



Saint Ignatius' College  
RIVERVIEW

# Ignatian

DECEMBER 2019 EDITION | VOL 32





**Saint Ignatius' College**  
RIVERVIEW

**EDITORIAL STAFF**

**Editor**

Leanne Gomez

**Design and Layout**

Danielle Fairhurst

**Administration**

Janelle Handley

**Alumni Relations**

Christine Zimbalis

James Rodgers

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Please forward to**

advancement@riverview.nsw.edu.au

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview

Tambourine Bay Road,

LANE COVE, NSW 2066

**ON THE COVER**



On 28 September, 12 students embarked on a language tour of Italy, soaking in its culture and rich history. Whilst there, they travelled to the Rooms of Saint Ignatius in Rome, where the front cover photo was taken. St Ignatius lived and worked in these quarters for almost 20 years as the first Superior General of the Jesuits.

*"We learned lots of culture and history... This trip gave us valuable skills and improved our Italian and Latin... it was a once in a lifetime experience"*

(Michael Opoyan, Year 9)



The paper in this magazine is made in Australia with PEFC environmental accreditation. The paper manufacturer has been independently certified in accordance with the rules of the Forest Stewardship Council. Printed on FSC® certified paper.

# Pilgrimage

In the Christian faith, a pilgrimage is a significant journey undertaken by a seeker of God, and often results in an inner transformation. This concept is often used as a metaphor for one's spiritual journey in life, but it is also an apt description of a student's passage here at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview.

The boys arrive young, fresh-faced and open to the formative experience at the College. Through their years they learn new ideas, grapple with difficult concepts, experience hardship, overcome challenges and discover their passions, talents and unknown depths. By the time they graduate, if we, as a College, have done our job well, they will leave transformed, having learned to seek God in all things and being, in the truest Ignatian sense, "a man for others".

This edition of the *Ignatian* charts a map to some part of this journey. The service program which begins in Regis (page 11) takes them through the senior school, combined with Immersions (page 18) and retreats (page 21), to encourage and engage a community-minded life of service. Sown early, these seeds become evident in a flourishing life of generosity and spiritual fulfilment, as seen in the lives of our alumni (pages 34-36).

Riverview is only one leg of their journey, but it is an important one.

In September of this year, Pope Francis reflected on a recent Apostolic Journey: "I thank God who has allowed me to complete this journey as a pilgrim of peace and hope."

The pilgrim is not simply a seeker who is shaped by the world they inhabit. Indeed, they can shape and influence the world around them, imparting to others those qualities which they have been given or discovered within themselves.

Almost from the time our students arrive at Riverview, the College is preparing them to leave - filling their packs with the equipment they'll need to successfully chart their path ahead. But instead of windbreakers and harnesses, they are equipped with a deeper understanding of the world around them, a strong sense of justice, and extra reserves of kindness and compassion to impart to a world that sorely needs it.

I hope that you see such young men in the pages of this *Ignatian* - still fledgling pilgrims, perhaps, but aren't we all? No matter where in our journeys we may be, we can rely on the promise of the One whose face we seek at the end of our travails:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."

(Proverbs 3:5-6).

**LEANNE GOMEZ, EDITOR**

## Contents

# December 2019



**FROM THE RECTOR**

*Pilgrim People*

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

*Pilgrimage*

**FROM THE COUNCIL**

*Vale John Wilcox*

**IGNATIAN CENTRE**

*Engaging with the Story of St Ignatius*

**BURSARY STORY**

*Jack Neville Farhat (Year 10)*

**REGIS NEWS**

*In Canberra | Fathers' Day Mass | Cana Farm Service | Regis Music Concert | From the Library | Grandparents' Day*

**VALETE**

*Major Awards | Valete Speech by Captain Louis Callanan*

4

**SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

*New College leaders | Student motto: One Foot Raised | Timor Immersion | Community | Clongowes Wood Exchange | Claver House Choose to Reuse | View from the Farm | Canteen for Cambodia | Pilgrimage in Retreats*

