Melbourne Nationals in a very difficult competition. When the competition began in Term 1, 2020, a resounding 25 point win over a powerful Newington side showed how much they had improved. This was followed by solid wins against Shore and Grammar, before a round 4 clash with Sydney Boys' High which was lost in a heartbreaking 72-73 final score. The boys powered on until their season was cut short by the arrival of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, the 2nds – coming off 3 undefeated seasons and 3 consecutive GPS Premierships – worked hard against the odds with a very young team and won every game bar one. Their game with St Joseph's in round 7 was cancelled suddenly at half time due to the COVID-19 restrictions, which in the end denied them of a tied premiership when Shore lost their final game to Newington.

All the boys in both senior basketball teams can hold their heads up high and be proud of their achievements under the trying conditions of the 2020 season. Long term coach Mr Daniel Kovacic leaves the basketball program this year after over 10 years of service – we thank him for being a great coach, mentor and leader during this time and we wish him well.

**MR OLIVER STENMARK (OR2007),
BASKETBALL PROGRAM COORDINATOR**



Cricket



Above left to right Riverview cricket | A record-breaking score | The 1st XI Cricket GPS Co-Premiers in contemplative mode after the presentation of the premiership shield.

Never could I have imagined what the 2019-20 season would end up throwing at us: severe droughts, bush fires, smoke hazards, extreme heat, torrential rain, storms, and to finish the season off - and go down in history - the COVID-19 virus, which saw all sports around the state put on hold for four months. We were very fortunate to be able to complete our season and provide Riverview's 14th 1st XI Premiership.

In the previous season, our 1st XI had finished in last place - a position rarely seen in Riverview Cricket and one that needed to be rectified. During the pre-season, the coaches worked on developing the students: physically by running the sand dunes with the Sand Hill Warrior; spiritually by supporting Life for Koori Kids; socially by hosting a dinner honouring Riverview's Team of the decades for 1950s, 1960s and 1970s; emotionally through trial matches and proving their selection; and mentally demonstrating a strong attitude to working hard and pushing through the barriers. All these aspects helped strengthen their resilience, and while they didn't enter the season as favourites, they were a team that wanted to play for each other.

Riverview students are known for their tenaciousness and never giving in, and this was demonstrated repeatedly throughout the season. In a game against Sydney High, we witnessed a moment in cricket that

we will most likely never see again: our opening batsman, Adam Sidhu (177) and Zac Kalogerou (118*) put on a masterclass and ended up breaking a Riverview Cricket record that has stood for over 90 years. They scored an opening run stand of 301 runs to guide the boys to victory, and we ended up winning the next three matches, with special mention to Matthew Sidhu taking 8-51 against Sydney Grammar and placing us outright leaders for the competition.

The 1st XI went into the final round equal top of the ladder with Shore and Scots. In a 50/50 over match, all schools managed to get through the first 50 overs and all three schools were in strong positions to go for the bonus point. Then the rain came at the lunch interval - and it kept coming, and coming, and coming. The season came down to a phone call that confirmed that for the first time in over 100 years, all three teams would finish as a Triple-Joint Premiership. Our boys were ecstatic - they thoroughly deserved it as they worked extremely hard to get to this point, and I could not have been prouder of the boys and the coaching staff.

This is the school's 14th Cricket Premiership (and the 12th in the last 40 seasons - the most of any school in that time) and Mr Rodgers' sixth as the coach.

Notable congratulations to:

- / Zachary Kalogerou for winning the Ignatian Cricketer of the Year - a great honour bestowed not just for his performance, but his leadership and integrity.
- / Adam Sidhu and Matthew Sidhu on selection for the combined GPS Opens Team. In addition, Matthew Sidhu was selected for the U15 NSW team, became the leading wicket taker for the U15 State Championship, and was then selected for the U16 Australian Squad.
- / Nick Newton and Henry Madigan on selection for the U15 Chairman's XI, with Toby Mallon also being selected and then making the U15 CIS Squad.
- / Joseph Maguire (16B), Joel Russell (16B) and Benjamin Spicer (14C) on their hat-tricks, in addition to Matthew Sidhu's double hat-trick.

Well done also to the 16A, 16B and 13B teams who remained undefeated for the season. It is not an easy achievement and the boys were very dominant in their matches. This shows great promise for the near future.

**MR GEOFF TESORIERO
(OR1997), SPORTS PROGRAM
CO-ORDINATOR**

Rowing

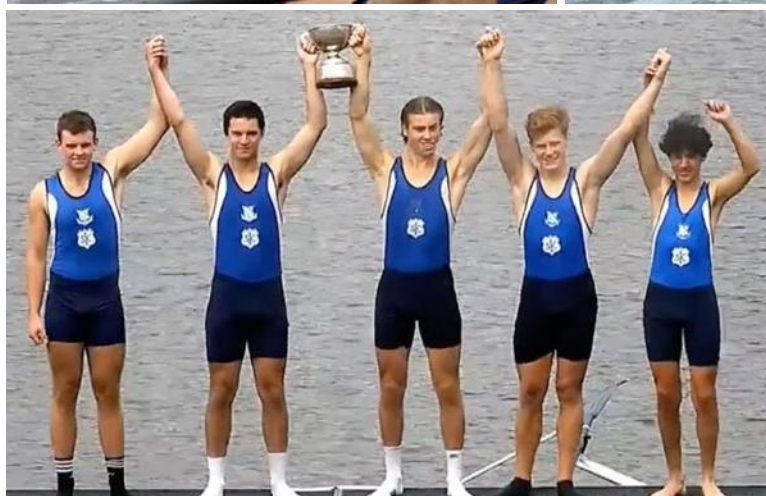
The 2019/2020 rowing season will be remembered for a number of reasons, particularly, the outstanding results at the Head of the River Regatta. However the season faced a series of challenges including the cancellation of one regatta due to heat wave conditions, cancellation of the GPS January Camp in Canberra due to poor air quality from bushfires, and changes to the Head of the River Regatta including a date change, cancellation of Year 10 events, and only crews and coaches allowed to attend with no live audience except online.

Despite these challenges, this year's regatta saw the best results ever achieved by the College with the 2nd VIII, 2nd IV and 3rd IV winning

their events, the 1st IV and 4th IV finishing second, and the 1st VIII finishing third in a very strong performance. As a result, the College has held all six GPS rowing trophies since 2018.

The 136th Gold Cup Regatta went ahead in ideal rowing conditions, in front of a large crowd. On the day, 1,640 competitors in 291 crews, representing 28 schools and clubs, competed in 52 events in 90 races. The Men's Gold Challenge Cup was contested for the 127th time and was won by Sydney University, who also won the more recent Women's Gold Challenge Cup.

