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**ON THE COVER**



In March this year, Saint Ignatius' College Riverview inched across the line just 1.06 seconds ahead of the competition to win the Head of the River for the first time in 43 years – the fourth victory since the event began in 1893. We congratulate our winning crew who trained tirelessly for this moment: T.D. Benson, Z.T. Noble, S.D. Gillies, L.J. Doust, W.S. Burns, H.P. Ryan, R.L. O'Brien, H.W. Graham, Cox: D.R. McGrath; and coaches: M. Doyle and A. Gannon.



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# Perseverance

Runners often talk about hitting the wall - that invisible barrier that tells you to stop. Give up. Don't go on. Yet somehow, by digging deeper and pushing further, they tap into an inner reservoir of strength they didn't know they had, that enables them to go those extra miles. What causes someone to push themselves beyond their comfort zone, beyond their own known abilities? We believe it's the quality of *perseverance*, the very worthy theme of this edition of the Ignatian.

It famously took Thomas Edison thousands of attempts before successfully creating the electric light and the alkaline battery. It took the Wright brothers many years, multiple failed tries and several broken bones before their invention finally took flight. To accomplish anything truly worthy takes more than just dreams – it takes grit, determination and hard work. *Perseverance*.

Here at Riverview, we see this quality at play on a daily basis. We see it in the staff who, despite the extra-curricular load and their own personal commitments, bring their best to the classroom day in and day out. We see it in the students who give their all to their studies, their teammates and their Houses. We see it in our community who helped make the Therry Building possible and continue to cheer us on the journey.

In the pages of this Ignatian, you will see this perseverance in action as the intersection of purpose and faith: the purpose of the Jesuit mission to develop men for others combined with the faith placed in us by our students, parents and wider community. You will see social justice at work both at school (A T Thomas Advocacy Group, page 20) and beyond (Alumni in Focus, page 30), a spirit of adventure and camaraderie (Duke of Ed, page 20), accomplishment (Head of the River, page 24) and, importantly, an acknowledgment of past tragedy and a movement toward healing (“The Break”, page 11).

Thank you for being part of this very special community and enabling us to persevere, in the words of St Ignatius, “to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to look for any reward, save that of knowing that [we] do your holy will.”

**LEANNE GOMEZ**

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From the Rector

# A Caring and Conscientious Community

Inaugural Ignatian message from the College's new Rector, Fr Jack McLain, SJ

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Term 2 is rapidly rushing to a conclusion and I'm finishing my first six months as Rector of the College. So what have I learned? I've learned that we are a community of caring, conscientious people who aren't afraid to get involved and make great things happen. From the New Parents' events to the Head of the River to the opening of the new Therry Building, we have a community that just loves the College and we're people who are willing to jump in and work hard to achieve great things that ultimately benefit the students. This is a huge asset of the College community, and one that is both a long-standing tradition and will be vital as we look towards the future together.

I've learned that the students make up the heart and soul of the day-to-day life of the College.

I've learned that we have an amazing staff. It is one of the things that makes us such a unique place - not only do our teachers care about a student's ability to achieve academically, they also genuinely care about them as a person. I can assure you that this is a precious, precious resource and one we need to be good stewards of. Our teaching and support staff are unique in the depth of care they bring to the College, and we must never take this for granted. It models for us one dimension of the Kingdom of God we want students to go out and help build; it's how we should care for one another.

I've learned that our Old Boys are out there in the world making good use of the gifts

they received during their time as students here. And they're often doing it together and having a great time celebrating their common heritage as Jesuit-educated men for others. Sometimes they're making an impact globally, sometimes it's right here at the College, where it started for them. Wherever they are, they're making a difference and working for a faith that does justice.

We're also in the process of making sure that the life of the College is well prepared for the 22nd century. The new Therry Building is the start of making sure that we are able to equip our young men with the kind of rigorous education that allows them to make the changes that the world is most in need of. Together, we'll make certain that Saint Ignatius' College remains a life-changing place for generations to come. It's a great moment to be so close to the heart of the community.

There is much more I have learned of course, from the generosity and selfless service of the P&F to the high pace of co-curriculars, seeing the College community from a new vantage point has been another experience of the spirit of hospitality and welcome that indicates that God's Holy Spirit is at work within us. Impelling, instilling and bringing Grace to us in ways nearly beyond number. I can hardly wait to see what the second half of the year brings.

**FR JACK MCLAIN, SJ  
RECTOR**

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From the Principal

# Perseverance



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**...this is a story of steadfast and earnest persistence that honours the vision of Saint Ignatius and his earliest companions to establish the best in a faith-based education**

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The etymology of the word 'perseverance' derives from the Latin, *perseverare* - 'to continue steadfastly, to persist in an earnest fashion, to endure'. Given the enterprise that Fr Dalton and the pioneers of the College entered into nearly 140 years ago, it is abundantly apparent that this is a story of steadfast and earnest persistence that honours the vision of Saint Ignatius and his earliest companions to establish the best in a faith-based education, one that has been continued through the stoic commitment of the Jesuits over the years.

From the outset, the Ignatian story was one of struggle and triumph, often against formidable odds. Saint Ignatius' foundation of the Society in 1540 was born in the crucible of the Reformation. His decision to send Francis Xavier and Matteo Ricci to the Far East was a providential one, but hardly the stuff of faint hearts. In both instances, the works of the Society have flourished, as has the missioning of Jesuits across the globe, where they currently educate 2.5 million students in 45 countries across the world. Only persistence and perseverance could account for such outcomes.

At Saint Ignatius' College, the story is equally impressive. The values of Jesuit education, informed by a spirituality and a theology of service, remain at the heartland of the educational program. The intrepid spirit that saw the Jesuit diaspora reach the Far East in the 16th Century, saw Fr Dalton arrive in Australia and then enrol boys from rural New South Wales into a

fledgling enterprise in 1880. And they have continued to come since. From writers and artists to astronauts, politicians, academics, clerics and entrepreneurs, the efficacy of the educational program has found expression. A number of these men have fulfilled Cardinal Moran's prophetic words in 1887: "from these walls will go forth not a few... who will be able to serve their country by their talent and their (profession)". And they have ever since.

Today, as Sir Isaac Newton once intoned, "we see further because we stand on the shoulders of giants". Our most recent foray into the future is the Therry Building. It capitalises on the great tradition of scholarship that has been the emblem of Jesuit endeavour over the centuries, from Athanasius Kircher SJ to Walter Org SJ. We promote the cause of learning in new environments, not as ephemeral fads or trends, but the best in contemporary education. We live in exciting times of unprecedented change, but we need to work assiduously and steadfastly to get the best outcomes for the young men who are entrusted to our care.

Today, we are the beneficiaries of a creativity and perseverance that is part of our history. And, we take that spirit into the future, for it is the hallmark of Jesuit endeavour. May you enjoy the insights and the diversity provided by this theme and this publication.

**DR PAUL A HINE,  
PRINCIPAL**

## From the Council

# Perseverance and Governance



Rather than being explicitly taught the virtue of perseverance, I caught it. It was as implicit to the educational program at Riverview in the 1970s as it is now. In my case, an 11 year old boy from Walgett entered boarding school in Year 6, thrived over the next nine years at the College, qualified for university and graduated from Accounting, and subsequently successfully entered the workforce. It was the dual influences of aspiration and perseverance, for which I am eternally grateful to the Jesuits, which have resulted in my station in life; and I am fortunate to be able to contribute back through the governance of the school, as Chair of the Board.

In the cut and thrust of life, nothing comes easily nor without intentioned planning and prudent execution. The recent success of the College at the Head of River didn't just happen: it was the result of countless hours of hard work, intensive training on technique, developing teamwork to ensure maximum performance and triumphing over the eclectic vagaries of weather and conditions on the day. One word encapsulates the totality of that aspiration and that achievement: perseverance.

Far from being in the public arena such as the 1st VIII on the Penrith River, the corridors of governance are invisible, but they are no less important. The infrastructures of the College, its financial stewardship, policy formation and strategic futures are the stuff that enable Riverview to continue to forge its place as one of the most significant and esteemed schools in the nation. We owe a great debt to those whose vision and steadfast perseverance have come before; and in the corridors of governance we are acutely mindful of the responsibility that we have for the future.

Like the oarsmen in the boat, we need to row in synchronised fashion as a team and persevere when some road blocks are encountered. That is governance with probity and integrity.

I wish to thank those who give of their time, expertise and experience to the invisible but essential role of governance. Our school, and our posterity, are the beneficiaries.

**JOHN WILCOX,  
CHAIR**

## Ignatian Centre

# Commitment

**Commitment and consistency exemplified at the Ignatian Children's Holiday Camp and Year 12 Retreats**



The theme for this edition of the Ignatian is perseverance. The Ignatian word for this is **commitment**, coined in the well-known phrase, "...our goal as educators is to form men and women of competence, conscience, and compassionate commitment". At the most recent gathering of Jesuit Educational Delegates, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Fr Arturo Sosa SJ asked, "Is the C of consistency a fifth C we could add to our educational paradigm? In addition to conscience, competence, compassion and commitment, we also need consistency so that everyone can see what we carry within us, so that there is nothing hidden, and truth can shine."

On Thursday 14th of December 2017, 36 campers aged 6 to 14 descended on Kevin Fagan House for the 20th annual Ignatian Children's Holiday Camp (IHC) – supported by the Sony Foundation. 50 Year 12 graduates from Riverview, Loreto Kirribilli and Monte Sant' Angelo were their committed Companions for the next four days, with a busy schedule of activities including a Fete with a visit from the Fire Brigade, a Disco and Pizza night and a visit to the Sydney Aquarium. Each year, this Camp brings hope and fun to the lives of children with intellectual disabilities and

their families, and is only made possible due to the commitment of those who give of their time, energy and efforts – many of them consistently, year after year.

The final week of Term 1 saw Year 12 students engage in prayerful consideration of both commitment and consistency in a range of retreat experiences through which they had the opportunity to consider their own commitment to the growth and development of their interior lives of faith in Jesus Christ. They spent significant reflective time considering the extent to which their lives might be more and more consistent with the giftedness carried within, so that their truth can shine. Our prayer for these young men is that this prayerful consideration stays an element of their lives as they traverse the next chapter. These retreats were generously led and facilitated by a number of College staff whose carriage of *cura personalis* was second to none.

In both the IHC and the retreats this year, we saw Commitment and Consistency personified by both staff and students, and for that, we are grateful.

**JOHN GILLES, DIRECTOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

## Ignis Project & Foundation

# The New Therry Building: Three Perspectives



### Old Ignatian and Parent Perspective: Taking the College into the Future

We must never forget that our primary reason for being, as educational institutions, is to help make the world a better place. The world around us is changing rapidly, and at the moment there is a merging of trends which has led to a more complex dynamism than ever before. We must teach our students to learn in a self-driven way, to cross boundaries and become creative problem solvers. In order to equip our students with these vital skills and experiences, we are changing the way we teach; and as we change the way we teach, so too must we change the physical learning environments.

It is great to see that the Therry Building and Riverview are at the forefront, investing in the physical infrastructure that will support new approaches to students' learning. It truly is a wonderful new teaching environment that will go a long way in promoting collaborative learning and helping students gain the valuable skills needed to succeed both during their time here at Riverview and in their lives beyond school.

As a Riverview Old Boy, there is a certain nostalgia – a certain feeling of pride I get every time I step foot on this campus. The education that I received at Riverview was foundational in not only my skill development, but critically helped to nurture my passion for education and social justice. As a student here, I was encouraged to make a difference in the world through generosity and service. I can see Fr O'Kelly, our principal, clearly in my mind's eye exhorting us to be a man for others. Looking back, I feel keenly the incredible privilege that I had that opportunity, but deeply understand the enormous responsibility that accompanies privilege.

I congratulate the College in the direction of the new learning environments you have built, enabling you to continue to create a next generation skilled to solve the world's problems and grasp the opportunities of society; but importantly with the will, the dedication and the expectation to be a positive influence whether big or small.

**PROFESSOR ATTILA BRUNGS (OR1989),  
VICE-CHANCELLOR OF UTS  
(OLD IGNATIAN, CURRENT PARENT  
AND RHODES SCHOLAR)**

### College Perspective: Preparing Students to Change the World

For a long time, schools have been building new buildings. So what makes the new Therry different? This building represents an evolution of Riverview's approach to learning - an evolution which provides not just an opportunity, but an imperative for change.

The 21st century learning space is complex, using new pedagogies such as integrated curriculum, flipped learning, experiential and project-based learning and incorporating ever more sophisticated technologies to improve engagement and deepen thinking through enquiry and inter-disciplinary approaches. In order to have this kind of flexibility, learning spaces need to be agile and adaptable; they need to flow and provide connections to other learning. The development of these new spaces which promote multiple learning modes is critical to enabling these new pedagogies to be employed effectively and authentically, because students need to be ready to face their future. We need to ensure that our approaches to learning provide the right skills for our young people to manage their world, and more for us, as Ignatian educators, we want our young people to be prepared to *change* the world.

Our vision here is very clear. We are making Riverview a learning centre which is innovate, creative and ready for the next 20 years of teaching and learning, and I am very excited and privileged to be part of it.