**PERFORMING ARTS**

*2019 Music & Drama USA Tour*

**SPORT & CO-CURRICULAR**

*GPS Athletics | Cross Country | Basketball | Football | Snowsports | AFL | Rugby | Winter Tennis | Volleyball | Sports in Community*

**FROM THE BOARDING COMMUNITY**

*Drought Tour | Boarding Roadshow 2020*

**FROM THE OIU**

*OIU President, Charlie Pidcock*

14

16

**ALUMNI IN FOCUS**

*Aidan Marley (OR2018) | Paul Trainor AO (OR1941) | Tom O'Brien (OR2013) | OIC Welcomes Tony Abbott (OR1975) | Dr Bryen MacMahon (OR1944)*

**GENERATIONS**

*The Lenehans*

**ARCHIVES**

*The Diary of Charles Donnelly*

**PARENTS & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION**

*The Privilege of Pilgrimage*

**PROVINCE MINISTRIES**

*A Journey of Solidarity*

**WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS**

**TRANSITIONS & RIP**

34

38

39

40

41

42

43

From the Rector

# Pilgrim People



**“To live is to change.  
To be perfect is to  
have changed often.”**

**JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

The Second Vatican Council affirmed the idea of a Church as a pilgrim people. Every one of us is on a journey from our source in God back to God. What happens in between is what we call ‘life’.

One element of being a pilgrim for life is that you never actually arrive. You never cross a finish line or permanently arrive at a fixed location; there is always another place to see, explore, and be grateful for on that journey. The real wonder is what happens with and to us while we’re on the way. This journey is often challenging, occasionally really awful, and never, even when we’re headed someplace we want to explore, easy.

If there are great challenges to being a pilgrim, there are also great benefits as well. And for members of the Saint Ignatius’ College Riverview community, we know one of those benefits: not travelling alone. If you’ve ever been a pilgrim on a spiritual journey, you know that the people you meet, all on their own pilgrimage, become a vital part of your own. They support and encourage you when you don’t feel like you can take the next step. They provide unexpected, but critical, encouragement, often when it is

most needed. Even when they didn’t know that was what was needed.

Pilgrims helping other pilgrims. Supporting and encouraging one another, carrying each other when one of us needs to be carried, bearing the load for someone else when we are strong and they are weak. This is the heart of pilgrimage. It is about the change that occurs when we are travelling, not about arriving at a particular destination. The learning, the growth of soul and self, are the journey itself, not the destination. And as long as we keep searching, we’ll find good companions for the road of this life. And ultimately, arrive at our final destination, our Source, together as saints.

**FR JACK MCLAIN, SJ  
RECTOR**

From the Principal

# Pilgrimage



**“Pedro Arrupe’s  
sentiment of ‘men  
for others’ has  
been a feature of  
personal pilgrimage  
for every boy.”**

St Ignatius of Loyola was, first and foremost, a pilgrim. He viewed life as a series of encounters. He approached each in an open yet humble manner: encounters with God, with family and friends – all amid the heady and challenging mix of life’s consolations and desolations. And there were plenty of them, as there are for each and every one of us today - 16th century life transposed to the here and now shows everything changes yet nothing changes.

Each day, in the classrooms and around the grounds of this expansive school, members of the community encounter the exhilarations that result from working with young people and, conversely, the disappointments that are the corollary of striving towards but failing to secure goals and aspirations. No different to family life in many ways. But the road goes on, essentially because we are all in the process of becoming; identifying and aiming for frontiers that are consonant with human endeavour. There is an old Chinese proverb that purports, ‘By the time a person reaches the age of wisdom, all they are good for is dying’. In the circular language of the Orient, this intones that we never truly reach the age of wisdom. We continue to aspire towards, sometimes get glimpses of, and very often elude the horizons we aim for, but invariably, there is another one around the corner. Like the road, the pilgrimage goes on.