MR DAN NOONAN (OR1997), MIC ROWING



Back to Back Swimming Premierships



Above Year 12 swimmers, Alexander Hoffman, Brock Twigg, Nicholas Quinn, Ethan Rheinberger, Christian Taylor, Bill Delany, Nicholas Leonard and Mr Michael Webb (absent Aristotle Stathis)

One of the side-effects of the pandemic this year was the cancellation of the final GPS swimming carnival. However, three GPS swimming carnivals and a number of championship events had taken place prior, so it was on the basis of the points won to date that the division and premiership winners were decided. Riverview's senior swimming team were 50 points clear and claimed the premiership without fanfare

This is the second time the school has won back to back senior premierships, and the 5th senior premiership in eight years. The excellent leadership of Captain Christian

Taylor and Vice-Captains Aristotle Stathis and Bill Delany, was evident at each carnival throughout the season as they supported their team mates and encouraged them to achieve their personal best.

Congratulations to all the swimmers on a wonderful swim season.

GPS RESULTS

Senior Premiership 1st

17 years: Hugh Ross, Joshua Wren, Tomas McNeil, Charles Jewell, Nicholas Leonard, Max Blackley, Alexander Hoffman, Patrick Browne, Marcus Bambagiotti

18 years: Christian Taylor, Ethan Rheinberger, Nicholas Quinn, Bill Delany, Aristotle Stathis, Brock Twigg

1st Place Open Relay Trophy
5th Place Intermediate
7th Place Juniors

AAGPS Team

Christian Taylor AAGPS Captain
Aristotle Stathis
Bill Delany
Nicholas Quinn
Ethan Rheinberger

MR MICHAEL WEBB,
MIC SWIMMING



Tennis

When planning for the season, never in our wildest dreams did we predict what would unfold for the 2019-20 GPS Season. It's been very challenging for all coaches, staff and students, but I am sure it has made us all the more resilient.

To help launch the 2019-20 GPS Season, 1st and 2nd Grade and their families came together for the Presentation of the Caps in the first week of Term 1 2020. Our special guest presenter was Richard Magney (OR1998), who played for five years in the 1st Tennis team during his time at Riverview and won two premierships – one as Captain. His message to the boys was about working and playing together as a team, and how helping and supporting each other would lift their game.



GPS Tennis is a very high standard competition with all schools being competitive, and both 1st and 2nd Grades finished their seasons in 7th position. Well done to Lorenzo Tamburrino who was selected for the Combined GPS Team –



the second season in a row that he has made the squad.

MR GEOFF TESORIERO (OR1997), SPORTS PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR

Volleyball

This year, before the lockdowns began, we were fortunate to have taken part of the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (AVSC) tour on the Gold Coast, entering the Year 11 Division 3 competition. With over 500 teams competing from various states, this is the largest tournament in the Southern Hemisphere and the standard is extremely high.

On the first Saturday, the Riverview team had its first proper team training session prior to our first game the following day against Reynella Easts, the school that had won our division the year before. Despite winning one set each and tying the third, the game counted as a win for them; nonetheless, we considered it a pretty good effort considering we had only trained as a team for the first time the day before.

After getting off to a pretty shaky start – three losses and one win in our first four games – the team bounced back to win four in a row thereafter, but it came at the cost of two team injuries, leaving the team with just six players and no substitutes. This was a very tough and precarious position to be in, however, the boys' spirits were high and they performed well beyond expectations.

After a series of wins and losses through the week that left us with an outside chance of making the top three, we came up against Reynella Easts again – the team that had just beaten us in the first game – for the Bronze Medal match. We won the first set only to lose the second, leaving us with the third set to take home a medal. The team pulled out their arsenal of new-found skills to beat them 15-10 in the final set, earning us a Bronze Medal.

The experience at the AVSC was incredibly valuable. Having the opportunity to play teams outside the realm of the GPS and CAS really improved every single player by a long way. Huge thanks to Glen Duncombe and Seth Chen for coaching us that week, we all learned heaps.

MR GEOFF TESORIERO (OR1997) AND SAMUEL MAGAREY (YEAR 11)



Riverview Debaters Dominate

While this year's debating competitions looked very different from most, with the introduction of virtual debating via Zoom, that did not hold our debaters back from achieving stellar results in the GPS competition.

Our GPS 1st team, consisting of James Greenup, Joseph Ruddick, Oliver Lenzner, and Finlay Harris, won their first three debates against Kings, Sydney Boys and Scots, before suffering a disappointing and controversial loss in a high stakes debate against Sydney Grammar in round 4 – one which threatened to deny them the premiership. But in a testament to their diligence and drive, the team regained their composure, defeating talented teams in Newington and Joeys in rounds 5 and 6, respectively, to create an insurmountable lead. However, far from resting on their laurels, the team saved their best for last with a dominant display against one of the better schools in the GPS, Shore – a victory which clinched the Rutledge Louat Shield, the most prestigious and significant honour for debaters at this College.

This is the first time that Riverview has won the GPS debating premiership since 2008, breaking our longest drought since 1954. In 2008, Shane Hogan was headmaster, current Debating Coordinator Liam Donohoe (OR2015) was in Year 5, and Riverview had won 35 of the preceding 44 GPS debating premierships. Many great debaters tried to break the drought in the intervening period, but only the class of 2020 had the consistency and skill to make it happen.

Many thanks are owed to Mark Rothery (OR2016) for his phenomenal coaching and guidance over a year that has proved to be one of our most successful in recent memory. On top of our 1sts winning the winning the Rutledge Louat Shield, we also won three other divisions, placed 3rd in the overall points tally, and Oliver Lenzner and Joe Ruddick were selected into the GPS 1sts and GPS 3rds, respectively. Well done to all.

**MR LIAM DONOHOE (OR2015),
DEBATING PROGRAM
CO-ORDINATOR**



Above The GPS 1st members with the Rutledge Louat Shield | GPS 1st members Finlay Harris, Oliver Lenzner, Joseph Ruddick, James Greenup, and coach Mark Rothery (all standing) are congratulated on their win by GPS 2nd team members (kneeling) Alexander Hoffman, Matthew O'Dea and Tom Gaha

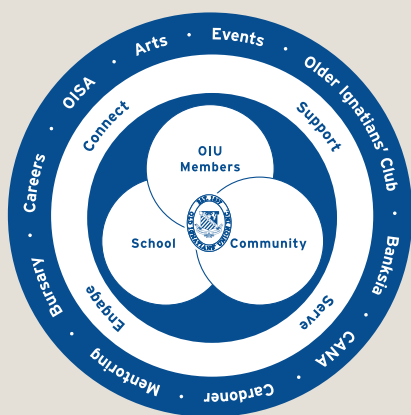
Lifelong Connections



**Connecting, engaging, serving and supporting –
it is who we are and what we do.**

Left Mr Brent Cubis (OR1981), 2020 OIU President

Our OIU Mission graph is what we refer to as the OIU 'lifebuoy'. Developed under our previous President Charlie Pidcock (OR1987), it encapsulates everything we stand for and helps us focus on the things that matter to our community.