**RUSSELL NEWMAN, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
TEACHING & LEARNING**



### Riverview Foundation Perspective: Generosity and Gratitude

Many years before I became Chair of the Riverview College Foundation – decades, to be honest - I had the privilege of being a student at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview. As a boarder from Walgett, I lived on campus and was one of the first to experience the College's campus expansion. Both the Vaughan and original Therry Buildings were constructed in my time and we students enjoyed the advantages of a new library, new science rooms and senior classrooms with the latest in 'chalkboard technology'. Looking at the new Therry Building today, I am struck by how far we have come.

A new generation of students now enjoy the advantages of contemporary, innovative learning spaces and new technologies; and I am cognisant in a way that was not possible as a student, of just how indebted we are to our community for their continued support and encouragement in this journey. The Jesuit mission of providing a quality education in an environment of faith is one that has always been at the core of the College. Having benefitted from it as a student, it is now my joy to join hands with the many who continue to make this mission possible; to the many parents, past parents, Old Boys and friends who have made this building a reality, I extend my sincerest thanks.

**JOHN WILCOX (OR1975),  
CHAIR, RIVERVIEW COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

# Fr Thomas McLoughlin, SJ



Above (clockwise from far left) Fr Thomas McLoughlin, SJ; Old Boys' autograph hat; with students in his office; his famous 'Rogues Gallery' wall of images.

12th June this year marked the 55th anniversary of the death of Father Thomas McLoughlin SJ, a much-loved Jesuit who served the Riverview community for 38 years between 1911 to 1963. He was known affectionately by scores of students and Old Ignatians as 'Father Mac' and is remembered still by many members of the Riverview community.

Born on 25 October 1886 in Clifden, Connemara, Ireland and educated at Clongowes Wood in Dublin, he began his training to become a Jesuit in 1904 and arrived at Riverview for the first time on 2 October 1911 as a young man of 25. He was put in charge of the younger boarders, directed the Junior Debating teams and was also Master-in-Charge of the Library before returning to Ireland and Belgium in 1916 for further studies.

Father Mac returned to Australia in 1921 where he took up the position of 1st Division Prefect, Rowing Master and Editor of *Our Alma Mater* at Riverview until the end of 1924. After being sent to St Patrick's College, Melbourne in 1925, he returned to Riverview in 1935 as Prefect of Studies and French teacher, where he remained until his death in 1963. During this period he cemented his relationship with the past students in his role as Editor of *Our Alma Mater* and, from 1950, Chaplain to the Old Boys. Although his role as editor of the College magazine began as

a kind of side-line, it was a side-line which was to become the greatest work in his career. During Father Mac's time as editor, the College kept in touch with past Ignatians through the magazine. Father Mac went as far as to say that, for him, *Our Alma Mater* was dedicated to the Old Boys. For Father Mac, keeping the old Ignatians in touch with the College and with the ideals they had learnt there, was worth all the work he put into the magazine.

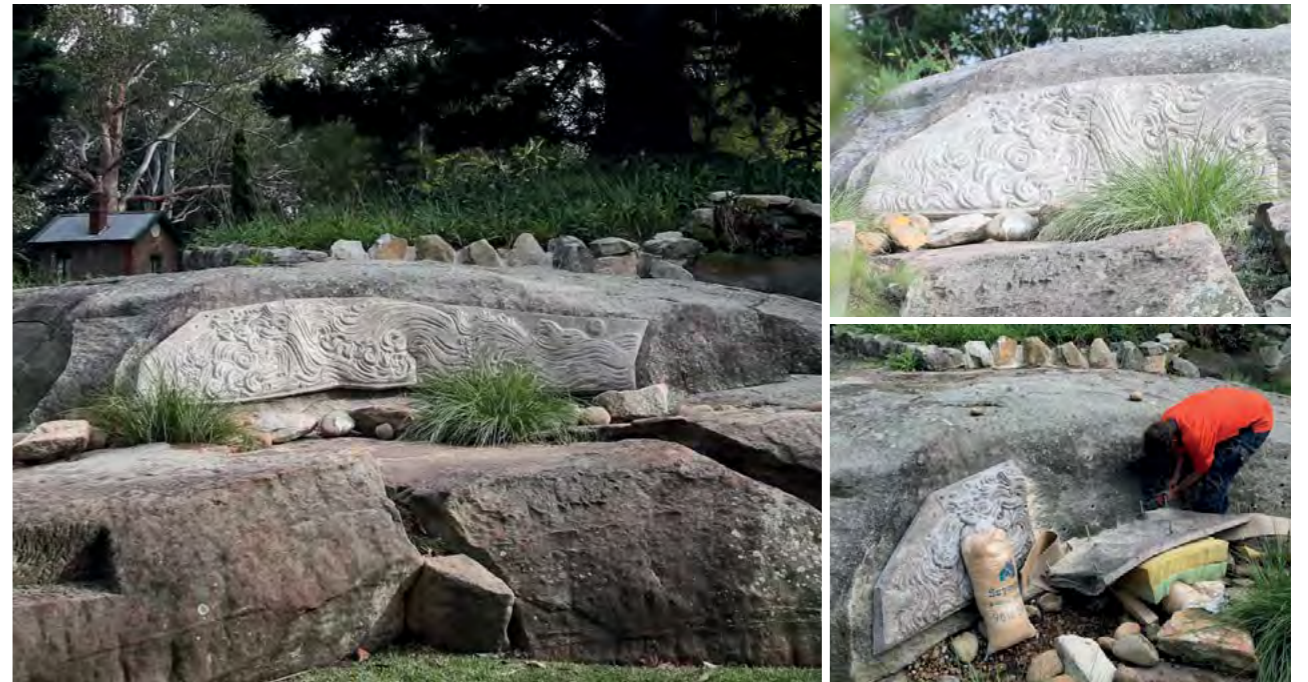
Through his long association with the College, Father Mac formed relationships with generations of Old Boys and their families. His photo albums, 'Rogues Gallery' wall of images and Old Boys' autograph hat, which are held in Riverview Archives, document his time at the College and include not only photos of students and College sporting events, but also past students at significant times in their lives – such as graduations, weddings, christenings, reunions and also their war service during World War II.

Father Thomas McLoughlin, SJ holds a special place in the heart of the Riverview community. He epitomised the friendliness and family spirit which began with Father Joseph Dalton, SJ in 1880 and remains characteristic of Riverview today.

**CATHY HOBBS, ARCHIVIST**

# "The Break"

"The Break" is a powerful new art installation in the Rose Garden in recognition of survivors of abuse at the College, sculpted by artist Daniel Dominguez (OR1989).



Recognising students who suffered abuse during their time at the College is an emotional and confronting issue, but it is a dark shadow in the College's history that must be acknowledged. As part of the Council's initiative to address the past, a sanctuary was created in the Rose Garden to acknowledge the survivors of this abuse; and in May this year, a new artwork was installed as a salient reminder of this regrettable history.

While Riverview was and remains a place of joy and growth for so many who have walked through the gates over the years, for some it has resulted in the betrayal of their youth and produced life-long repercussions. A shadow hangs over a very sad and lamentable part of the College's otherwise illustrious history.

The artwork sits prominently in the sanctuary alongside the public apology, and is deeply symbolic. The creator describes it thus:

*This sculpture acknowledges the abuse that has occurred at the school. The story is communicated through the simple motif of the force and resistance of water. Caught in these waves is the crashing of values, of power misused and innocence abused.*

*This is a story about resistance and survival in the face of despair... these are the waves of suffering, of those who put their love and trust in others and were cast into chaos; that we may embrace their pain to the centre of our community, just as each wave is connected to the greater movement of the sea.*

*This is a story that ends in hope for peace, of calmer seas to allow the pain and suffering to be recognised, cleansed and healed.*

*The waves stand as testament to the survivor's cry, a cry not insubstantial but as big as the ocean, and one we are all responsible for hearing and bearing.*

As a community who cares deeply, we stand in solidarity with those who have been adversely affected by their experiences at the College. We offer a humble and sincere apology for the pain and suffering that they have endured, and pray that the waves bring peace and healing; a cleansing of the past and hope for the future.

**DR PAUL A HINE, PRINCIPAL**

# 2018 Regis Leaders



**Above** The 2018 Regis Student Leadership team with Rector Fr Jack McLain, SJ, Assistant Head of Regis Ms Kate Moore, Head of Regis Mr Matt Smith, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning Mr Russell Newman and Principal Dr Paul Hine.

On Friday 6th April, the boys from the Regis campus gathered at the Leadership Assembly where the newly elected Student Leaders for 2018 were announced. Mr Matt Smith, Head of Regis, reminded the boys that leadership is more than just wearing a badge, but rather, in a Jesuit context, leadership is a call to service – to build a community of inclusion and to remember those who are in most need.

We congratulate all the young men who were selected for leadership roles this year, with special congratulations to the Captain of Regis Campus for 2018, Oscar Davies.

**Year 5 Student Leaders**

- 5.1 Julian Criola
- 5.2 Angus Devlin
- 5.3 Riley Wallis
- 5.4 Angus Martinez

**Year 6 Student Leaders**

- 6.1 Evan Dransfield
- 6.2 Daniel Saunders
- 6.3 Darcy Henry
- 6.4 George Gaha

**Year 6 Prefects**

- Oscar Davies
- Julian Reynolds
- James Rochaix
- Thomas Lee

## Regis Captain's Report - Oscar Davies



Being elected Regis Captain has been amazing. I have learnt so much so far. This year our focus really will be on helping our peers to make sure they're having a good day, and that no one is feeling left out. This leads to our school motto Many Wolves One Pack, and at Regis we are all looking out for one another.

I think that the most important thing about being a leader is leading by example and thinking about how other people, especially boys in younger years, will follow the example that we are setting. Every

leader casts a shadow, and the shadow is shaped by how we present ourselves and how we behave. In my Confirmation workshops I learnt about the fruits of the spirit such as gentleness, joy, patience and kindness. These are just some of qualities we hope to bring to the campus.

We are really excited about attending the Ignatian Students Leadership Conference in Melbourne in June and I can't wait to learn more.

**OSCAR DAVIES,  
YEAR 6 - REGIS CAPTAIN**

## Regis STEM

It has been a busy and exciting start to 2018 in our Regis STEM program. For the first few weeks of Term 1, the students learnt about strategies they can use to effectively communicate in group activities. The Year 6 students gave some insightful presentations to Year 5 about why they love STEM and what topics they have really enjoyed. We then divided into the new Semester 1 STEM Topic Areas chosen by the students. The topics running this Semester include Master Planning, 21st Century Sport, Bridge Building, Animation Studio, Code Academy, Robotics, Transportation Challenge, Little Bits and Regis Planeteers.

In each topic, the students participate in a series of challenges and use Hands-On Inquiry Based Learning to design solutions and products to solve real-world problems. The students then present their final products to their peers and a panel of judges in Week 8 of Term 2. There will be a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) Exhibition in Term 4 where the students' works from the year

will be showcased. We are looking forward to seeing the boys' final projects this term.

**DIAN STEWART,  
STAGE 3 SPECIALIST TEACHER**

**Bridge Building**

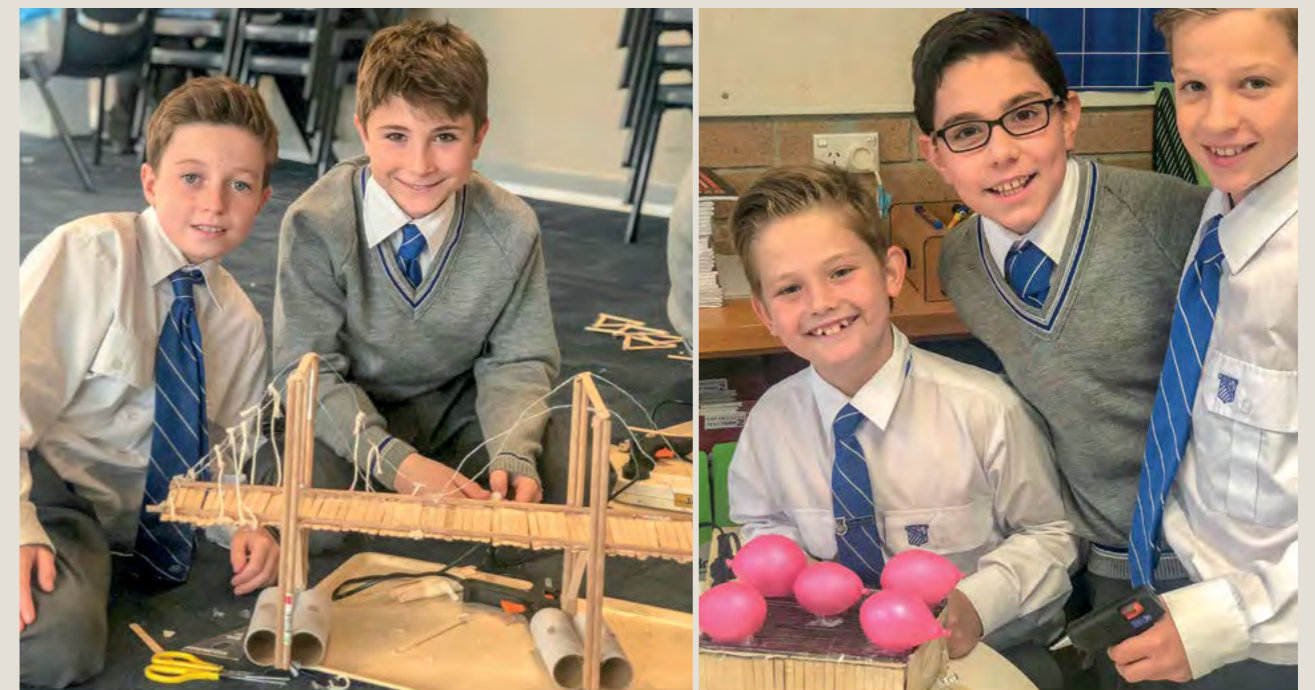
Building is great because you learn about different bridge types and complete mini challenges to test the strength of the designs and building materials. We use many different materials such as wood, straws and skewers. At the end of the semester for the final project, you build a big bridge out of wood which is a great challenge. You have to use teamwork, problem solving and many other different skills you've learnt through the semester to solve the problems you encounter during the design and building process. The challenge is to make a strong and stable bridge and then compare your bridge with other groups. I definitely think you should strongly consider doing Bridge Building if you have the chance to.