Over the last 5 years we have worked intensively on a set of priorities that have been labelled Strategic Directions: 2015-2020. We approach the latter stages of that process over the coming 12 months. In between, there have been the best HSC results the College has seen, multiple GPS Premierships across a range of sports and activities, the Therry Building along with a litany of policies developed and risks mitigated. Most importantly, we have seen the ongoing formation of our young men in a spirit of humility and faith, best expressed in the maxim of service that has seen tens of thousands of hours directed towards the marginalised and the disadvantaged. Pedro Arrupe’s sentiment of ‘men for others’ has been a feature of personal pilgrimage for every boy. But, like the impulse of pilgrimage itself, there is no conclusive or definitive point of arrival. That is the nature of the human condition. We enter a new stage of discernment, of lifting our eyes to the next set of priorities and directions that are part of that path, ones which to a smaller or larger extent, will involve every member of the College community.

So our pilgrimage journeys forth. We embrace the mystery and the challenges of that future, mindful of the consolations and the desolations that will occur along the way. We look forward to a destiny, that with God’s providential guidance, we will collectively create.

**DR PAUL A HINE,  
PRINCIPAL**

# Final Message



I write to the readership of the *Ignatian* for the last time as Chair of the College Board, having joined the Finance Committee in 2006 when Paul Robertson was Chair of the Council. After 13 years of service in

the governance of educational bodies, I believe the time is right for me to hand over the reins to the youth and the wisdom that is coming forth. Like Ignatius himself, those years have been very much a personal journey – a pilgrimage, in the most authentic sense of the word. I hand over the Chair of the Board to Mr Greg Mackay, whose own expertise in finance and in governance is highly acclaimed and acknowledged through his work in management and on a number of boards.

As I vacate the Chair and leave the governance of this wonderful school, I look back with great pride on my own personal path. Arriving as a boarder from Walgett back in 1969 – one of a handful of country boys who joined the College in Year 6 – this place has become part of my personal DNA. It has formed the person I have become and featured prominently in most of my life’s decisions, not the least of which was

sending my two boys, George and Jock, here to also be formed. I am the richer for this association and for the path that has been travelled.

I am grateful for what has been and all who have walked the road with me – in particular, members of the Board who have given generously of their time and expertise – but I am equally excited about the future. As I leave this College in a formal capacity, I take with me all that I have learned and appropriated along the way. I look forward to what the pilgrim’s path holds open as I move from the corridors of governance to some quieter personal times. And in so doing, I will be no less interested in what the future of this school holds for a community that has shaped the man who I would like to think has glimpsed Pedro Arrupe’s concept of aspiring to be a ‘man for others’.

**MR JOHN WILCOX, CHAIR**

and brings considerable expertise and knowledge of finance and governance.

Sincere thanks are extended to John for his wonderful support of the College over the years and a warm welcome is extended to Greg as the incoming Chair of the Board.



requirements associated with policy formation. John’s extensive knowledge of finance and governance was also a major asset in the incorporation of the College as a Company limited by guarantee.

**On behalf of the College community, our deepest thanks are extended to John for his outstanding service over 13 years.**

The Provincial of the Society of Jesus, Fr Brian McCoy, has appointed Mr Greg Mackay as the new Chair of the College Board. Greg has been a member of the Saint Ignatius’ Board since 2012. Like John, he was Chair of the Finance Committee

## Vale John Wilcox

After 13 years of dedicated service to the College community, John Wilcox has tendered his resignation as Chair of the College Council. John has given faithful and distinguished service over many years, committing to a variety of roles including Chair of the Finance Committee, member of the Bursary Committee and Chair of the College Foundation.

Over his time as Chair, John has guided the development of the Ignis Project, overseen the expansion of one of the largest bursary programs in the nation, and been responsive to the many

# Engaging with the Story of St Ignatius



Above: Year 3 of Staff Formation | Serving at Bathurst Island | Year 10 city placement

## STAFF ENGAGEMENT

The Ignatian Centre works with staff right across the College to engage their hearts and minds in the story of Ignatius and the Society of Jesus through a four-year program of formation. The hope is that by the end of the Program, both teaching and non-teaching staff have a sound felt knowledge of what it means to be a member of an Ignatian community that seeks to form young men who strive to integrate the Ignatian Charism into their way of life.