Above The OIU Mission

The Importance of Connection

Given the impact of COVID-19 this year, we increased the regularity of our communications in order to keep our alumni connected and provide updates on how the school has been managing the pandemic. Through the good work of Daniel Bolger (OR1980), we introduced the first 'video newsletters' with a series of interviews, including College Principal,

Dr Paul Hine, and 2020 College Captain, Archie Cornell.

While it has been an incredibly tough year for many of us with so many milestones missed in person - weddings without guests, birthdays without friends, and funerals without the comfort of holding someone's hand - there have been some positives. These include a new enjoyment of the outdoors, spending more time with family and a return to old fashioned past-times like board games, puzzles and bushwalks.

This also gave impetus to the OIU's focus on 'Lifelong Connections'. The circumstances made it more important than ever to remain connected, and it was great to see so many year groups hosting virtual drinks online; we were also able to reach out to those who were struggling through The Banksia Project's virtual Garden Rooms.

Inaugural OIU Survey

Late last year, we undertook an inaugural survey to ensure that we were meeting the needs of our alumni. Some of our key findings:

- / 75% believe that belonging to the OIU is important

- / 50% have participated in an event in the last two years
- / 33% want to be more engaged
- / Mental health initiatives & the Riverview Bursary Program were identified as areas for greater financial support in future

On the back of the survey findings, we are pleased to announce a number of new initiatives and events, outlined below.

NEW INITIATIVES

OIU Mentoring Companion Program

On the back of our extremely successful Indigenous Mentoring Program, which has seen over 100 young First Nations men assisted through their years at Riverview, 2020 saw the establishment of the OIU Mentoring Companion Program. With the guidance of Tim Rossi (OR1969), new mentors underwent training and over 20 connections were made in the first month of the program. Over the course of the next few months, we will look to establish more mentor-mentee relationships to inspire, guide and advise our younger alumni.

Annual Grants

The OIU has always supported causes that are close to our hearts, including CANA Communities, The Banksia Project, Old Ignatians' Sports Association and the Riverview Bursary Program. This



Above Left The OIU Committee | **Above Right** Old Boys at the 2020 Gold Cup

year, we were proud to also support, for the first time, two partial bursaries for OR2019 boys for Bellarmine House, (part of The Cardoner Project). The inaugural recipients of this grant, Jude McDermott and Jacob Campbell, have been supported to continue their studies in Sydney and also put into practice the principles of The Cardoner Project. In addition, we are also looking at other Old Ignatian grants that meet the OIU objectives and will be announcing these at a later date.

Events

One of the clear outcomes from the survey was that Old Ignatians desire connection.

We were fortunate to be able to host a few events to facilitate this before the lockdown struck, including the annual Father-Son Golf Day and our annual OIU Golf Day. We were also pleased to support the inaugural Arts Group Drinks at the Two Wolves in Broadway, organised by two fine young actors, Joshua McElroy (OR2014) and Elijah Williams (OR2014). This event saw a good cross-section of Old Ignatians in the arts industry including actors, musicians, screen writers, producers, artists and an opera singer who left in the late 60s.

The OIU also supported the Alex Noble fundraiser dinner in February. We're

excited to follow his amazing progress after his rugby accident two years ago, and we look forward to continuing to support him in the future after he finishes the HSC.

In 2021, we look forward to hosting a few events we have been excited about that have needed to be postponed, including the Younger Old Boys Career Networking Evening and our annual OIU Sports Lunch.

Connecting, Engaging, Serving, Supporting – it is who we are and what we do, and we look forward to continuing that in 2021.

**MR BRENT CUBIS (OR1981),
2020 OIU PRESIDENT**

Dan Reede – Medal for Philosophy

Congratulations to Dan Reede (OR2015) on receiving the University Medal for Philosophy at the University of Sydney. President of USyd SRC, Liam Donohoe (OR2015), says: "USyd has one of the world's best departments, and Dan's thesis on self-knowledge was supervised by one of the world's most highly regarded philosophers of mind, David Braddon-Mitchell. But what's even more impressive is that his thesis mark was the highest in the USyd philosophy stream in over a decade."

Principal Dr Paul Hine says, "We congratulate Dan on this extraordinary achievement. Particularly considering the standing of the Philosophy Department at Sydney University, this is a rare feat and one that Dan and those who have supported him should be particularly proud of."



Above Sydney University Medal for Philosophy

The Pig Push - Justin Fleming (OR2003)



Above (Left) Justin (on the right) with mate Richie (and, of course, Percy) | (Right) Percy being pushed along the road by a group including a number of Old Boys

Another victim of this year's COVID-19 shutdowns was the Pig Push fundraiser, which raises money for the Country Education Foundation of Australia, and has a very Ignatian connection.

The first Pig Push raised \$60,000 for the charity in 2017, when Old Ignatian Justin Fleming (OR2003) teamed up with business partner Richard Fleming (no relation) of Flemings Property Services Boorowa, to lead a charitable band along the 200km from Boorowa to Orange, pushing a giant pig called 'Percy'.

In 2018, Percy the 1.5 metre, 250kg pig was wheeled back down the road from Orange to Boorowa - raising a further \$45,000 for the Foundation - and plans were laid to stage the event on a bi-annual basis.

The eclectic group of pig pushers has included a number of old boys keen to help

out. They were met with great hospitality in the central western towns and pubs along the route, prompting many to be pleased that the event was not a race.

Pushing a pig down a country highway may seem a novel approach to fundraising, but in fact the idea had tried and tested origins in the Clongowes Wood College 'Duck Push', which has raised around two million euros for a Dublin children's hospital by pushing a giant duck from Dublin to Limerick annually, since 1994.

Riverview gappies have been assisting with the Duck Push almost since the beginning, and Justin encountered the idea on his own GAP year at the Jesuit boarding school in 2004 (when future Australian migrant Richard was still attending the college as a student).

Knowing that the formula would work, all Justin and Richard had to settle was which charity to support. They picked a cause that was close to their hearts as former boarding school attendees, now based in country NSW: "The costs associated with pursuing further education and training after school are considerable," Justin told *The Land* newspaper.

"Many young people from the bush are missing out because their families can't afford to send them away. It's about raising funds, so the Country Education Foundation can help country school leavers across Australia reach their full potential through further training and education."

Well done to Justin and Richard. And best of luck for bringing home the bacon again, once the coronavirus storm has passed.

MR THEO CLARKE (OR1996)

Congratulations Max Rogers (OR2019)

We congratulate Max Rogers on becoming the third Riverview footballer to be selected for the U19 Australian Schoolboys Squad, following in the footsteps of James Fisher (OR1991) and David Cain (2009).