**JULIAN REYNOLDS, 6.1**

**Regis Planeteers**

Every Friday, a group of Regis students come together during STEM periods to discuss and solve some major humanitarian problems. From Macquarie University student talks to time limited challenges, we have learnt a lot. I particularly remember in one of the first weeks, Mr Smith handed us a piece of paper with a problem and gave us limited materials to build a solution to solve that problem. Because we only knew a little about the topic, Mr Smith gave us effective tips and ideas throughout the lesson. Using this knowledge, my team and I built the structure, then we tested it. Although it didn't work out so well, I learnt many valuable lessons about leadership, teamwork, determination and struggle. After this lesson, I knew that this was the elective I was meant for. Regis Planeteers has been a great influence - I have learnt so much from it and am excited to learn even more about this fun subject.

**ANGUS MARTINEZ, 5.4**



**Above left** Lachlan and William with their final Bridge design **Above right** Angus, Julian and Matthew working on their floating house for Regis Planeteers

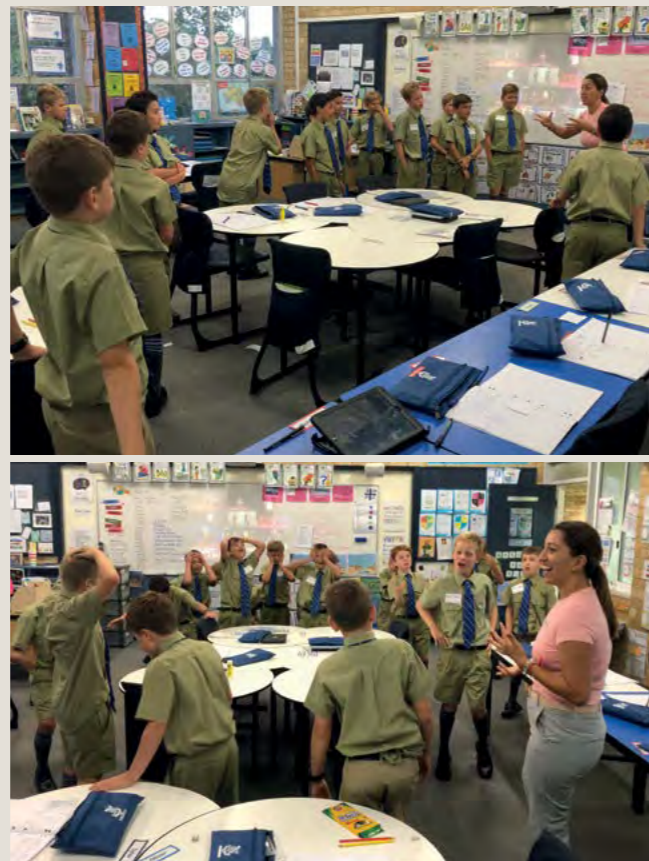
## Impariamo Italiano! (Let's Learn Italian!)

This year, Regis saw the first year of Italian lessons being offered to the Year 5 boys. I personally was very excited about learning a language as I had not experienced this before at my previous primary school. Ms Skouras, our Italian teacher, is very supportive of all of us as we are learning and trying to master Italian.

During our classes we learn not just how to speak the language, we also get to act out scenes using Italian language which is a great experience for everyone. We learn about lots of different Italian characters and how they interact with each other. At the moment we are in the process of making our own plays from all the characters we have learnt about so far with Ms Skouras. We also use our iPads to learn Italian through challenging games and activities which the boys enjoy.

Our school motto 'As much as you can do, so much dare to do' is very appropriate in learning Italian as I am finding out that we can constantly learn more and more about this language and its interesting culture.

**ANGUS DEVLIN 5.2**



## Speak Up! Santa Sabina vs Riverview

On Friday April 6th, we hosted the girls from Santa Sabina Strathfield in the first round of this year's 'Speak Up' Public Speaking Competition, held in the Drama Room under Regis Hall. All students, many of whom had never had any experience speaking in public before, bravely stood up before an audience of parents, peers and teachers to talk on a variety of topics.

For the boys, it was the culmination of their six-week co-curricular course in public speaking and we congratulate them on their achievements, particularly Luke Bannerman who received the Runner Up Award. Rochelle Dias from Santa Sabina, was awarded First Placing overall.

We would also like to thank all who supported on the day, in particular Mr Matt Smith, Head of Regis and our adjudicator, Mr David Norris who also presented students with their certificates.

It was a great experience to compete with the Santa Sabina girls; we thank them for coming and look forward to meeting up again soon.

Regis Public Speakers: Luke Bannerman (Runner Up), Charlie Davidson, Ethan Francis, Tom Furlong, Daniel Perisa, Christian Pierangeli, Christian Sterrantino and Jason Tonkin.

**MARILYN FITZGERALD,  
PUBLIC SPEAKING CO-ORDINATOR**



## Regis Debating 2018

This year, Regis Debating was structured a little differently to include the large number of boys who showed interest in learning skills in the art of persuasion. The Year 6 GKC competition ran throughout Term 1 and allowed the boys to practice their newly learned knowledge of debating in an internal competition against each other. The Year 5 boys have had the opportunity to attend training sessions throughout Terms 1 and 2. This will hopefully allow them to have the confidence to attempt competitive debating in the years to come if they so desire. The ISDA competition continues, with both Primary A and B teams making it into the Octo rounds. We look forward to continuing to work with these spirited and enthusiastic young debaters and follow their success.

**SINEAD ZILLE,  
STAGE 3 CLASSROOM TEACHER**



## Armidale Rugby Tour

Every year, Regis Campus selects two teams to travel to The Armidale School Rugby Tournament, where teams from NSW and QLD independent Schools are in attendance, along with some country club teams. This year also saw a team travel all the way from Western Australia.

The Regis boys travelled the seven-hour trip to Armidale by bus, arriving at The Armidale School at 3pm on Friday. We settled into our accommodation and walked around the campus. In the evening, we dined at the Armidale Bowling Club and enjoyed the opportunity to relax and prepare for the next few days of competition. Saturday morning saw the commencement of the carnival with both teams playing four shortened games on Saturday and then a final on Sunday.

The coaching staff were very proud of the teams' efforts, with the Blue Team placing second in Division 3 and the White team placing

fifth in division 5. The students trained for five weeks prior to the tournament to prepare for the challenge and they played with great passion, courage and effort; and at all times they displayed wonderful sportsmanship. This will be a trip that all the students will remember fondly in years to come as an opportunity to travel and play great Rugby with their friends.

A large group of supportive parents travelled up to watch the weekend of Rugby. Thank you to all our parents for your support and encouragement, both the staff and students appreciated your efforts. Well done to Mr Walters, Mr Collins, Mr Wakeling, Mr Smith and Ms Brayan for your hard work and dedication, and helping to prepare and coordinate a wonderful weekend of Rugby.

**MICHAEL NOUD, TEACHER - PDHPE**





# 2017 Laureates

Following the example of the previous cohort, the class of 2017 broke records to achieve the highest ever academic results the College has seen so far.

The Laureate Assembly, held this year on 9th February, celebrated the achievements of the 2017 cohort with particular recognition of the 105 students who achieved an ATAR over 90.

We congratulate College Dux, Charlie Hoffman, who achieved the highest possible mark of 99.95, and College Proxime, Jesse Gray, who achieved 99.75. Other notable individual achievements include Calvin Leung's acceptance into the Conservatorium

of Music in Melbourne, Laurance Shaw's Visual Arts major work selection in Art Express, Nick Tkachuk's Sydney Scholars Scholarship award and 'OnStage' nominations for Drama students Callum McManus, Liam Hurley and Nicholas Bogard. The efforts of each individual contributed to the achievements of the entire cohort, and we congratulate the class of 2017 for officially achieving the highest graduating results in Riverview's history.



**99+**

7 STUDENTS  
ACHIEVED AN ATAR  
OVER 99



**90+**

107 STUDENTS  
ACHIEVED AN ATAR  
OVER 90



**100%**

EVERY STUDENT IN 14  
SUBJECTS ACHIEVED  
BAND 5 OR 6



**170**

STUDENTS ACHIEVED  
AT LEAST ONE  
BAND 6/E4

## Students Achieving Over 99

- / Charlie Hoffman - 99.75
- / Xavier Rickard - 99.65
- / Rhys Hope - 99.25
- / Jonathan Boyd - 99.05
- / Jesse Gray - 99.75
- / Blaise Di Mento - 99.6
- / Jasper Gotterson - 99.1

### Top 5 Placements in the State:

- / **Charlie Hoffman**  
1st place in Chinese Continuers  
(128 students in NSW), 2nd place in  
Chinese Extension (29 students in NSW),  
4th place in English Extension One  
(4,344 students in NSW)
- / **Xavier Wilson**  
4th place in Mathematics General 2  
(31,865 students in NSW)
- / **Albert Lake**  
5th place in Chinese Continuers  
(128 students in NSW)
- / **Richard Rutherford**  
4th place in Engineering Studies  
(1,986 students in NSW)

## HSC All-Round Achievers

(Band 6/E4 in 10 or more units)

- / Jonathan Boyd
- / Blaise Di Mento
- / Oliver Harris
- / Xavier Rickard
- / Xavier Wilson
- / Sam Braham
- / Jasper Gotterson
- / Charlie Hoffman
- / Sam Rigney
- / Stuart Crosbie
- / Jesse Gray
- / Jonas Macken
- / Luke Rossi



Above 2017 Laureates Below College Dux, Charlie Hoffman, and College Proxime, Jesse Gray

## Like Father, Like Son...



JOHN GRAY (OR1981)  
COLLEGE CAPTAIN

JESSE GRAY (OR2017)  
COLLEGE CAPTAIN

CHARLIE HOFFMAN (OR2017)  
COLLEGE DUX

MARTIN HOFFMAN (OR1982)  
COLLEGE DUX

# Many Wolves, One Pack



The beginning of the year came with no shortage of challenges for the Riverview community, but as the year progressed, I'm proud to acknowledge that every member of the College has persevered and lived up to the many challenges placed before them. The 2018 student motto 'Many Wolves, One Pack' featured as one of these challenges, calling the community to recognise and celebrate the wonderful diversity present within our large community, in an effort to establish a more united Riverview wolf pack.

Throughout the year the motto has been used as the basis for all student activities, from inter-House competitions, to awareness-day events, sporting and other co-curricular events. We have lived and breathed the motto and all that it embodies, in all aspects of our daily lives, building and strengthening the bonds that already exist in the school. It has also been wonderful to have the motto incorporated into many activities and functions undertaken in the broader school community.

We are delighted that the cohesion of the pack has culminated in some amazing successes for the College across a range of co-curricular activities. Who could forget the excitement of the 1st VIII rowing crew winning the Head of the River after 43 years, or more recently, our senior debating team breaking a 10-year drought to take out the ISDA Debating challenge? In amongst this we have also enjoyed great results in Theatresports, music, public speaking and many of our sporting competitions.

Despite the disruption, the construction of the new Therry building and the restrictions

placed on playground space have enabled both staff and students across the campus to engage more actively with each other. To see Year 7 boys shooting baskets or having a chat with the older students at lunchtimes has had a positive impact on strengthening the bonds between us.

As Year 12s we are certainly very envious that our time in the new Therry building and all that it offers will be short lived. However, on behalf of the students, we are so grateful for the ongoing commitment by so many in our community who have ensured that the facilities provided at Riverview are first class!

For the Year 12 boys, we are entering the final stage of our time as students here at Riverview. We depart proud of all that we have achieved as the senior wolves in the pack and the legacy we leave. I certainly feel that we are a stronger, more united and cohesive student body; a student body that continues to celebrate differences and diversity, and a student body that really cares for one another as one pack.

**MATTHEW DUTAILLIS,  
COLLEGE CAPTAIN**

## Clongowes Wood College Exchange

In 2017, an exchange program for Year 10 Boarding at Riverview took place with Clongowes Wood College in Ireland. Clongowes is an exceptional school with a rich history and the exchange enhanced the already strong relationship between these two Jesuit schools. The students from both schools had the chance to engage in a shared experience of formation while experiencing a new educational structure.

The Year 10 Division had the pleasure of hosting six students from Clongowes in Term 4. The exchange allowed the Riverview and Clongowes students to experience all facets of life in Ireland and Australia including academic experiences and unique cultural experiences whilst participating in the Co-curricular program. Riverview students Wiley Anderson, Thomas Acton, Sandy Flagg, Henry Hobson, Hugh McCormack and Jack Pringle were the Riverview students who attended Clongowes Wood College.