Across the four years, staff dive into the autobiography of Saint Ignatius, learning of the extraordinary path his life took after convalescence and conversion. “*God behaved towards him in the same way that a school-master conducts himself with a child: he was teaching him*” (Autobiography §27). Staff are also exposed to the Characteristics of Jesuit Education, a series of statements that outline Ignatius’ vision of God moving and operating in the world, and apply this vision by exploring how the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm can be applied to all aspects of College life, including Teaching and Learning, Pastoral Care, and various other realms.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

A highlight of the Ignatian Service calendar is the annual Year 10 Service Week, which sees all 247 Year 10 students spending a week in service with those who are marginalised in one way or another. Many boarding students serve in their home communities, both nationally and internationally. A key focus of this time is a development of personal relationships and the students learning about their own human frailties; this is often born out through considered reflection of the day. A formal process of reflection is also undertaken once students return at the beginning of Term 3. This week can only be facilitated through an enormous amount of hard work, which is born by Mr Dale Clarke and Mrs Jude Southon in the Ignatian Centre.

We ask students to walk with those on the margins for that experience with the hope that they will grow to care deeply about the place of Ignatian Service in their lives outside of the school gates.

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

“Living in Asia for most of my childhood, I had little to no knowledge about Indigenous people and their way of life, so I applied for the Immersion in Borroloola. On the outside, Borroloola looked to be doing well, but underneath you learn that there are massive social issues... [but] despite the community in Borroloola not having much, they were so generous with us.

Hugh Mackay, a highly respected Australian social researcher, author and academic, says, “with connection comes compassion, which is the ability of people to imagine what it is like to be somebody else. It is through compassion that we can work together to improve the quality of others’ lives.” The Ignatian Service program builds compassion within us, for us to take this far beyond these gates.

**SAM PHILLIPS (OR2018)**

# Jack Farhat, Year 10



**Above** The Farhat Family: Olivia, Mazelle, Simon, Jack, Grace, Dianah and Eva

**“If it wasn’t for the Bursary Program, I don’t know where I would be right now.”**

My name is Jack Neville Farhat and I am a Year 10 student at Riverview. At school, I am also a member of Southwell House and I am in Riverview’s Inclusion Program, which is a class for students who need a little bit of extra help with some of their lessons. I come from a very caring and supportive family home full of love, food, respect and laughter. I have four sisters who I love very much but my mum says she can’t wait for them to get married because they are all hard work. My dad is a gyprocker and my mum works in real estate. I am named after both my uncles and I love my family.

My grandmother Sity Barbara always had a dream that her grandsons would attend Saint Ignatius’ College Riverview. She had been to a few functions at the school and her close friends had sons that went there. Luckily for me I was her only grandson out of 11 grandchildren. She used to say that there were 10 chickens and 1 rooster and

that was me. My heart was broken when she suddenly passed away from cancer two days before my 13th birthday and two months before I was to start at Saint Ignatius’. She was so proud of me and I was so blessed that I got to tell her before she passed away that I had been accepted. If anything could put a smile on her face it was that she knew I was going to the best school in the world.

I had struggled in school when I was younger because I have a language and speech disability. My parents always worked long hours and extra hard to make sure that I had the very best schools because they knew I needed that little bit of extra help. They were always worried where I was going to go to high school and so was I. I started at Saint Ignatius’ College in Year 7 and it has been the best thing that has ever happened to me.

When I started I was really scared and didn’t know anyone. But straight away



**Above** Jack with Transition2Work Supervisor Kim Proding and Inclusion Program Co-ordinator Toby Martin

everyone was very kind and nice to me. I loved coming to school every day. All the teachers and the boys were encouraging me to do my best and be the best. I got involved with shot put, drama, swimming and this year I started doing weights at the gym. My trainers at the gym are great - they are getting me fit and train me hard because they want me to be buff for the ladies. I also now play table tennis and do competitions on Saturdays. At Saint Ignatius’ there is something for everyone.

Riverview is the only boys’ school with an inclusion program, which is a class for students who need a bit of extra help to understand things. The teachers teach us differently which makes it easier to learn, and practise skills like catching public transport, life after school, how to live independently and find a job. Next year I will be in Year 11 and I will be in the Transition2Work program. I will try out all the different types of work and go to TAFE to get more qualifications. When I leave school, I think I would like to get a job with computers. Riverview encourages me to be who I am and I just love that.