Max's extraordinary journey began by originally being named as the Riverview 1st XI Captain, then selected as Captain of the combined GPS team. Max was one of the standout performers in the NSW CIS Championship against CAS, CSSA, AICES, ISA and NCIS, in which GPS finished in

third place, and earned selection for the Combined CIS Squad. They played in the NSW All Schools Football Tournament against CHS and CCC, where CIS finished in first place, and Max earned his spot in the NSW Blue Team to play in the Tri-State Cup against NSW White, Queensland and ACT. NSW Blue won all matches, resulting in Max securing his selection for the U19 Australian Schools Boys Squad.

Max has since gone on to gain a full scholarship at Fordham College in New York.



Above Max Rogers as the Riverview 1st XI Captain

"Life is meant to be lived"



Above left Hugh in Baghdad, 2008

After graduating from Riverview in 1999, Hugh Simpson went straight from school into a career in the Navy. He acquired a BA through the Australian Defence Force Academy and made his way up to become a specialist Long N Navigator – of which only a handful are appointed in Australia each year.

"Riverview influenced me in two major ways," Hugh says. "Our school motto, 'As much as you can do, so much dare to do', and the desire to serve others. I've always endeavoured to do my best, but to do it ethically and with purpose. The Navy was all about service, not just to nation, but more importantly to your friends, family and community."

During his 10 years in the Navy, Hugh was a Peacekeeper in the Solomon Islands and deployed twice to the Middle East – Baghdad in 2008 and the Persian Gulf/Gulf of Aden in 2010.

"There were many highlights in my Navy career, but one moment stands out. When I was XO (second-in-command) of a patrol boat, my Captain and I took the crew to Borneo to hike the Sandakan Death March. We walked nearly 100km in the tropical heat through jungles for over a week, in the footsteps of the six survivors and 2,434 POWs who died at the hands of their captors. Near the end of the march, the crew was scattered in groups over a couple of kilometres, when without a single word, those up the front circled back to encourage those at the rear to complete the journey all

together, as one team. As a young leader, it was a powerful moment of solidarity that I will never forget."

In 2008, Hugh's younger brother Louis (OR2004) was diagnosed with cancer. Sadly, he passed away in 2010, but not before leaving an indelible mark on his brother.

"I left full-time Navy service that year following my final deployment to the Middle East. In the lead up to his passing, we had many conversations which can be summarised in what is now my personal philosophy, 'life is meant to be lived, not endured'. I had many dreams to travel more, live overseas and build a business, and it was time to chase them."

Since then, Hugh has travelled the world, done further studies, launched a tech start-up and moved to London in 2017. In 2019, he re-located to Ukraine as the Global Lead for Data & Analytics and AI as part of a private equity management team, and has since become the COO of a media and IT holding



company. He says, "To this day, I continue to try and serve in whatever way I can, whether it's helping other veterans transition to a civilian life or becoming a mentor with the OIU."

For our graduating Class of 2020 and younger Old Boys, Hugh offers the following advice:

- / The military is not for everyone, but it is definitely an adventure and gives you great real-life experience in leadership. For those wishing to pursue a civilian career, living abroad for a few years will enhance your career ten-fold – it gives you perspective and will set you apart.
- / The OIU is an important part of remaining connected to not only your classmates, but the entire Alumni community wherever you are in the world. I would strongly encourage all Old Boys to at very least stay connected on social media and in the mailing list, and when it is right for you, get involved. Come along to meet ups like we had in London last year and you'll be surprised where it can take you.
- / Life is meant to be lived, not endured – I really mean it. Academics isn't everything – what matters most is balance. The holistic approach to education encompassing academics, sport, music, drama and spirituality is what you will draw on in your real post-school/university life, not your score. So focus on challenging yourself and making sure you make the most of what little time we have... and remember to call your parents from time to time.



Above Hugh and younger brother Louis **Right** Hugh after leaving the military

KARI Ella 7s Triumph

Congratulations to Riverview's Indigenous Old Boys Denzel Tighe (OR2013), Lincoln Whiteley (OR2013) and Alexander Barker (OR2013), whose team, the Gomeroi Goannas, won this year's KARI Ella 7s men's tournament. It was the efforts of Lincoln Whiteley, who scored in the final minute of the decider on March 7th, which saw them take down their opposition, La Perouse R.U.F.C, 24-19.

After winning the bowl final in 2018 and the plate final in 2019, the Gomeroi Goannas finally took out the cup this year. Coach Denzel Tighe, who was also part of the 1st Rugby team during his final year at Riverview, said, "That meant a lot to the boys. We've been working to this for three years and this one is for Willy Beale... [who] was one of the founders."

Established in 2008, the KARI Ella 7s tournament – named after the famed Ella Brothers, Gary, Glen and Mark – is the marquee event for Indigenous Sevens Rugby, bringing together First Nations people to represent their clubs in a prestigious sporting event. As the flagship Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rugby Union 7s tournament, it attracts around 400 athletes and over 20 officials from Rugby Australia, NSW Rugby Union and LMRDT.



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Stay in the Bush



Above Grace and Jack Brennan with their family picnicking by the creek on their farm | OIU Chaplain Fr David Strong visiting Jack and Grace Brennan on their farm at Warren

Many Riverview families became great supporters of the #buyfromthebush campaign, founded by Grace Brennan, whose impeccable Riverview connections include having met her future husband Jack at the Indian Bazaar when they were teenagers. When asked in later years if it was at Dennis O'Brien's gold fish stall near Charles Cuschieri's wine auction that they met, Jack said that he thought it might have been closer to the Old Boys' Tombola Wheel, but wouldn't rule out Mel Morrow's demolish-a-car stand.

#buyfromthebush began as a simple Instagram account encouraging city

people to support drought-affected country communities by buying from their shops, artists and artisans. Grace's campaign soon became a roaring success, generating a \$5 million sales boost for drought-hit businesses in its first few months.

Despite more rain falling from the skies in 2020, country communities are still struggling to recover from years of drought, so Grace commenced a new campaign called #stayinthebush, which promotes beautiful accommodation and the wonderful experiences of country life in Australia. With no prospect of international travel any time soon, Grace says "Now, more than ever, rural

communities invite you to stay with them, taste their food, buy their art, wander their streets, take in the open sky and have a yarn by an open fire. Enjoy the peace. The space. The characters. Then tell your friends."

It's easy to help out, just watch for the hashtag #stayinthebush on Instagram and Facebook, or visit stayinthebush.com.au for some brilliant travel ideas that will not only give you a great holiday, but will also support drought, bushfire and now COVID-19 recovery

**MR THEO CLARKE
(OR1996)**



5 minutes with Jack Calderan (OR2017)



Above Jack as guest speaker at an ING event, rowing at Balmain **Below** Rowing at Riverview, Jack as a mentor at the ING/CPA Mentoring Program

Hi Jack, what have you been up to since leaving College?

Since finishing school I've been studying Business at UTS and continuing with my rowing both at UTS and with the Balmain Para-Rowing Club. Around 4-5 mornings a week, rain or shine, I'm normally at the club from 5am for training, but since COVID, I've been training over Zoom with a camera on.