**MICHAEL WEBB, YEAR 10 HEAD OF DIVISION**



**Above** Riverview students in Ireland | Henry Hobson, Thomas Acton, Hugh McCormack, Wiley Anderson, Sandy Flagg, Jack Pringle

## T20 Charity Cricket Match



**Left** The T20 teams with the First Nations boys **Right** Patrick Rodgers (OR2011) as a Year 11 student

The eighth annual Riverview 1st XI versus the Celebrity XI played on 12th March was a great success as a highly entertaining match and a fitting climax to a wonderful Riverview community fundraising effort for Redfern Jarjum College (RJC). The 2018 fixture was held in special memory of Patrick Rodgers (OR2011) who, in his HSC year, instigated this important annual Riverview event to support indigenous primary school kids of Redfern. Until the end, Patrick was a man for others.

The College was again blessed to have Adam Goodes play for the invitational team. Adam gives generously of his time on the

field, but also off the field signing autographs and talking with all the young fans at the match. The legendary Mike Coward AM commended the sportsmanship of both teams and even the weather cooperated in the joint efforts of the Riverview community with RJC, working together for a great outcome. We were very pleased to be able to contribute over \$25,000 for RJC to continue their very worthy work. And with Riverview winning this year's game, the results now stand at four all and we eagerly await the 2019 encounter.

**PETER MCLEAN, FUNDRAISING MANAGER**

## Congratulations Tom and Toby

### Tom Hughes Wins Gold

In May this year, Tom Hughes (Year 12), competed in the Kayak K1 200, K2 500 and the K4 500 events at the Asia Pacific Regatta in Adelaide. Tom's outstanding performances helped the Australian team take first place and to win the Asia Pacific Cup.

In the K4 500, Tom and his team won the Gold Medal and then Tom went on to win the Silver Medals in both the K1 200 and the K2 500, narrowly missing first place in both events. We are very proud of Tom's success and we look forward to hearing more news in July when Tom represents Australia at the World Championships in Bulgaria.

### Toby Mallon Receives Red Award

Congratulations Toby Mallon (Year 7), recipient of the NSW Combined Independent

Schools Red Award in recognition of his outstanding sporting achievements. This will come as no surprise to those who remember that last year, Toby was awarded Best and Fairest 12 A for both Football and Cricket, and was also voted Regis Sportsman of the Year 2017.

After being nominated by the College last year, Toby was selected in the NSW CIS Under 12s Hockey Team. Captained by Toby, the team finished at the top of their pool and went on to win the final 1-0, with Toby scoring the winning goal in the last 30 seconds of the game. He was then selected in the Under 12s NSW Pacific School Games Hockey Team as well as the Hockey NSW Under 13s Lions team to compete at the Australian National Hockey Championships. He currently plays representative cricket for Manly Warringah, under 13 DCA.



# A T Thomas Advocacy Group

The A T Thomas Advocacy Group (ATTAG) is a specialised group that aims to advocate in areas where we believe that people's basic rights are not being met. The group consists of around 15 Year 12 boys, from differing backgrounds and political views. Started by Father Ross Jones SJ, the group was named after Jesuit Priest Fr A T Thomas SJ, who worked in a mission in Hazaribag, India. AT was deeply involved with the poor in the area, the Dalits, but was murdered by local insurgents. Through his work, Fr A T Thomas has taught us to fight for those who cannot always fight for themselves, which has been apparent through our many campaigns.

As an advocacy group, ATTAG raises awareness about various causes among our peers and the community. We run campaigns through petitions, letters and coordinated messages to local federal members. Since the group's chairman, Zachary Marshall, and I took over from last year's leaders, we have run two campaigns. Both campaigns have been student orientated, looking at issues that affect people within our community. The first was late last year, where we called on the local state government to revise funding for mental health facilities and medication in rural NSW, and the second in May, which was aimed at getting constant funding for the Youth Koori Court in Parramatta. Both Zach and I have been members since Year 9 (2015)

and are the only members ever to start before Year 12. As we both grew up in justice-oriented families, ATTAG has allowed us to grow our desire to help others, especially those who need it, as it gives us a platform to do good in our world.

## TOMAS BROWN, YEAR 12



Above (left to right): Patrick Fuccilli, Patrick Brady, Bluey Adamo, Nicholas Stejer, Luke Thackray, Tomas Brown (Secretary), Zachary Marshall (Chairman), Henry Pidcock

# Duke of Ed Bronze Award



In the Term 1 holidays, a group of Year 9 boys completed our Practice Journey for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The camps for Bronze require us to canoe for several kilometres, set up our own tents, cook and much more. The Practice Journey began at Berowra Waters where we were briefed by our guides on what to expect and given some general knowledge. After this, we waterproofed our stuff in case our canoes capsized, loaded the canoes onto

the water and set out for our adventure. Towards the end of the journey we ran into some trouble as the tide started flowing against us, but we got there in the end. The next task was making dinner, and our group had pasta and meat, which wasn't too bad even though the meat was cold (we could only cook one ingredient at a time). After cleaning up, we sat by the campfire, had some marshmallows and then went

to sleep. In the morning, after a breakfast of Weetbix and long-life milk, we prepared for our trip back and canoed back up the river with the morning sun beaming down on us. All in all, the Duke of Ed camp was great fun. It taught me a lot and I can't wait for the next one.

## NICHOLAS PIGNONE, YEAR 9



# Modern History Tour Reflection



Our Modern History Tour started in Berlin, where we visited the Allied Museum, the Reichstag, the Luftwaffe building and Hitler's bunker, among other places. We then went to Munich with a stop at the Nuremberg Rally grounds where we visited the 'Nazi Colosseum' and the infamous Nuremberg steps where Hitler made some of his most famous speeches and the Nazi Party Rally films were produced, before travelling to what was by far (in my opinion) the most chilling place of the tour, Dachau. We had a guided tour around the museum, the cells and the crematorium, followed by Dr Diamadis' confronting reflection on the atrocities the Nazis had committed during the genocide and his close connection to it.

We left Germany for the front lines of the Western Front where we hopped from battleground to battleground, following the Allied trenches. Near Messines Ridge I was able to visit my Great, Great, Great Uncle, Alex 'Sandy' Frame's gravestone in the Bethlehem West Cemetery in the middle of a brussel sprout farm. Being able to visit it was one of the most moving moments of the trip for me.

Then, on Anzac Day, the biggest event of the Tour occurred: the Centenary Dawn Service at Villers-Bretonneux on a freezing

cold French morning. It was moving to see the sheer number of people, many of whom were Australian, and thousands of others willing to give up the comfort of their warm beds to sit in the rain to remember our fallen soldiers. Amongst the presentations, we heard from our own Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, his French counterpart Edouard Philippe, and Prince Charles. Many at home saw Patrick Grew and Blake Crawford lay the wreath on behalf of Riverview.

This Tour is something that all the boys who went will cherish through our lives as both educational and entertaining. Many fond memories and bonds between the years were formed, which is something that wouldn't necessarily have happened in our busy normal schooling lives. It was an outstanding tour and I would like to offer thanks to all the parents who made it happen, and especially to the History Faculty, Dr Diamadis, Ms Nelmes and Mr Masters for giving up their holiday to spend their time caring for 30 teenagers.

## JAMES MASTERS, YEAR 10

## Performing Arts

# Music



**Above** The Black Rock Band, The Blue Notes **Below** The Black Rock Band, David Wilson and Jude McDermott

The Music Faculty has had a productive start to 2018, with many of our talented boys participating in a range of performances. We continue to set high standards in the HSC with many pleasing results in 2017, particularly in the area of performance.

Students have displayed outstanding skills at many of the College Assemblies and Liturgies, with performances by the Blues Notes - 'When I Grow Up' by the Beach Boys - and David Wilson on clarinet performing 'Carol no.3 Bagatelle Opus 23' by Finzi in the Opening Mass for The Preparation of the Gifts procession. Jude McDermott also played a challenging solo 'Estudio en Tremelo' on classical guitar. Our Anzac Day Ceremony included moving renditions of 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille' by Chris Peters on trumpet and the Ignatian Choir led a beautiful tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom with 'Here I Lie'. The Riverview Big Band performed 'In the Stone' at the Co-Curricular Assembly.

In Music classes we have had many varying opportunities for students to explore and develop their understanding and skills. We were very proud to host The Black Rock Band from remote West Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory as our Artist in Residence this year. The band performed as part of the National Day of Healing Ceremony and also presented workshops for our Year 7 students as part of their Indigenous music unit. Year 8 students are recording and uploading performances of guitar chords and melodies to show their skills. A Music Soiree, for students in Year 9 and 10 elective Music, was held in The Woods Auditorium with students showcasing works from the Baroque and Romantic Periods. Students in Year 12 are in the final stages of preparing pieces for their HSC performances in Term 3.

The College entered ensembles in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod this year. The students performed with professionalism and were a credit to the College. Later this year, we

will also be participating in the NSW Band Festival and the Australian Percussion Eisteddfod.

The remainder of 2018 is exciting for the Music faculty. We look forward to Riverview in Concert, the Chapel Concert and the Indian Bazaar, where once again we showcase the work of our dedicated and talented students. And, of course, our junior musical, Mary Poppins, for which our junior students are busy rehearsing.

As a new member of staff, I would like to thank the boys and the dedicated, hardworking Music staff, for their warm welcome and guidance. I encourage students to make the most of the many opportunities available to them in the Music Faculty.

**PETER WATTERS,  
HEAD OF FACULTY - MUSIC**

## Performing Arts

# Drama



**Clockwise** *The Masks Men Wear*, *The Enchanted Bookshop*, *Theatresports*, *Quiet Please*

Another exciting year has begun in the Drama Department with opportunities to view vibrant new theatre productions and learn new skills in the classroom. Our academic year opened with another year of outstanding HSC Drama results from our 2017 cohort. We are continually blessed with such gifted performers at the College and were grateful to again receive a number of Onstage Nominations from BOSTES for exemplary performance work in the HSC Drama Examination. Callum McManis, Liam Hurley and Nicholas Bogard all received the highest achievement possible in the performance examination to be awarded an Onstage nomination. The success of our Year 12 Drama students is certainly a testament to perseverance particularly in the hours of rehearsal outside the classroom.

In Term 1, our Junior Elective Drama students began 2018 with an opportunity in class to participate in workshops led by professional Theatre Director Scott Witt teaching specialised skills in clowning. Our Senior Year 12 Drama students were also fortunate to experience a series of practical classes with Drayton Morley, who trained at the famous LeCoq Acting School. Drayton led the Year 12 boys through the specialised physical acting skills of Jacques LeCoq, one of the key topic areas in their HSC Drama studies this year.

Our 2018 Co-curricular program began the year with the extremely popular Year 9-12 Theatresports Competition where 45 students competed for the prized Intermediate and Senior Pauline Cain Cups. This was followed by two Year 8 One Act plays - *Quiet Please* set in a library study area and *The Enchanted Bookshop*, which brought some of our favorite book characters to life on stage. We then transformed The O'Kelly Theatre into a city office to provide a wonderful set for the Year 12 play *The Masks Men Wear*, an exposé of the raw underbelly of the corporate world where ego is king. To end this semester, we have an exciting production of William Golding's *Lord of the Flies* presented by Year 11 students. The production already has an incredibly innovative set design in the making and is sure to challenge an audience perspective of what it takes to survive with pure perseverance.

There is much to celebrate and acknowledge in Drama already this year. We are truly blessed with a richness of talent and enthusiasm for performing on stage at Riverview. The Drama Department is looking forward to another theatrical year ahead in 2018.

**LOUISE ARNOTT, HEAD OF DRAMA**

# Sporting Camaraderie

## Rowing Success

Rowing is a sport that requires strength, skill, passion and mostly perseverance. Over the past few years, the Riverview rowing shed has seen a remarkable transformation.

For the last five years we've had record numbers of boys in Year 7 trying out for Rowing, culminating last September with 85 boys from Year 7 turning out for Rowing trials with only 36 spots up for grabs. For our senior crews, the Riverview 1st VIII had not claimed the coveted Major Rennie Trophy at the Head of the River for 43 years. In fact, the Riverview boat shed had not won a GPS IV or VIII at the Head of the River since 2006. Still, every year, Riverview put out maximum allowed boats in all age groups and all the boys gave 100% on the river at training and regattas without winning too much silverware.

2018 seemed different, as our 1st VIII had come so close to finishing 2nd the last two years, new training regimes were implemented by the rowing coaches and our boys were quietly confident. The process, that for many of them began six years prior in Year 7, was about to come to fruition. For those not present at the Head of the River, the 1st VIII rowed to a plan. They knew the powerful Shore crew always went out fast and at the 500m mark, the Riverview crew was placed 5th but only 2 seconds behind; they persevered with their race plan and by the 1000m mark they had moved up to second. By the time the crews crossed the 1500m mark, Riverview was still second but now only 0.02 second behind. Suddenly, the crowd stood as one and cheered the crews home and watched as Riverview 1st VIII rowed past the Shore crew to take a famous victory. To top off the day, Riverview 4th IV and 2nd IV also won their races and now three rowing trophies reside at the College for the next 12 months.