When I am at school I spend some of my time in the Inclusion Program and some of the time with my Year 10 classmates. I also am in a mentor group, which I like because

the mentors listen to me and help me. We sit and chat and talk about things and that makes me feel happy and included, and it helps me get to know students and they get to know me. I really love our Principal Dr Hine. He’s a really nice man and he wants the best for all students - not just the inclusion students but the whole school.

I am always given lots of opportunities to do my best at Riverview. This year I got to give back because I went to Bathurst Island to help the Tiwi people and Sister Anne with Ms Proding and my school mates. It was the best time of my life. I also get to speak at student Masses and my classmate Liam is a prefect this year. I love going to Riverview because when I am here, I don’t feel different. I am just like all of the other students, and I feel like I belong.

Early last year, my father had a very bad work injury and his health suffered. My parents tried for as long as they could to help me stay at Riverview. It was tough for a family of seven. If it wasn’t for the Bursary Program, I don’t know where I would be right now. I could not imagine my life without Riverview.

I don’t think anyone can understand that when you struggle to communicate it is hard to make friends and be involved

in activities. At Saint Ignatius’ it is the opposite. It has changed my life. It is not my school, it is my home. My teachers are not my teachers, they are my family. My friends at school care about me and always help me. They always want me to do my best. We are always taught at school that you need to help people less fortunate than you, and it makes me think about how I can help. Because I am the lucky one. I am blessed. I am a part of something great and I love my life.

“Celebrate who you are”. That is my motto for Saint Ignatius’. I am different and different is okay and here everyone tells you to be yourself because being yourself is special. You don’t have to be great at sport or be really smart at Riverview. Sometimes the spiritual strengths like courage and bravery are what you need to be a good person.

On behalf of all the boys on the Bursary Program, I would like to thank you for all your kindness and the special gift you have given us. The school has changed my life and I’m sure the lives of all the bursary recipients. God bless Saint Ignatius’ and all of you.

# Regis Goes to Canberra



In June, Year 6 went to Canberra to learn about the Australian Legislative, Executive and Administrative system. We left Regis at 7:00am and arrived at the National Museum first. Then, over the course of three days we visited The High Court of Australia, Questacon, Mount Ainsley, Old Parliament, CSIRO, The National Exhibition, the Museum of Democracy, IPlay (an arcade), The Australian War Memorial and the new Parliament House.

My learning highlight was Parliament House as we were given lots of information about The Senate, The House of Representatives and the general construction and history of the building. Overall, the most fun part of our time in Canberra was very agreed to be IPlay. This was an incredible learning experience for all of us.

**BY DYLAN HARRIS (6.4)**

# Father & Son Mass

August 27th saw Regis celebrate Father and Son Mass with record attendance. Our celebration centred around the themes of wisdom, presence and love, as we recognised God's never-ending role in our lives.

We reflected on our fathers and their enduring support for us all. We remembered the fathers who have passed and the special men who are like fathers, that play a vital part in shaping our Regis boys. In our quiet time after communion, we learned about fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who attended the college and whose families continue to embrace our Riverview ethos and values. A moving tie ceremony and a century of history, certainly made this part of the Mass very moving. Our musicians and choir performed with grace and concluded with energy. I thank Father Dooley for the gift of spiritual fatherhood. He took care of us spiritually through prayer and personal witness.

The Spirit was clearly present and moved amongst us on the day. Following Mass, the fathers enjoyed some time at morning tea and some serious competitive handball.

**MRS CAITLIN REMEUS, HEAD OF REGIS**



# Regis Visits Cana Farm

It's been hats on and hands dirty for the Regis students in Year 6, as each class spent a day at Cana Farm this year. The cohort has been studying causes of social injustice, and the visit to Cana Farm enabled them to meet and work alongside people who have experienced some form of injustice in their life. The boys were hard at work preparing garden beds, planting, harvesting, removing weeds, cleaning and painting. As always, there was time for a game of rugby and even a turn on the rowing machines at the farm!