We heard you've broken SIX world records recently.

The para rowing competition is open to the world, so I decided to try to break some records. I just got on the machine and even surprised myself! I broke the four-minute record, then I did the 25K half-marathon and broke that by 11 minutes – 2.5 hours rowing just to music – it was ridiculous.

Jack's records include:

- / Concept 2 4min PR3 PD World Record - 1,148m
- / Concept 2 60min PR3 PD World Record - 14,311m
- / Concept 2 6000m PR3 PD World Record - 23min 35.6secs
- / Concept 2 10000m PR3 Overall World Record - 42 min 20.1secs
- / Concept 2 10000m PR3 PD World Record - 42min 20.1secs
- / Concept 2 21097m PR3 PD World Record - 1hr 32min 47.2secs

At Riverview, you were awarded the Dr James L'Estrange Prize for Ignatian Service. Is this something that's still close to your heart?

My life still aligns with Ignatian values, and I've always believed in giving back what was offered to you. Years ago, as part of my Ignatian service in Year 9, I was a mentee in a cerebral palsy alliance supported

by ING. After graduating school, I went back as a mentor in that same program. I've since done some work in their social skills program and was asked to be a guest speaker at one of the ING events.

I'm also still connected with Riverview, particularly Dan Noonan from the rowing program. Early last year our club was doing renovations and Dan organised for us to row at Riverview during that period. He even offered us an eight-person rowing boat – it was good of him to think of me. It shows how much the school continues to give back to you even when you're not a student anymore.

So you remember your time at the school fondly?

Definitely. I developed a love for rowing at Riverview through the support of Dan Noonan and Pip Rossi and the other coaches, and rowing made me appreciate other aspects of life too. Being non-able bodied can be difficult at times, but Riverview was fantastic in supporting me.

Riverview offers more than just an education, more than an ATAR. You make lifelong connections – even with older Old Boys and graduates from any year group. It's a credit to the school and what we've learned.

What do you hope to accomplish in the future?

I have around 10 months left before I graduate, but I'm looking at going into marketing or finance. I'm also continuing to train with the aim of becoming a Paralympic rower. Later down the track, maybe 10-20 years, I'd like to become a rowing coach. I want to keep going to the Head of the River, the Gold Cup, and just be out there and part of it all. Overall, I want to keep doing the things I love, and living the life I want to live. To keep pushing and striving and doing my best.

Working and Giving Back Together



Above left Nick Mallett, Chris Mushan and Dougie Joseph **Right** Their business, Bondi Skin Co.

Earlier this year, three Riverview mates launched Bondi Skin Co, a male skincare line that donates part of its profits to mental health charities. Dougie Joseph, Nick Mallett and Chris Mushan, from the class of 2008, share about breaking into what has traditionally been a female-led market and their new career as ‘beauty gurus’.

What led you to establish a business together that gives back to the community?

Chris: Bondi Skin began with the idea of just working together. Being at Riverview and exposed to that type of education, we had an aspiration towards business, and coming into our 30s now, we have the ability to execute a plan. Even though it’s just a start up, we were quite confident that with our skills, together, we’d be able to achieve something quite successful.

Dougie: Giving back to others was ingrained in us at school from Year 7 onwards with Ignatian and community service. The experience of going on Immersion in Cambodia stayed with us and has been a driving force for where we are today in our company and how we endeavour to give back.

The Wentworth Courier called you guys “beauty gurus” – how do you feel about that label?

(The trio laugh at the description) Dougie: It was very generous to call us that, but I would describe us more as “concerned ageing men who wanted to take care of themselves and also provide a solution that we realised was lacking to other men.”

Nick: I was using my partner’s products and Chris was using some products and we realised that skincare can be very confusing if you don’t have any idea what you’re doing.

How did you select the organisations that you donate to? Is mental health a cause that’s close to your hearts?

Dougie: I was a boarder at school and we had really close mates from rural communities that suffered from the drought quite extensively. We saw how it affected them, and that helped shape our decision to support Drought Angels, which provides farmer relief.

Chris: Riverview being a Jesuit school, mental health became a cause that was very close to us. We all had different challenges while at school, and being a boys’ school, we saw how young men can struggle with

mental health, so supporting the Black Dog Institute was an easy decision for us.

What are your next steps and plans for the business?

Nick: Since we started, it’s been going really well with an enormously positive response thus far, so we’re rolling with the momentum.

Dougie: We want to continue what we’re doing to support charities and educating men with respect to skincare. As we grow as a brand, we’d like to grow our efforts in supporting others who are in need.

What advice would you give a student or Old Boy considering starting a business?

Chris: Don’t be afraid to ask questions and look for support. There’s a huge network of people you can tap into – it’s true what they say, anyone who went to Riverview will always be willing to help you out – we found that out pretty quickly.

Dougie: Be ambitious and do something with your mates. We wouldn’t have been able to do this without each other. Having people there to support you – really close friends – makes it that much easier and more doable.

Tony Coffey (OR1963) Hangs up His Hat

Residents of Hay in the lower reaches of the Murrumbidgee are for the first time in decades missing the stock and station agent talents of Mr Tony Coffey, who left Riverview in 1963. Locals read recently that honesty, integrity and good service kept Tony in business for an impressive 56 years, but that COVID-19 restrictions had led the veteran stockie to finally hang up his hat.

As a youngster at boarding school in the 1960s, Coff found Riverview a very welcoming place for a bush lad, with the river, bushland and playing fields to roam over. "The other great thing the school developed in us was our giving back to the community," Coff recalled for his 50 year reunion video. "Our St Vincent de Paul work looking after the homeless people of Sydney opened a lot of eyes, in finding out what it is like to be on the bottom of the well."

Straight out of school, he began his career in Queensland in 1964, working for Elders-GM in Brisbane in the mail room. He then worked his way up to stockman auctioneer

with stints at Dalby, Richmond, Hughenden, Charlieville, Theodore, Moura, Beaudesert and Gympie.

Tony then met his wife Beth, while working at Gunnedah, and the couple later settled at Hay, where they raised three children. Son Michael attended Riverview as part of the Class of '96, and the family enjoyed hosting his city classmates for a country experience on the Hay plains, some half way between Sydney and Adelaide (or half way between Hell and Booligal according to some poets).

Tony's affection for Riverview has never left him. When it came time to marry Beth, he asked his favourite old school master to perform the ceremony: "Special favourite for the boys from the bush was Fr Charles Fraser, who was a very special man to me, for what he did for me later in life. He married me on the day his mother died - he still performed the ceremony. So Riverview will always be there, and Fr Charles Fraser will always be in my heart," Coff says.



In his retirement after a long career, Tony now offers this advice to youngsters starting out: "be honest, punctual and presentable - and listen to your tutors."

Tony is now resident in the McFarland Wing at Hay Hospital, and still loves to hear from friends from Riverview days. There is no more regular birthday letter writer in the state. Well done Coff, and happy retirement.