**DANIEL NOONAN,  
MIC ROWING**



## Touch Football

Another exciting season of Touch Football was played this summer with Riverview fielding three teams in the Boys' Competition: U13, U15 and U17. For the first time in the competition's history, Riverview was able to enter an U13 team - and wasn't it worth the wait! All throughout the season, the boys played with vigour and feistiness, showing up week in and week out with enthusiasm and passion to improve, not to mention to win. There was a mix of talent in the team, ranging from those who had played in primary school and those who were trying the sport for the first time. Nonetheless, they would come together at training on a weekly basis, eagerly watching and listening to the coaches and the older boys with intent to improve their skills. Each Saturday during Term 1, they descended upon Queens Park to play games against Reddam House and Waverley College. Results were mixed throughout the season, however, a run of form late in the season saw Riverview make the grand final against a very talented Waverley side. Riverview

was first on the score sheet with a great team try scored by Joe Dillon. This try set the tone for the rest of the game with the U13s displaying clinical skills. With great leadership and control from Lachlan Nelson, Tom Finlayson and Joe Dillon in the middle, the team grew in confidence to notch up more tries. The defensive efforts were second to none, with Waverley only scoring two tries in the game to end with

a final score of 6-2. Congratulations to all the members of this team: Joseph Dillon, Thomas Finlayson, Jeremy Healy, Mismam Kris, Lachlan Nelson, Denzel Wong, Charlie Rathborne, Tobias Drew, Thomas Dorahy, John Havili, Daniel El'Hazouri, Lucas Zaknic and Benjamin Noble.

**KATE HILYARD,  
MIC TOUCH FOOTBALL**



## Basketball

The 2017/2018 Basketball season began with the Riverview 1st team back in form after a forgettable season without a win in the GPS competition, whilst our 2nd team came off an undefeated premiership. There was much anticipation, as it had been 40 years since the last 1st V premiership for the College, and with most of the young team back to play again, the team trained very hard over the winter months to get themselves ready. A strong group of talented boys were ready to commit themselves to a common goal.

A few players were injured early in the season, yet the team persevered through a few trial round losses. Many of the senior squad then embarked on a trip of a lifetime to the USA and played some very powerful Jesuit schools in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. The squad walked away with just a few wins, but playing against such skilled and determined opposition hardened the team for the GPS competition. Led by outstanding efforts from Archie Woodhill, Captain Will Jones and Zac Harvey, the 1st team won their first four games before they met the undefeated Newington team, also stacked with talent. The packed Gartlan saw one of the most exciting games of the season, but unfortunately the team went down 59-62. The 2nds too were undefeated and won a nail biting game with Newington by 1. In the end, the 2nds won their second successive GPS undefeated premiership and the 1sts finished the season with just one loss. Coaches Daniel Kovacic and Jim Arkell should be congratulated for guiding this fine group of boys.

**JOSH CHAPMAN, MIC BASKETBALL**



## Cricket

When considering this season's 1st XI cricket side, undefeated GPS Premiers, GPS Champions (for the second time in the past three seasons), if you dig down and think about all those who played in this side, you'll find many examples of this wonderful quality, Perseverance.

The side had some outstanding players. In particular, there was Sam Fanning, NSW Under 17s who played in the Under 19 Australian carnival and a member of the Northern District Club's 2nd Grade Premiership team; Ryan McElduff, NSW Under 19s who made his debut in Sydney University's 1st Grade side during the season; Tom Brooks, a member of the

GPS 1st XI and the CIS 1st XI; and Joe O'Sullivan, a member of the GPS 1st XI. Each of these four players pushed through obstacles and barriers to gain deserved honours through impressive perseverance. Both McElduff and O'Sullivan were, at one stage of their careers, dropped from the Riverview 1st XI. Both McElduff and Brooks spent time recuperating from broken bones. In his first season, Fanning averaged 12 with the bat.

The other nine 1st XI players, however, showed admirable perseverance before they tasted the sweet success of a Premiership. Dan Allsopp and Jack Seymour came back from injuries. Mitch Lumsden was dropped

from the side before the Competition but won his place back in Term 1 this year. Jack Feilen, Jimmy Greenslade, Max Rogers, Alex Sidhu, Henry Kirk and Henry Chapman each had limited opportunities with the bat or ball because of the dominance of Fanning and McElduff. Each persevered manfully and cheerfully at training. Each contributed significantly to the team's triumph.

This 1st XI side showed clearly that a Premiership is built on such individual and team examples of Perseverance.

**JAMES RODGERS, 1ST XI COACH**



## Swimming

Swimming is a sport where many of the boys will complete, on average, four sessions a week all year round over a six year period at Riverview. Many of the Year 12 swimmers have been part of the team for six years, and the perseverance and dedication they have continually demonstrated is a credit to them. Their strong results are testament to their commitment and discipline, and this was evident in their win of the 18 Years medley and freestyles relay at GPS and placing 3rd at CIS and NSW All Schools. Congratulations to the Senior team, wonderful role models for the younger swimmers and the future of the swimming program.

### GPS results:

- / 3rd Place Senior Premiership
- / 2nd Place Intermediate
- / 4th Place Juniors

20 Riverview students were selected in the GPS team that competed at CIS, and each of these boys swam exceptionally well. For NSW All Schools, 10 Riverview students were selected in the CIS team that competed at GPS, and each of these boys represented the school well with some excellent results.

**MICHAEL WEBB,  
MIC SWIMMING**



## Mountain Bike Cycling

Close to 18 months ago, Josh Arcus lay in a Careflight helicopter, being transported from the Thredbo MTB course to Canberra hospital. A talented Downhill rider, he had pushed his bike to the limit, suffering a significant impact leading to weeks in a wheelchair and months of rehab.

Just six months later, having made a rapid return to riding, he again came unstuck in a training accident, spending more time in hospital and more time off the bike. It was in these moments that Josh made his choice. Many would have called it quits, shelving the bike and the passion that came with it, and perhaps rightly so. However, for Josh, this was never an option.

During the following months, his passion was renewed and Josh committed to training with greater focus and determination. At every opportunity, Josh looked to improve, dedicating himself to improved fitness, technique and a taxing race program which took him across the state. And so, with perseverance, passion and determination came reward. Catching up for lost time, he took 7th in the U17s National Downhill Championships and 2nd in the U17s National Downhill Series.

With three different events earmarking the 2018 Australian Interschools' Championships, Josh faced the demons of the Thredbo course. Taking 4th in the Flow Motion and 2nd in his pet event, the Downhill, he needed a Top 5 result to snatch the King of the Mountain prize from his rival. After allowing the #1 seeded XC rider to lead early, Josh worked brilliantly with Tom Moore to control the race and get them both on the podium. Taking 2nd in the XC, he gained enough points on his rivals to take out the major title. A truly family affair, both Josh and brother Oliver were crowned Kings of the Mountain in their age categories, helping lead Riverview to its first Overall Boys Title.

Testament to his courage and perseverance, Josh continues to develop as a talent of the future, currently leading the NSW State Downhill series.

**DAVID POSKER-HILL, MIC MOUNTAIN BIKE CYCLING**



## Tennis

This season's Tennis program consisted of over 115 boys, 24 teams, seven coaches and four age-group coordinators.

The 1st Grade team consisted of mainly Year 12 students who brought a wealth of skills and experience, knowing their opposing schools have very strong tennis programs. They should be pleased with their season, winning 60% of their matches and placing in 4th position. The 2nd Grade side were on the other end of the spectrum being quite young and inexperienced at this level. This should provide our younger players a lot of confidence leading into next season.

The U16s, U15s and U14s all had similar results starting the season off with more losses than wins, but managing to turn things around in Term 1 by winning the majority of their matches. Special mention must be made of Matthew Macken (Year 9) who was undefeated in both his singles and doubles until the final round of the season; and to Kristian Casali (Year 8) who went through his GPS singles matches undefeated.

If there is one team and age group that has improved the most over a short amount of time, that would be the U13s age group, and especially the 13As team. With injury and players still learning to play at a competitive level, they managed to finish their season with one win, two losses and two draws.

**GEOFF TESORIERO,  
TENNIS PROGRAM COORDINATOR**



## From the Province Ministries

# The Cardoner Project

The Cardoner Project harnesses the power of faith and social enterprise to empower the communities it works with and create sustainable and lasting change. For many years, Riverview Old Boys have been involved in a number of projects both in Australia and overseas. Recent graduates Xavier Rickard and Jesse Gray recount their experiences of being involved in the Cardoner Project over the past year.



Xavier Rickard (OR2017) is in Nepal on a Service Year as part of the Cardoner Volunteer Corps with two other Riverview old boys, James Tracey (OR2013) and Aidan Farmer (OR2017).

Aidan, Jimmy and I arrived in Tipling on the 22nd of January after a series of intense Nepali language lessons in Kathmandu. While our Nepali isn't the greatest, the same can't be said of our experiences in Tipling. There are two schools in Tipling: a primary school where Jimmy spends his days and a primary and secondary school where Aidan and I have tried our luck at teaching. We have had plenty of interesting things to do at school, ranging from the annual school day where no amount of food was spared to full paced games of football and chess at lunchtime.

The three of us have been treated exceptionally well by the three Fathers currently in Tipling: Father Tek, Father Arya and Father Arul. Every morning we wake up to stunning views of the Himalayan mountain range and the Tibetan Plateau. We have ventured to surrounding waterfalls and rivers and tested our bodies against the risk of hypothermia, braving the cold of the water for a swim with the local children. We have greatly enjoyed our experiences in Tipling so far and look forward to the rest of our time in Nepal.



Jesse Gray (OR2017) is currently living at Bellarmine House with Charlie Morahan (OR2017), Andrew Du Pont (OR2017), Jackson Twomey (OR2017), Sean Hogan (OR2015), Daniel Nolan (OR2017), Oli Clarke (OR2016) and Ned Lewis (OR2017).

"Truly unique" is how I would describe Bellarmine House, a Jesuit residence for Aloys and Riverview Old Boys located on Broadway, Chippendale. Since moving in in February, I have been fortunate enough to be part of a community that continuously challenges you to be the best you can be. Bellarmine House allows a continuation of the spiritual development fostered at school and offers various opportunities for service with a continued sense of community.

An important component of living in the House is volunteering in the Two Wolves Community Cantina, the social enterprise eatery & bar located below the House. The Bellarmine boys take leadership by supervising other volunteers, holding fundraising events and bringing in friends to share in this community. For me, working in the restaurant has introduced me to other likeminded people who are passionate about social service.

For me, it is the informal, everyday experiences that make the House truly unique: like having a communal living room, always having someone to talk to, philosophy talks on the roof with Fr Braithwaite, weekly horror movie screenings; all these things guarantee strong friendships. Friendships that are life-giving and that have made my short time in the House so rewarding.

## Old Ignatians' Union

# Looking Back and Leaning Forward



Charlie Pidcock, 2018 OIU President

It is a great honour to be the 91st President of the OIU and stand on the shoulders of many others over the last 120 years who have served our members, the College and the broader community.

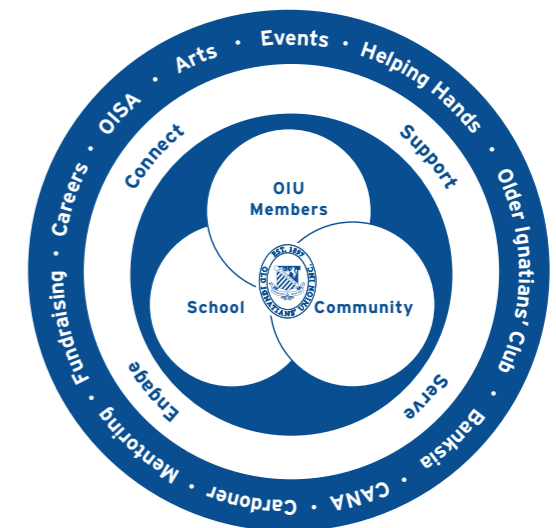
Men like Thomas Kelly, the first OIU President, who wrote in 1894 "... we are Ignatians and we owe a duty to our school and to one another." Additionally, Fr Mac, the namesake of the (in)famous pavilion on First field is said to have "given the OIU the beginning of the unique friendship that Old Boys have towards their College and the OIU". The culture and values instilled by them, Les Kirkpatrick and many many more over the years have given us a wonderful legacy to take forward - we have much to be thankful for.

In preparing for my term as President, over the last few years I have observed our community competing for volunteers, fundraising dollars and time in already busy calendars. Hence, the OIU Executive held a strategic review of all our activities via a number of workshops earlier in the year involving key stakeholders from the OIU, College and Community.

This review confirmed:

**OIU Vision** | "Our Brother's Keeper"

**OIU Mission** | "To engage, connect and support OIU members; to assist the College in the promotion of education and continuing development of a Jesuit way of life; and be true men for others by serving the broader community."



Recently I read a quote by Mahatma Gandhi, who as far as I know wasn't a Jesuit but probably could have been: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

The wonderful work done by so many others over the years will continue; my goal and that of the current Committee is to ensure we leverage the legacy left to us, double down and be spoken of with pride and gratitude for what we left behind for others to build even further upon.

**CHARLIE PIDCOCK, 2018 OIU PRESIDENT**

## Alumni in Focus

# Making a Difference 'From the Ground Up'



**Left** Joseph with members of From the Ground Up and community members from Nepal

**Right** With the Riverview Immersion Group from 2017

Joseph Wehbe (OR2012) is the Director of From the Ground Up, a charity born from a desire to help the community affected by the devastating earthquake in Nepal in 2015. To date, they have developed and restored the local school and health centre in the village of Ghumarchowk, built homes and created employment for those in the area.