MR THEO CLARKE (OR1996)

David de Carvalho (OR1948)

As he lay dying, in 1994, David de Carvalho was visited by the Governor of NSW who invested him as a Member of the Order of Australia. "You've been a good citizen and I wish there were more of you," the Governor said.

Born in Hong Kong, he came to Sydney at the age of nine and for the next eight years was taught by the Jesuits. Dux of the school at Riverview, he gained honours in Latin and Greek, winning the notable Cooper scholarship for Classics and a university exhibition.

As a lawyer, David had a special interest in conveyancing and property, particularly for recent Portuguese immigrants. He became known as the Portuguese lawyer who didn't speak the language. David was trusted by his fellow lawyers as well as his clients. He became the councillor for The Law Society three years running, then became the President of the Society. Selfless in serving others, he was in great demand to sit on a variety of committees - charitable, professional and sporting.

When Australian Jesuits went to India, in 1951, he became a strong supporter of their mission. At the annual Indian Bazaar, he was a useful fundraiser, his banter luring people to the chocolate wheel or the barbecue. There he met his wife Joan, an apt recompense for

tireless work, one might say. Without doubt, the Jesuits occupied a special corner of his busy life. For the Riverview centenary he wrote two articles, one of which gave a roll-call of Jesuits and ended, "How did they affect us? Immeasurably... They taught us the Faith."

REV FR EDMUND CAMPION (OR1950)



David de Carvalho

David's family is extensively connected in the Riverview community, including his sons David (OR1980), John (OR1989), Mark (OR1987), Paul (OR1981) and Richard (OR1983); nephews Drew (OR1975) and Riq (OR1969); and grandsons Daniel Gray (OR2013) and Jesse Gray (OR2017).

Drought, quarantine and a viral epidemic... history repeated

Riverview Archivist, Ms Cathy Hobbs, looks at the fascinating parallels between 1919 and 2020.



Above Saint Ignatius' College Riverview in 1919

The last term of 1918, and the entire following year, was one of the most eventful times in the College's history. Australia was in the grip of a severe drought, the Great War was ending, soldiers were returning home, and slowly spreading around the world was a virus that would eventually lead to more fatalities than the war itself.

Father Patrick McCurtin SJ was the newly appointed Prefect of Studies at Riverview and it is his diary entries, as well as accounts by the school-boy reporters in the 'College Jottings' of *Our Alma Mater* that provide insights into this time. The student reporters provided an almost daily account of College events, news and stories from the perspective of students – including a report from the second half of 1918 about the double epidemic of measles and seasonal flu that made its way around Riverview. As students and Masters succumbed to illness, class numbers were reduced to mere remnants "[as] morning, noon and night" students assembled outside Father Corcoran's office "with thermometers

in their mouths, wondering which of the two they've caught, or whether it isn't both."

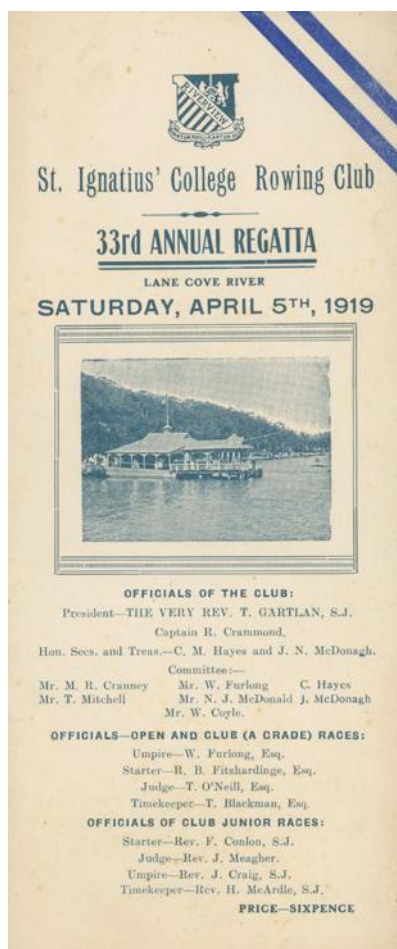
By mid-September, it was reported in the 'College Jottings' that, "*The warm spring weather has made an end of the measles and is driving out the influenza. Convalescents appear in the quadrangle, sunning themselves. In several class-rooms the survivors of the epidemics have been keeping Honour Rolls, in which the state of the class is made out each morning under various heads: Seriously wounded, wounded and missing, returned to duty, V.C., etc.*"

On the morning of the 8th of November, the students woke to the rumour that the Armistice was about to be declared. The student reporters wrote the following: "*Here at Riverview there was great cheering at breakfast. All the bells were rung and the flags hoisted, and, by way of paradox, the "war-cry" given just before study. After a few minutes, the Prefect of Studies announced a whole holiday, and celebrations began anew.*" News of the official announcement that Armistice had been declared reached the College a few

days later. "*The joy racket went off again, varied this time by a kerosene tin band, and was all the better enjoyed when an extra half day was allowed.*"

As Australian soldiers started to return home from Europe, a new strain of influenza (commonly referred to as 'Spanish Flu') made its way towards Australia. The early cases were associated with only mild symptoms and it was thought that it was merely an extension of the seasonal flu. However, by February 1919, it was evident that it was more serious and the Christmas holidays were extended.

The drought also continued to have an impact with frequent bushfires and heatwaves. By early 1919, Sydney was on water restrictions. When the students returned to the College in early March, those from the city expressed disappointment at the dismal showery weather which greeted them, while students from the drought-stricken country areas rejoiced in the unexpected rain.



Left The Riverview Regatta went ahead on the 5th of April, but boats were not allowed to land visitors on the College grounds and a special boat for spectators was chartered to follow the races.

Right Student Reporters 1919

“Influenza on increase in Sydney. [Yet] our boys never in better health nor in better spirits. Our self-imposed quarantine is working well”

FR MCCURTIN, 1919

By the end of March, the wearing of masks was required by law in Sydney, people were no longer allowed to congregate in public places and the border with Victoria was restricted. Father McCurtin wrote: “a good many boys are still away. Parents were becoming calmer until this recent livening up of the epidemic. 116 boys in the house. We should have about 150.”

On the 28th of March, the student reporters wrote: “[the] Rector broke the solemn silence of night studies to announce that as the flu outlook was rather menacing it was deemed advisable to isolate the College. Hence no visitors, no trips to town... The forty-winks brigade rubbed their eyes, and discreetly sought information from their neighbours. Re-assured to find that it was not yet the end of the world, they resumed their studies.”

The following day, matches against Newington were cancelled. Father McCurtin records the decision in his diary; “...last evening a leading medical man communicated with the Rector and gave a rather alarming account of the epidemic. He said that matters were much worse than the general public understood. He recommended our not permitting any visitors or any going to town by boys or servants... The boys took the thing very sensibly.” The students accepted the decision with the following remark as recorded by the reporters: “Disappointed - but que voulez vous? We felt that this epidemic was not a thing to be trifled with.”

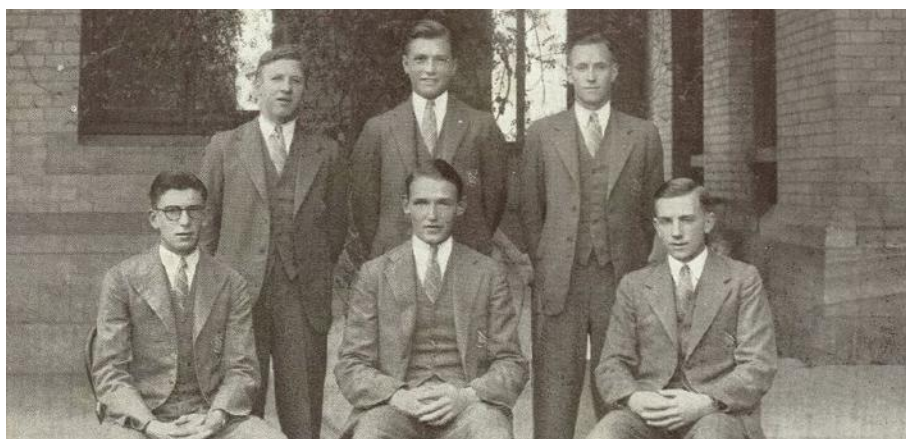
Father McCurtin’s diary records the positive outcome of such measures: “Influenza on increase in Sydney. [Yet] our boys never in better health nor in better spirits. Our self-imposed quarantine is working well”

Some students, along with some Jesuit Masters, succumbed to influenza and were sent to the infirmary, including Father McCurtin who was later admitted to the Mater hospital, but returned to the College in September. By the time the end of year examinations came, the crisis was over. Speech Day was celebrated, students were dismissed for the year and the Old Ignatians’ Union held a concert in the evening to welcome home returned soldiers.

The last entry for the year in Father McCurtin’s diary expresses his relief that the College had made it through the epidemic without one student or staff member fatality: “An anxious - hard - broken, but on the whole, successful year ended. L.D.S [Praise be to God Forever]”.

MS CATHY HOBBS, ARCHIVIST

Hugh d'Apice (OR1937), One Hundred Not Out



Above left Hugh d'Apice (seated right) with the 1937 House Prefects | **Above right** Hugh d'Apice at 100 and still going strong

Hugh d'Apice is Riverview's oldest living Old Boy. On Sunday 5 April this year, with much joy despite the current pandemic and its restrictions, he celebrated his 100th birthday. Hugh was born just after the last major pandemic, the 'Spanish Flu', swept the world – just fewer than two years after the Great War which took 62,000 Australians. He started at Riverview when the world had just started to recover from the pervasive effects of the Great Depression.

Hugh's son, Bill (OR1971), says: "When I showed him his telegram from the Queen (actually a card), he said that I must remind him to send her a card when she turns 100". In 2026.

Hugh was born into a Riverview family that has had continuing connections here since 1881, when Father Dalton employed a music teacher, born in Naples: Carlo Francesco Luigi d'Apice (known by his anglicised name 'Charles'). He had been trained at Conservatorio di San Sebastiano and Father Dalton had an eye for talent and wanted only the best for his students from the first days.

In 1862, Charles married Mary White and their three sons subsequently attended Riverview: Joseph Jean Pierre (Joe) (OR1890), Antoine William (Bill) (OR1892) and John Edmund Francis (Jack) (OR1896), the Dux of the College in 1896. Bill became Riverview's solicitor, in the firm of Makinson & d'Apice, who are still the College solicitors, and variously President and Secretary of the OIU. His five sons also went to Riverview: John (OR1936), Hugh (OR1937), Tony (OR1939), David (OR1942) and Ivor (OR1946).

At Riverview, Hugh thrived. He was a gifted sportsman: 1st XV 1936 and 1937 (Captain), 1st XI 1935-36 and 1936-37, shot putt, hurdles, long jump, sprints. His love for and participation in sports have never left him. He's still a member of Royal Sydney Golf Club – but he's no longer charged membership fees! He graduated from Law at Sydney University in 1941, but the clouds of war had descended on the world once more, and he served in the Australian Army until 1946. Afterwards, Hugh resumed his legal career with Makinson & d'Apice and, in 1951, married Joan Nowland, whose

brothers Reginald (OR1939) and Brian (OR1945) had also been at Riverview. Since then, all the males in the d'Apice family have also attended Riverview.

Hugh had a long career in the Law, and in that role, put his considerable legal talents at the ready service of those who especially needed him. He performed many generous services for the Church, and was twice knighted by the Church: in 1970, Pope Paul VI conferred the Knight Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great, and in 1982, Pope John Paul II the Knight Grand Cross in the Order of St Sylvester. There are an extraordinary seven Papal Knights in the d'Apice family, including Hugh's son Bill, until recently Chairman of Makinson d'Apice Lawyers, who was recently upgraded to Knight Commander of the Order of St Gregory *con placca*.

By any measure, Hugh d'Apice's extraordinarily long life has been filled with richness. He loves life and his enthusiasm has been inspirational.

**MR JAMES RODGERS (OR1971),
ALUMNI AMBASSADOR**

Adapting to Adversity



Clockwise from top left P&F Morning tea | The first P&F Committee meeting via Zoom | P&F Mass | At the Year 7 Information Night

This time last year, planning for 2020 was well under way. Calendar dates were being discussed with the school, ideas for the annual Bursary Fundraiser were starting to form and the process of identifying new P&F Executive Members and Year Coordinators was progressing well. It was busy and exciting and there was also that slight sense of trepidation that comes with starting a new adventure.

The year started well. The devastating fires that had dominated the latter part of Term 4 and the summer months were finally behind us. We welcomed over 400 people into Ramsay Hall on a hot summer night at the end of the first week of Term 1, to celebrate our community and the start of the new school year. On subsequent Friday nights we welcomed Year 7 parents to the start of their high school journey and Regis parents to the final years of primary school for their boys. The school had to close for a couple of days when it rained in February – it seemed like such a big moment at the time. The speed with which the grounds were cleared, flood damage fixed and IT problems resolved was remarkable. The Year 12 parents gathered at Cova Cottage one evening to start the celebrations of their boys' final year at the College. Planning of events continued, invitations were issued for the City-Country Mothers' Lunch and our Charity Morning Tea. The Year Co-ordinators were arranging nights out and weekends away. By this stage, most of us had started watching the Johns Hopkins heat map and the spread of the Coronavirus.