### **How did From the Ground Up begin?**

It began with Nick Abraham, who was moved by the disaster in Nepal in 2015. He raised funds, flew over and just started work in a remote village. I joined Nick in late 2015 along with my brother Mitchell (OR2014). For me, it was an opportunity to make good on the promise I'd made when leaving Riverview in 2012 to always make service a part of my life. Nick formalised the organisation in 2016 so I got on board to help establish From the Ground Up in Australia.

Our team has been blown away by the support we've received from friends, family and strangers. Since 2016, many other Riverview boys have rallied around the cause such as Scott McKeon, Paddy Hayes, Josh Grasso, Hugh Raisin and many others through volunteering and fundraising - the positive feedback and support from our peers has been almost overwhelming.

### **What were some of the challenges that arose and how did you overcome them? What kept you going during these times?**

Nick spent two years living in rural Nepal and faced a myriad of logistical, cultural and lifestyle challenges during that time. As a

group, we have all had to balance From the Ground Up with other means of work, study and supporting ourselves, so that all project donations to the organisation go direct to our projects. At times it has been difficult to do the organisation justice whilst balancing it with our busy lifestyles, but because we derive so much joy and fulfillment through our work, we are continuing to grow and enhance our ability to have impact.

### **What have you learned from your experience and what advice would you offer students who might wish to do something similar?**

This experience has highlighted how valuable it is for young people to get involved in work to do with social impact. None of us believed we needed to wait till the back end of our careers to be able to change lives - and the experience with From the Ground Up has helped me grow in maturity, professionalism and in a sense of feeling positive about my impact on the world.

It has also been an important journey to realise that it is not enough to just do something, but that we have to make sure it is done well. So, my advice to young students would be to find what you're passionate about, listen to that voice and not let age be a barrier to getting involved... but also make sure what you're doing to help is genuinely needed by people and not just about making yourself feel good.

**JOSEPH WEHBE,  
DIRECTOR OF FROM THE GROUND UP**

## Professor David Branagan AM (OR1961): A Lucky Life



**Clockwise from top left** David in the front row, far left, as part of the OIU Rugby team; as he is today; as a student in his senior blazer; in the Senior Athletic team

Professor David Branagan AM (OR1951) is one of Australia's foremost geologists whose outstanding contributions to his field and community have led to a raft of honours including, most recently, a Member of the Order of Australia.

As a youth, David Branagan entered Riverview where he excelled in maths, science, cross country and athletics. He remembers his early morning Honours Mathematics classes with Mr Crowley, playing handball on the courts in the 3rd division area, and services in the chapel with Fr Dooley playing the organ and Fr Hehir ("or Fr Mouse as we irreverently called him") trying to get the boys to sing.

After graduating, he attended the University of Sydney where his love for geology was sparked, but he stumbled into his lifelong career by accident. "I had just returned from England and was working as a builder's labourer. I dropped into the university one lunchtime, and as luck would have it, the person who was supposed to take up a research position turned it down." Young David Branagan stepped into the position and has not looked back since.

His sense of gratitude for his career and rewarding life is palpable. The word 'lucky' peppers his conversation. He was lucky his father brought their family from Broken Hill to Sydney, lucky to have gotten the research job at University, lucky to write his guidebook for field geology (which is still in print 50 years later) and lucky to

have been able to travel. However, it's obvious that luck alone does not carve a career like his.

During his long and illustrious career, he taught at the Department of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Sydney for over 30 years, was the founding member of the Geological Society of Australia and foundation editor of its journal *The Australian Geologist*, and has produced over 250 publications. His multiple awards include the Edgeworth David Travelling Scholarship (1972), an Australia-New Zealand Foundation Grant (1978), a Harold White Fellowship and the Royal Society of New South Wales Medal (1998), National Library of Australia Award (1999), a Mellon Fellowship in the University of Oklahoma in (2003) and the Sue Tyler Friedman Medal from the Geological Society of London (2015).

For today's students, his advice is simple: "I recommend that you travel and see everything. I was lucky to be able to work in America and Japan and travel with my family. The opportunities are much better for students today, and the culture of Riverview affords a lot more than we had - more options for music, sports and other things; so take your opportunities where you can. It's a great life."

A great life indeed - a life filled with family, accomplishments and, of course, luck.

**LEANNE GOMEZ**



## 5 Minutes with Elijah Williams (OR2014)



### What are some of the highlights of your career?

My highlights so far would have to be acting in *Wolf Creek* – which was amazing fun, being a body double for Usain Bolt in the Optus ads, filming the AHM ad with Damien Fleming and performing Shakespeare for school kids – it's so inspiring and rewarding. My next project is *The Rolling Stone*, a play about homosexuality in Uganda. I'll be playing the lead character, Denbe, and we have an absolutely incredible cast and awesome producer. I'm just enjoying the journey at the moment – I feel like we've all been blessed with this opportunity in life – it'd be stupid not to enjoy it.

### How did being at Riverview influence your career?

When I first came to Riverview, acting was something I wanted to do but had never had the opportunity. I got involved in a play in Year 7 at Zenith Theatre and I had so much support from the school. There was

a teacher and an Old Boy who would pick me up every day for shows and rehearsals and bring chicken for me – which was my favourite meal. When the show opened, Mr Anthony Reilly and then Mr Shane Hogan (then Principal) came to see it and said I should really consider it as a career.

Getting involved in Drama at school was something that came naturally – the emotions, learning the lines... it's definitely what triggered my love for it. Toward my senior year I was fortunate to have some really good drama teachers – Ms Louise Arnott and Ms Duchamp, Mr Mark Egger, Mr Paul Bevis – who were all very helpful in how they directed and supported me.

### What advice would you offer students today?

Industry-wise, I'd say build a network – acting can be turbulent and you need a network you can rely on. Form your relationships, get an agent, get exposure and see theatre. See a lot of theatre. Branch yourself out – be versatile in your craft and

try to stand out from the pack. Stay true to yourself. Being at Riverview means your morals and values will be really well shaped, so when you get into the industry just be yourself. Finally, you have to persevere. You are going to have setbacks and face obstacles – I've had my fair share, but if I hadn't had these experiences, I wouldn't be as resilient or driven as I am today.

As for this year's graduates, I'd say enjoy your time at Riverview – savour your time and make the best of your opportunities, because when it's over, it's over. The day I received my graduation award I thought – crap this is it, you're on your own now. It felt completely different. But I came to realise later that although I finished my journey at Riverview, I now had a network and a family.

I was blessed with Riverview. I'm really grateful and I'm still connected with the community. A lot of my classmates are following my progress in the industry and they're so supportive – I feel so much love it's unbelievable.

## HELP! SEEKING: DESCENDANTS OF OLD IGNATIANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE BOER WAR (1899-1902)

I'm looking to write a book on the 18 Old Ignatians who fought in the Boer War. If you think you are descended from any of the eight men listed or if you know anything about them, I'd appreciate your help. They are the ones I've found it difficult to trace:

Godfrey Clement Austin	1891-96
Charles Guidera Cripps	1883-86
John Rennie Davidson	1884-92
Thomas Henry Canice Dillon	1893-96
Joseph Ligour Flemming	1881
Thomas Sydney Moore	1880-81
Michael Joseph (Joe) O'Brien	1889-94
Francis William Rudd	1883-84

If you can help, I'd be most grateful.

Please email me at [jfrodgers@riverview.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jfrodgers@riverview.nsw.edu.au)

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

## Varun George (OR2016) Receives Bradman Scholarship

Congratulations Varun George (OR2016), recipient of the prestigious 2018 Bradman Scholarship for Australian university undergraduates. First awarded 28 years ago, the Bradman Scholarship criteria includes: "students who have good character and leadership qualities, a strong record of sporting and academic accomplishments... and who hold an appreciation of cricket and its history. In addition, they must demonstrate the character values which Sir Donald Bradman espoused in both word and deed."

Currently studying for a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Sydney, Varun plays 1st Grade Hockey

for the University and also just finished another successful season with the Mosman Cricket Club in 1st and 2nd Grades, where he scored almost 600 runs during 2018-19.

Varun writes, "I want to thank you and the whole of the Riverview community for my experience as a student, one which developed in me the qualities espoused by the Bradman Foundation – integrity, well-roundedness and an awareness of the importance of... those who came before us."

He truly deserves this significant and proud honour.

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



**Photo** Varun with former Prime Minister and Bradman Foundation Patron, Mr John Howard, and Chairman, Mr Maurice Newman

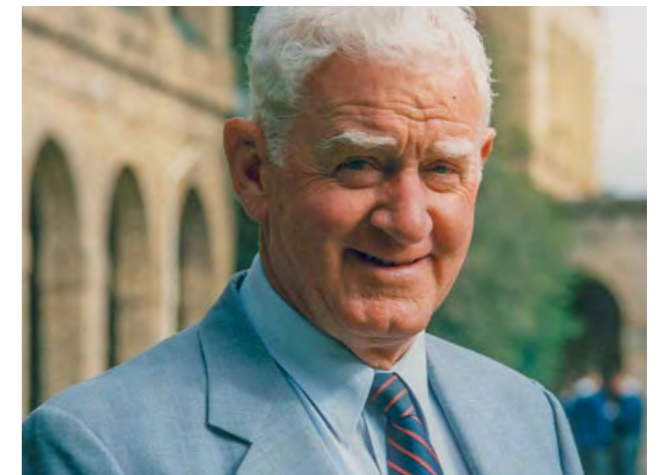
## Les Kirkpatrick

In May this year, the College honoured the legendary Les Kirkpatrick with the announcement of an award in his honour. The Les Kirkpatrick Award for the Spirit of Rugby in the 1st XV is now the link between Riverview's glorious past and Riverview's bright future.

Les was both the longest serving and greatest coach here. Alan Jones, who coached the King's side in the early 1970s, still regards Les as one of the greats against whom he coached because he was more than just a coach: he's an enricher and a consummate story teller whose stories touched our hearts and moved countless thousands of boys over the years. Les worked in numbers all his teaching life of 60 years, most often teaching Mathematics. But Les himself can't be reduced to numbers or statistics – even though they're pretty good numbers all the same. 15 seasons as 1st XV coach. 238 games 3 premierships, 4 runners up. 45 years of faithful service here. Les inspired respect, love and admiration – all of which spawned the affectionate names he is known by: Les, Kirky, Kirk, THE Kirk.

Les, your influence will live on in all of us, in the thousands of boys who've become young men and then the much older ones of us who've come to revere you and to aspire to the highest standards that you've always set. We've been blessed to have shared so much of your life. The players who are to be given the The Les Kirkpatrick Award for the Spirit of Rugby through the years will feel gratitude and pride that their names are to be linked with one of the greatest... Les Kirkpatrick.

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



**Above** Les with the Premiership team of 1975  
**Below** The legendary and much loved Les Kirkpatrick

Generations

# 125 Years of Oxenham's at Riverview



**Clockwise from left** Alan Oxenham (OR1918); John (OR1992) and Alan (OR1983); Paul (OR1985), Mark (OR1988) and William (OR1998); Gordon Oxenham (OR1909) and Alan (OR1953)

When Douglas Oxenham of Year 12 read the story of his great great uncle, Gordon Oxenham, at this year's College commemoration of Anzac Day, it was to recall that Gordon Oxenham was killed while flying his aircraft during the Great War, 100 years ago in June this year. We were honoured to have 25 of the Oxenham family here to mark the occasion. It is also 125 years since the first of the Oxenham family started at Riverview.

As with any family, the lines of relationship get tangled but here is the best I can do (with much credit to Dr Alan Oxenham) with a family that deserves to be conferred with Riverview Royalty. The generations are worthy of Old Testament status!

Humphrey Oxenham (1854-1923) and Elizabeth (nee Wakfer) Oxenham had five sons who went to Riverview. The five sons are the first generation of the Riverview Oxenham's and the following are the connections of all the surnamed Oxenham's who have been to Riverview since 1893. Humphrey and Elizabeth were the parents of Humphrey (OR1901) who first came to Riverview in 1893, Norman (OR1902), Douglas (OR1908), Gordon (OR1909) and Alan (OR1918).

Humphrey (OR1901) was the father of Gordon (OR1936). Gordon (OR1936) was the father of Gordon (OR1959), John (OR1962) and Michael (OR1967). Douglas (OR1908) was the father of Brian (OR1935). Brian (OR1935) was the father of Shane (OR1970) and Kim (OR1974). Shane (OR1970) is the father of Kim (OR2002), Simon (OR2004) and Oliver (OR2007).

Alan (OR1918) was the father of Alan (OR1953). Alan (OR1953) is the father of Alan (OR1983), Paul (OR1985), Mark (OR1988), John (OR1992) and William (OR1998). Mark (OR1988) is the father of Doug (Year 12). Paul (OR1985) is the father of Gus (Year 8).

And... Hugo Pringle, currently in Year 8, is the great great grandson of Douglas Oxenham (OR1908), the fifth generation at Riverview.

In addition, the Oxenham's are related by marriage to the following Riverview families: Bolger, Lynch, Ovens, Payten, Cahill, Brennan, Young Carter and Delaney.