Resilience is defined as the process of adapting to adversity. The first indication of what was to come was a change in the date of the Year 12 Mothers' Weekend away. The move from March to September seemed like a wise precaution. Then the decision was made to cancel all events on and off campus for the balance of the term to preserve the learning space for as long as possible. The phone calls to event organisers became a regular occurrence: Sorry but we have to cancel your event. The response was always the same though: *What can I do? How can I help? It's a shame but we're ready to go again the minute we get the go ahead.*

As the school moved rapidly to implement the online learning platform, parents rearranged their homes to adapt to having not only the children, but often the whole family working from home. We cancelled all events for Term 2 and just recently for Term 3.

P&F meetings are now held via Zoom, we're planning an online fundraising event. Conversations are being had about how things might look next year. The Year 12 boys and their families are constantly in our thoughts and their ability to adapt to adversity has not surprised us but has definitely impressed us all.

2020 has certainly not been the year that I was expecting when I took on this role, but watching this incredible community adapt so well in the face of adversity has been an absolute privilege.

MRS HERA MCCAFFERY, 2020 P&F PRESIDENT

Australian & Queen's Birthday Honours 2020

Australian Honours are awarded to individuals who rise above the everyday and mark the extraordinary in our society. This year, as in every year, a number of Riverview community members were awarded with Australian Honours for their contributions and achievements. We congratulate and thank the following recipients for their service:

COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

- / Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley (Past parent): For eminent service to the people of NSW, particularly through leadership roles in the judiciary and as a mentor of young women lawyers.
- / The Honourable Anthony John Abbott (OR1975): For eminent service to the people and Parliament of Australia, particularly as Prime Minister, and through significant contributions to trade, border control, and to the Indigenous community.

OFFICER IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (AO)

- / The Honourable Justice Derek Price (OR1967): For distinguished service to the law, and to the judiciary, in New South Wales, and through contributions to professional legal organisations.



We extend our warmest congratulations to Leanne Neal, Riverview's own Health Centre Co-ordinator, on being awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her outstanding services to youth and nursing. Leanne also holds the Distinguished Nursing Service award bestowed by the NSW Institute of Nursing Unit Managers and has received the highest honour Saint Ignatius' College Riverview can confer on a member of the Riverview community, the Insignis Award. She has played a significant role in establishing the first Ignatian Children's Holiday Camp and has supported and advised the Sony Foundation on the expansion of the Children's Holiday Camp program across all states and territories in Australia over the past 20 years. Leanne has been an outstanding servant of the College leading the Health Care Centre for over 20 years.

MEMBER IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (AM)

- / Mr John Fordham (Past parent, awarded posthumously): For significant service to the community through philanthropic support for a range of foundations.
- / Dr Austin Mark Curtin (OR1970): For significant service to medicine, and to health outcomes in regional communities.
- / Professor Nicholas Fisk (OR1974): For significant service to tertiary education, and to maternal-fetal medicine.
- / Dr Anthony Phillip Joseph (OR1970): For significant service to emergency medicine, to medical colleges, and to education.
- / Mr David Vaux (past parent): For significant service to the community through charitable initiatives, and to business.

MEDAL IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (OAM)

- / Mrs Leanne Neal, Riverview Health Centre Co-ordinator: For service to youth, and to nursing.
- / Mr Anthony Lester (known as Lester) Pearson (OR1970): For services in the prevention of youth suicide.
- / Mr Mike Bailey (past parent): For service to rugby league, and to the community.
- / Mr Peter Chadwick (OR1956): OAM for services to the community.

We also congratulate Mr Michael Cullen (OR1991) who was awarded an M.B.E. "for services to the British business community in Colombia". Michael is currently the Country Director for Control Risks Colombia.

Family Celebrations

Weddings 2020

JANUARY

Simon Parsons (OR2009)
and Lauren Raphael

MARCH

David Hull (OR2001)
and Kelly Wenham

**Thomas Sutherland
(OR2010)** and Jessica Surland

CORRECTION

Our apologies to old boy **Samuel Keefe (OR1990)** and his wife, Stephanie Nunn, for our incorrect listing of their marriage in the Volume 30 of the Ignatian (December 2018). Samuel and Stephanie were married in June 2018 and we wish them every continuing happiness.

Baptisms 2020

MARCH

Layla daughter of Madelaine
and Luke Scifleet (OR2004)

MAY

Charlotte daughter of
Genevieve and Anthony
Wardell (OR1991)

NOTE

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to host as many weddings and baptisms at Dalton Chapel as we would have done in the past. We look forward to hosting families on site again when restrictions are lifted.

Requiescant in Pace

Prof Dr Terence Pfafflin (OR1954)
Died 21 August 2019

Professor Richard (Dick) Johnson
(OR1945)
Died 31 August 2019

Richard (Dick) O'Neill (OR1965)
Died 5 October 2019

Paul O'Neill (OR1973)
Died 31 October 2019

Dr Denis Bergin (OR1963)
Died 3 December 2019

Rhoderick (Rod) Fraser (OR1971)
Died 13 December 2019

Dr Thomas (Tom) Collingridge
(OR1959)
Died 26 December 2019

Errol Lea-Scarlett
(College Archivist/Author)
Died 30 December 2019

Dr Richard Mulhearn OAM
(OR1944)
Died 22 January 2020

Professor Terence O'Connor AM
(OR1964)
Died 13 February 2020

Jules (Paul) Lippmann (OR1944)
Died 14 February 2020

Dr John Vincent Roche (OR1944)
Died 16 February 2020

Gerard Leahy (OR1948)
Died 21 February 2020

John Shanahan (OR1965)
Died 23 February 2020

Eric Morgan (OR1953)
Died 27 February 2020

Fr Geoffrey Meagher SJ (OR1960)
Died 5 March 2020

James (Jim) Houston (OR1952)
Died 6 March 2020

Dr Peter Odillo Maher (OR1953)
Died 29 March 2020

Daniel McKenzie (OR1998)
Died 8 April 2020

Timothy Dalton (Year 11, 2019)
Died 27 April 2020

Brian Delaney (OR1955)
Died 27 April 2020

James (Jim) Burke (OR1963)
Died 13 May 2020

Philip Gibbs (OR1967)
Died 15 May 2020

Hilton Hollingdale (OR1942)
Died 27 May 2020

Geoffrey O'Halloran (OR1970)
Died 8 July 2020

Patrick Hollingdale (OR1981)
Died 12 July 2020

Caleb Clifford-Jones (OR2017)
Died July 2020

William O'Dwyer (OR1982)
Died 23 July 2020

Roger Byrne (OR1945)
Died 29 July 2020

Murray Deakin (OR1977)
Died August 2020

George Dummer (Year 9)
Died 5 September 2020

Richard Hannigan (OR1947)
Died 17 September 2020

Darcy Henry (Year 8)
Died 2 October 2020

Patrick Lim (OR1979)
Notified late January 2020
of his death

**We have also been advised
of the passing of the
following Old Boys:**

Deane Bowring (OR1943)
Died July 2018

Christopher McGrath (OR1988)
Died March 2015

Kenneth Telfer (OR1984)
Died March 2013



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