It's a prolific and greatly loyal Riverview family.

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

Riverview Boarding Roadshow

# A Toast to the College



**Left** Adrian with parents from Berry **Right** The Mason family who hosted us in Bathurst

*This year I've had the privilege of meeting with families in different parts of country NSW as part of the Riverview Boarding Roadshow. From Dubbo to Canberra, Hunter to Griffith, we've been presenting the Excellence in Education seminars, chatting with families and dining with old friends and community members. One of the joys we have on this trip is sharing with and hearing from those in our extended Riverview community, and on a recent visit to Narromine, past parent Sarah Weston gave a toast to the College which I'd like to share below. It is a moving, truthful testament to the type of Ignatian education offered at the College.*

I am truly blessed to be able to claim an association with the College. I am married to an Old Boy, Paul, a wonderful man from the class of 1984, and I am mother to four relatively new Old Boys – our beautiful sons – Tom from the class of 2011, John 2012, Pat 2014 and Henry 2016. Paul's father, Peter, was also a member of the Riverview alumni, having attended the College during the 1950s.

All the men in our family were boarders at the College for the entirety of their high school years. Whilst there are always a few challenges with living away from home at such a young age, they would all

say, without hesitation, that they loved their time at Riverview, and that they were grateful to be given the opportunities an Ignatian education afforded them.

For years now, family meal times in our home have been punctuated by memories of Riverview, but in reflecting on my family's time with the College, I have decided to just mention a few things that have both moved me, and made me smile over the years.

The moving image of the Rector washing the feet of students during a Holy Week liturgy – humility and servanthood.

The blue and white crowd heartily applauding a student from another school when he finished a distance race at the GPS Athletics, miles behind anyone – understanding and empathy.

The images of our sons and their teachers and friends cradling in their arms poor Cambodian children, whose smiling faces did not tell the truth of their daily struggles – faith in action, service for others.

Hearing our sons say that the Ignatian Children's Holiday Camp, where they cared for severely handicapped children, was a highlight of their six years at Riverview

– seeking the magis, finding God in all things.

The palpable excitement at the prospect of another school reunion 35 years on – a celebration of an Ignatian education and friendships forged for life.

I could go on.

We are all well aware that Riverview is an exceptional educational institution giving every opportunity to its students to learn, to lead, to play sport, to debate, sing and perform – to truly achieve their best in both curricular and co-curricular areas. But it is the core values of faith, concern for fellow brothers and sisters, courage and service for others that have made and continue to make this school special. They lie at the heart of an Ignatian education. They are what make good men better and they are what bring the Riverview family together.

I am so very fortunate to say that the best men in my life have benefited from a Riverview education.

(Mrs Sarah Weston)

**ADRIAN BYRNE,  
DIRECTOR OF BOARDING**

## Bursary Story

# Alex Jalloh (OR2013): A Life of Friendships, Faith and Fitness

**"Riverview has done a lot for me and my family... I'm thankful they gave me an education, a second chance and an opportunity to see my mum. In my heart there will always be a place for Riverview."**



**Left** Alex in front of Dalton Chapel, a place of many memories **Right** In his element, motivating people to fitness

Alex remembers fleeing Sierra Leone, the country of his birth, with his twin brother Andrew. Their mother organised their refugee visas to Australia where the boys were settled with their uncle. They were enrolled at Belmore North Public School where they excelled at sports, but within months of their arrival, tragedy struck. Andy was diagnosed with cancer. Alex says, "At the hospital I was laughing and excited, then when I saw them taking him for an operation, I lost it. I started thinking then, 'Is he going to die?' We were still eight years old."

After the operation, Andy continued to play sports – fearless. "I was always on edge. I always made sure to stay with him to block for him – wherever he went, I went." And in Year 7, to Riverview they both went.

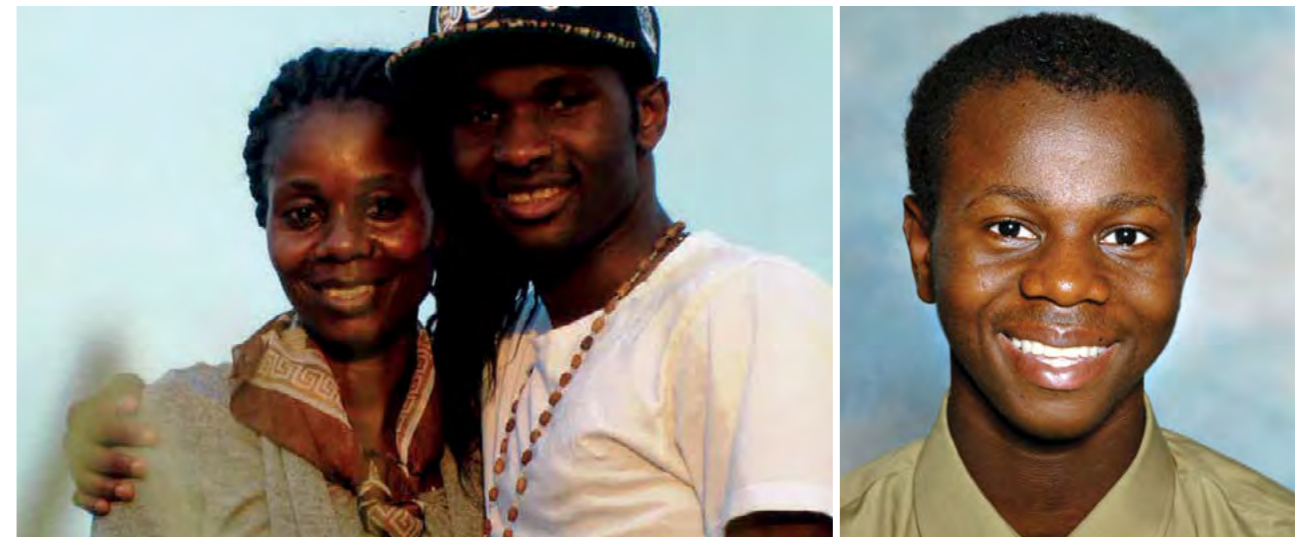
A few months after they'd started at the College, "Andy's cancer started to get bad. In one of our AFL games, I actually thought he'd died on the pitch. I was sitting on the bench and ran across

the field in a split second. Andy was winded but I thought we'd lost him then and there. He just got back up and played the whole game. Everything he did, he did fully. He knew he was going to leave soon."

Shortly after, during a cold September, Andy went back to hospital. Alex remembers crying by his bedside during a visit. When he left, Andy called him on his phone and Alex confidently told him, "I'll see you in the morning." But it was not to be.

Andy passed away that night. When Alex was told the news, his first reaction was to laugh. How could that be? They'd just left him hours ago. Yet when he got ready to go back to the hospital, he says, "I was going down the stairs. My feet never felt so heavy in my life. I couldn't even pick up my foot, it was so heavy. I crumpled and sat down on the stairs. I couldn't move my feet."

They were just 13 years old.



**Left** Alex and his mother in 2013 **Right** Alex's twin brother Andy in 2008

"I told myself he was on a long holiday – I say that sometimes to this day. But it was real. One day I left the boarding house and went to his grave. I was angry. I started thinking maybe school wasn't for me anymore. There was no point. But I convinced myself to toughen up and move forward.

"I became a big AFL player after he died. I play to this day. I made stateside team and every time I played I wrote TIFA on my arm: 'This is for Andy'. If I'm tired, if I'm struggling, if I feel like I can't do it, I'd look at it and get my energy back. He never gave up – he didn't stop playing until he was gone."

By Alex's last year at Riverview, every boy on the team was writing TIFA on their arms – a mark not just of solidarity, but of the impact that Andy had made in his short time at the College. "In that process, in that moment, the school was there. They were there when I needed someone to listen – different teachers, students and all the older boys as well. And the boarding boys – we were like brothers – they were really there for me, they always made sure I was okay, which is something I'll never forget."

One of Alex's strongest memories is the Borroloolua immersion to visit the Indigenous community in Year 11. "I was really touched meeting kids on the streets – I could relate to them because I had been

on the street too. I found who I was meant to be as a person on this immersion. I found the Ignatian in me."

Alex achieved well academically at College but excelled particularly in sports. In Year 12, he achieved his dream of becoming GPS Athletics Captain. He was an incredible role model to the younger boys, and his notes of encouragement to the Year 7s became something of legend at the College. In his final year, he had one last surprise to come: "The College organised for me to see my mum. I hadn't seen her for 10 years. Matron Leanne Neal planned it all and Mr Anthony Reilly gave us a home to stay in while she was here. At the time I was in Year 12 and doing my HSC, but nothing was going to stop me seeing her.

"Riverview has done a lot for me and my family. It's something I'm really grateful for. I'm thankful because they gave me an education, a second chance and an opportunity to see my mum. In my heart there will always be a place for Riverview."

After graduating, Alex returned to the College to coach the GPS Athletics team, a basketball team and rugby team. He was also head coach for the cross country boys at Regis. No surprise, then, that he has gone on to become a personal trainer – something he aspired to from the time he learnt about this occupation in Year 7 PDHPE. After working at Fitness First for

four years, he is now looking to build his own business.

"Just being a personal trainer is not enough. I want to do something and have something of my own – something with my name on it. I'll be starting at Orange Theory Fitness this year, and my goal is to have my own gym or studio by 2025."

To current students of the College, Alex's advice is simple: "Anything is possible. If you put your mind to it, if you give it your all, you can do anything. Everyone has a destiny. You may not find your destiny or who you are straight away – it takes a long time. But have a goal, start small, then just hit it. Keep your mind clear.

"Friendship is key. The friends you make at school – they actually will be there for you afterwards too. There are some boys who were there for me who I swear I never even knew their name, but they were ready to take me into their home to feed me. The school teaches us to be brothers. Build friendships. I can't wait for our five-year reunion to see everyone again."

We wish Alex the best for his business, his future and his family; and we fully expect to publish part two of his profile in 2025, with a picture of him in front of his own gym with his name emblazoned across the front.

**LEANNE GOMEZ**

# Creating a Connected, Inclusive Community



Left and top right City/Country Mothers' Luncheon Bottom right Project Futures Morning Tea

As we are almost at the halfway point for 2018, it's worth reflecting on how lucky we are to have such a generous parent community. I'm always in awe of the number of volunteers who contribute so generously and work tirelessly to ensure a thriving Riverview P&F community. In particular, I would like to acknowledge our day and boarder parent Year Coordinators who are often the face of the P&F for their respective year groups. The number of activities they organise and are involved in are numerous - from supporting our Friday Mass and rallying the troops for winter canteen to reaching out to new families and those in need; not to mention orchestrating social events throughout the year for our diverse parent community. So much goes on behind the scenes in these roles as they support our P&F mission of 'Building a Connected, Inclusive Community' in such a tangible way.

Term 1 is always a busy time for the P&F. We gathered as a community for the Welcome Mass and morning tea, which is a wonderful way to kick off the year and help our new parents feel officially part of the Riverview family. The Social and Information evenings give parents the chance to reconnect, and this year we joined forces with the OIU to feed the masses at the Gold Cup Regatta. On the last day of term, we held our annual Charity event,

raising just shy of \$9000 for Project Futures to support their work in ending human trafficking and slavery. Such a fantastic result!

In Term 2, we held our annual City Country Mothers' Luncheon in Ramsay Hall where 326 mums gathered to celebrate our diversity and friendship. As is tradition with this event, each year we invite a boarder mum and city mum to give a reflection. I'd like to share with you excerpts from these powerful speeches which will give you a taste of the journey of Riverview parents.

First, Kim Whiteley, a proud Aboriginal woman and mum from Geurie NSW:

*Here I stand, mother of three gorgeous Riverview boys. A mother very grateful that my sons, Indigenous kids, have experienced belief, life and wisdom here at Riverview.*

*Mitch, our eldest son, finished his schooling at Riverview after six years of boarding in 2012. He was a Proctor and House Captain, played 1sts water polo and 1st XV's rugby for three years; he was Rugby Captain, Captain of View's 1st XV and Captain of the Australian schoolboy rugby team. Great accomplishments? Well, possibly. But Mitch reckons it's simply the influence of relationships and belonging; an upshot he says, of living and learning with mates just having fun and having a hard go at everything.*



Left P&F Welcome Mass Right Serving at the Gold Cup Regatta

*Our second son Linc was one year under Mitch and a student unable to reach benchmarks in his primary years. "Don't worry," Mitch said, in his first year at View, "Linc will get the help he needs. Trust me, Mum, his brain will work better because that's what happens when we're here together with our mates at Riverview."*

*And there was truth in that advice. How proud we were when Linc was awarded several prizes for his efforts at his first College Speech Day, and academically by Year 12, 1st place in one of his subjects too. Also a boarder for six years, he too was a Proctor and House Captain; he held GPS and National swimming records, played 1sts water polo and 1sts XV's Rugby. Not too bad, but again, simply a reflection of education fused with shared life experience. Brilliant opportunities, created not from academic excellence but friendship and concern for the other.*

*And that leaves our Olli, our youngest of three, who has found his own way here at Riverview. Our Oll has become his own self, not a shadow of his big brothers. Our baby, a House Captain and Proctor - yes that's three of them - a kind young man, a true selfless boy for others like no other he's seen in his time at View, his Year 9 Boarding Master once told us.*

*Well... you bet we're proud. Absolutely bloody proud and eternally very grateful for the wonderful broad window of quality education, shared experiences and tremendous opportunities enriched by a genuine concern for the other. This will impact the lives of my boys forever - just as surely as it will serve to enrich the lives of all Aboriginal boys at Riverview.*

Second, the words of Gabrielle Hope-Allen, mum of one of Riverview's most loved students, Kit Wennerbom:

*We were nervous, just like many of you were six years ago, waving goodbye to your boys at the front gates. But in Year 7, two incidents confirmed to us that this was the right place for Kit. First, he was given the nickname 'K-bom' by Mr Baxter. He loves this moniker so much all the family has to call him K-bom and if we don't, he reminds us he was formerly known as Kit.*

*The second moment was after I dropped Kit at the school ferry one morning. He had his school bag, computer, sports bag and excursion material. I asked him how he was going to carry it all up the hill to Riverview. He responded, "Zac will carry it!" "Kit you need to learn to do things for yourself." I replied. Kit's response: "Mum, Zac is a man for others!"*

*Despite Kit's lack of ability, he was always included in a team. A team is all that Kit wanted... a sense of belonging. Once, the boys even substituted Kit as a chess piece in a grand masters' lunchtime game. On another occasion, a boy put Kit on his shoulders and swam a lap of the pool in the intra school competition while onlookers chanted his name.*

*Inclusion, despite a lack of talent, is a powerful medium.*

The shared experience of Riverview parents is that our faith in the school has been proven many times over and its mantra of *cura personalis* is not simply a catchphrase. The environment of inclusion and support is one we can all be proud of, as it is created by our sons - our young men who are being equipped to impact the world around them.

**VIRGINIA THOMPSON, 2018 P&F PRESIDENT**

## Past Parents' Association

# A Caring Community of Past Parents



**Clockwise from left** President of the Past Parents' Association, Anne Dalton; a variety of images from the Annual Bursary Card Day

Lots to tell you this time! We opened our year with the Annual Mass and Light Luncheon on 26 February. Fr Joe Dooley SJ, the new Senior School Chaplain, celebrated Mass and many people were delighted to meet up with him again as he taught many of our sons whilst he was at Riverview in past years. This occasion was well attended and following the Luncheon, the PPA was pleased to give Fr Dooley our cheque for \$8,000 towards the Day Boy Bursary Fund, being money raised during 2017 after expenses. During 2017, the PPA again collected and donated over 750 pairs of new work socks towards the parcels given to the men of the Matthew Talbot Hostel in Woolloomooloo and city parks at Christmas time.

Next followed the Annual Bursary Card Day held in the Memorial Hall on 18 April. This is always a 'big' day in so many respects, with over 100 card players attending and a delicious luncheon prepared and served by the PPA Committee. We are indebted to Mark White and the College Facilities team, in particular Heather Mitchell, for her

assistance in setting up the Memorial Hall, designing graphics for table numbers, signs for parking and for 'being there' for us.

Our final function for 2018 is the Annual Spring Luncheon to be held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 in Cova Cottage. We are delighted to announce that Ellen Fanning has accepted our invitation to be Guest Speaker on this occasion. Ellen is, of course, well known as an award-winning current affairs journalist on ABC TV (The Drum) and Radio. Her career spans time as the ABC's Washington correspondent, reporting for the Nine Network's 60 Minutes and Sunday programs, as a columnist on The Bulletin magazine and so much more. Ellen has two sons at Riverview. Details regarding the Spring Luncheon will be sent out in due course, but please do mark this date in your diary, as Cova Cottage holds a maximum of 90 guests.

The Past Parents' Association was formed some 35 years ago to continue friendships we made as parents whilst our sons

were at Riverview. We are always seeking past parents who would like to join the Association to catch up with old friends and to attend our Mass and functions. A new Riverview email address has been introduced: [ppapresident@riverview.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ppapresident@riverview.nsw.edu.au). If you would like to join the PPA, please email us with your name, postal/residential and email address, telephone numbers plus names and years your son(s) attended Riverview. Instead of mailing, we will be moving towards emailing you regarding PPA Mass and Functions. Whilst we already hold a number of email addresses, we would be pleased to have confirmation as we commence formatting our list. If you don't have an email address, of course we will continue to post you our flyers and invitations. Be assured that no information would ever be released from our PPA list without your express permission. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm wishes to everyone.

**ANNE DALTON, PPA PRESIDENT**

## For the Diary

# Upcoming Events and Reunions

DETAILS	LOCATION	DATE
Riverview in Moree	Royal Hotel, 54 Heber St, Moree	27 July 2018
Riverview in Walgett & Lightning Ridge	TBA	29 July 2018
Riverview at Agquip Gunnedah	TBA	21-23 August 2018
Riverview in London	The Keepers House, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London	4 October 2018
Riverview in New York	Water Office, 40 Worth Street, Suite 330, New York	12 October 2018

More details at [riverview.nsw.edu.au/community/](http://riverview.nsw.edu.au/community/)

Enquiries to **Christine Zimbulis** [czimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au](mailto:czimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au) or **02 9882 8595**

## Upcoming Reunions Please visit [oiu.org.au](http://oiu.org.au) for more details

Class of 1955 - 1958 Reunion 19 October 2018	Class of 1978 40 Year Reunion 17 August 2018	Class of 1998 20 Year Reunion 18 August 2018
Class of 1958 60 Year Reunion TBA	Class of 1983 35 Year Reunion 18 August 2018	Class of 2003 15 Year Reunion 18 August 2018
Class of 1963 55 Year Reunion 5 October 2018	Class of 1988 30 Year reunion 25 August 2018	Class of 2008 10 Year Reunion 18 August 2018
Class of 1973 45 Year Reunion 18 August 2018	Class of 1993 25 Year Reunion 17 August 2018	

## Other Events Please visit [oiu.org.au](http://oiu.org.au) for more details

Loyola Lunch 25 October 2018	OIU vs SJCOBU Gof Day 12 September 2018	OIU AGM 22 November 2018	Older Ignatians' Club lunch 27 July 2018
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### AUSTRALIAN HONOURS

We warmly congratulate members of our Riverview community who were the well-deserved recipients of Australian Honours this year:

- / Sister Mary d'Apice, RSCJ AM
- / Assoc Prof David Francis Branagan, AM (OR1946)

- / Dr Bernard Curran, AM (Past parent)
- / Mrs Marlene Jones, OAM (Teacher 1983-1993)
- / Mr Richard Laurence Lennon AM, CSC (ACT) (OR1981)
- / Professor Richard Madden AM (OR1962)
- / John (Jock) Murray, AO (Past parent)

- / Ms Janine Gail O'Brien, AO (Past Parent)
- / Mr Paul John Robertson, AO (Past Chair College Council)
- / Dr Mark Turkington, OAM (Past parent)
- / And to Professor Greg Craven AO, GCSG (Past parent) for last year's honour.

# Transitions 2017/2018

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF SEMESTER 1, 2018

<b>Luca Asmonti</b>	Teacher - Languages	<b>Kimberley Romeo</b>	Teacher - History
<b>India Boyton</b>	Regis Laboratory Technician	<b>Jane Rorke</b>	Mackillop Assistant Head of House
<b>Timothy Byrne</b>	Teacher - English	<b>Duncan Ruddock</b>	ICT Client Services Officer
<b>Sophie Callaghan</b>	Marketing & Campaign Manager	<b>Maximilian Russell</b>	Facilities Assistant
<b>Michael Curtin</b>	Audio Visual Manager	<b>Claire Smith</b>	Child Protection Officer
<b>Kimberley Davey</b>	Teacher - Science	<b>Josephine Somers</b>	Teacher - Science
<b>Emmanuel Dela Cruz</b>	Teacher - Religious Education	<b>Jude Southon</b>	Administrative Assistant - Ignatian Centre
<b>Natasha Evans</b>	Stage 3 Classroom Teacher	<b>Chloe Stevenson</b>	ICT Fleet Service Coordinator
<b>Jennifer Jackson</b>	Teacher - English	<b>Bettina Tong</b>	Assistant to the Registrar
<b>Sandra Kelly</b>	Teacher - Languages	<b>Peter Watters</b>	Head of Faculty - Music
<b>Joannah Kennedy</b>	Teacher - Science	<b>Adam White</b>	Property Manager
<b>Dominique Marturia</b>	Retreat Coordinator	<b>Bin Zhang</b>	Teacher - Chinese
<b>Rowan Nas</b>	Teacher - TAS		

## FAREWELL & THANKS

<b>Timothy Abbott</b>	ICT Web Services Officer / Client Services Officer	2017-2018
<b>Joann Boyd</b>	Laundry Attendant	2016-2018
<b>Daniel Bradford</b>	Mackillop Head of House	2014-2018
<b>Michelle Bull</b>	Laboratory Technician - Regis	2017-2018
<b>Julia Diebold</b>	Administrative Assistant - Ignatian Centre	2016-2018
<b>Wesley Dunne</b>	Sportsmaster	2013-2018
<b>Adrian Hodda</b>	Audio Visual Manager	2016-2018
<b>Ashleigh Kingston</b>	Marketing & Communications Manager	2015-2018
<b>Troy Martin</b>	Sports Centre Support	2016-2018
<b>Anthony Horth</b>	Teacher - TAS	2017-2018
<b>David Norris</b>	Teacher - English	2011-2018
<b>Rory Piper</b>	ICT Fleet Service Coordinator	2012-2018
<b>Stephanie Sarka</b>	Assistant to the Registrar & Finance	2010-2018
<b>Melissa Tsang</b>	Assistant Accountant	2016-2018

## HEADS OF HOUSE

House	Head of House	Assistant Head of House
<b>Campion</b>	Paul Achmar	Anthony Cook
<b>Cheshire</b>	Sean Bowmaker	Vanessa Petersen
<b>Chisholm</b>	Peter Wakeling	Rhian Lovell
<b>Claver</b>	Denyse Gibbs	Jeff Myles
<b>Dalton</b>	Erin Johnson	David Wales
<b>Fernando</b>	Helen Haxby	Rosie McKay
<b>Gonzaga</b>	Peter McNamara	Mark Story
<b>MacKillop</b>	Tim Lee	Jane Rorke
<b>More</b>	Dane Inman	Dale Clarke
<b>Owen</b>	Jeremy Bennett	Kobe Perdriau
<b>Ricci</b>	Bill Dowers	Joshua Allen
<b>Romero</b>	Tom Bourne	Kathy Mullan
<b>Smith</b>	Maria Skouras	Marty Collins
<b>Southwell</b>	Damien Reidy	Andrew Cheney
<b>Teresa</b>	Natalie Baines	Trent McAllan
<b>Xavier</b>	Rob Stuart	Brian Piper

## P&F EXECUTIVE TEAM 2017

Name	Position
<b>Virginia Thompson</b>	President
<b>Jacqui Hayes</b>	Vice president
<b>Helen Harris</b>	Executive Year Coordinator
<b>Geraldine Magarey</b>	Secretary
<b>Justine Makeham</b>	Boarder Parent Association (BPA) Convenor
<b>Janey Anderson</b>	BPA Secretary
<b>Carla Bolzan-Criola</b>	Treasurer
<b>David Wright</b>	Vice Treasurer
<b>Hera McCaffrey</b>	Executive member - Communications
<b>Mel D'Sousa</b>	Executive member
<b>Karen Henry</b>	Executive member
<b>Danielle Pringle</b>	Executive member
<b>Ann Prosser</b>	Executive member
<b>Penny Whiteing</b>	Executive member

## Requiescant in Pace

Dominic Allen (OR1997) Died 17 December 2017	Robert John Dee Egan (OR1948) Died on 25 February 2018	Matthew McIver (OR1941) Died January 2018
Dr John Bernard Baggott (OR1953) Died 20 December 2017	James Geikie (OR1969) Died May 2018	Edward Thomas (Ted) Meagher (OR1949) Died 3 March 2018
Chris Brennan (OR1963) Died 12 April 2018	Ross Edmund Glover (OR 1948) Died 1 May 2018	Malu Nona (OR2017) Died 26 May 2018
Ross Clifton (OR1947) Died 21 February 2018	Gregory Guest (OR1951) Died 30 November 2017	Bryan Parle (OR1946) Died 11 June 2018
Nathan Conaghan (OR2005) Died 28 April 2018	Timothy Joyce (OR1993) Died 17 June 2018	Patrick Rodgers (OR2011) Died 25 December 2017
Tom Cullen OAM (OR1967) Died 9 February 2018	David Leslie (OR1957) Richard Lucchese (OR1983) Died 3 December 2017	William (Bill) Ryan (OR1948) Died 19 November 2017
Geoffrey Dominic Darmody (OR1961) Died 12 April 2018	Brian Ludeke (OR1967) Died 7 January 2018	Brian Anthony Scriven (OR1949) Died 9 July 2017
Stephen David Davidson (OR1968) Died 26 May 2017	Nicholas McCaffery (OR1972) Died 23 December 2017	Judge Robert (Bob) Toner SC (OR1969) Died 3 February 2018
Leslie Anthony (Tony) Donelan (OR1961) Died 31 January 2018	William Terence Chisholm (Bill) McDermott (OR1945) Died 6 October 2017	Vincent Walsh (OR1943) Died 18 March 2018
Peter Donkersley (OR2014) Died 31 February 2018		Christopher Guy Lawrence Wilson (OR1972) Died June 2018



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