**MR DALE CLARKE, FAITH IN SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR**



# Regis in Concert 2019

In November, Regis in Concert took place at the Ramsay Hall. The event was one of the highlights of the year for me, and I'm sure many parents enjoyed watching their children play with superb technique and rhythm. There was a variety of ensembles, bands, duets and even a solo that all sounded wonderful. It was quite amazing, from a student's perspective, to see so many of the boys who had never picked up an instrument before they started Regis, performing on the day with such high quality and excellence.

All ensembles had either been rehearsing before school, at lunchtime or after school once a week and this effort and perseverance was evident. The Choir, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, String Ensemble and the duet between Archie Delany and Julian Criola were just a few performances from that afternoon that left many people thrilled and overjoyed.

Many thanks to Ms Lee and all the Music tutors who helped prepare the students and organised the event. We acknowledge the impressive musical skills by our Regis students and congratulate all staff and students for a groovy and pleasing concert.

**BY DANIEL OSBORNE (6.3)**



# From the Library: Book Week at Regis

We celebrated Australian children's literature during Children's Book Week in August in many ways. We started with a whole school 'read in' in the Regis Hall, followed by boys from 6.2 reading stories and making masks with Mirrabrook children.

During the week, author Lian Tanner came to work with all boys, which was a wonderful experience of storytelling at its best. The boys were completely engaged in her stories and how stories are,

in fact, who we are. The rest of the week involved superhero photo fun, quizzes, drawing competitions, hero movies, hot chocolate and popcorn. And, of course, there were prizes!

Book Week was a wonderful opportunity for us all to talk books and stories that have stayed with us and influenced our thinking and imagination.



## WHERE'S WALLY?

The Room 4 children at Mirrabrook have been looking into all things *Where's Wally?*. After many lessons they thought that Wally's glasses might be hiding in the Regis Library. The hunt for glasses and many other real world items was a lovely collaboration between Mirrabrook, Regis Drama, teacher Martin Collins, the Regis Library and the star of the show, Wally, aka Julian Criola from 6.4. While the children were stunned initially by the appearance of the book character, they are now convinced about the power of reading to make real characters appear. Wally has had many invites for a reappearance.

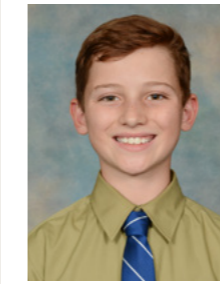
**MRS HEATHER CLOUDSDALE,  
TEACHER LIBRARIAN - REGIS**



# Grandparents' Day at Regis

Grandparents' Day at Regis is a very special annual event where grandparents are invited to enjoy a special celebration, share delicious nibblies and take a look around the classrooms and campus to see what their grandsons have been learning. Here are two reflections from the day:

## ANGUS TESORIERO



*My grandparents are the best grandparents in the world. Every time I see them or go to their house, they light up my day. They do so much for me like giving me lunch and dinner, going to my sport games and just loving me, and I obviously can't forget the terrible jokes that they tell me, which are so bad they make me laugh. My grandparents always want the best for me and make me feel so loved.*

*Whenever I need any help they are always there for me and always have my back. They always put a smile on my face and they try to attend so many things that I do - which means so much to me. These are just my favourite reasons why I think my grandparents are so special.*

## ULA PUNCHAYIL



*I call my grandparents Yeye and Neinei, which means Grandpa and Grandma in Mandarin. Both of them are wise 81 years old. My grandparents are always funny. Most grandparents find modern technology a challenge but my Yeye and Nainei are all over it. My Neinei has every possible app on her phone. In Beijing she conducts her entire life on her mobile phone. The best part is that they can't really tell me to get off a device, as they usually have around three different ones on them at all times. My Yeye sits beside me and watches me when I am doing my homework. He has recently been very unwell and had to go through some challenging treatments. Even though he was unstable he still managed to fly all the way from Beijing to see me.*

*This day is extra special for our family. Although my grandparents have visited me here several times, this is the first time they are here during a Grandparents' Day. They are here today. The love I have for my grandparents is immense and immeasurable. I am blessed to have them in my life as two of the most significant people to me. I would do anything for them.*



# Vale, Class of 2019



Insignis Award:  
**Louis Callanan**



Dr James L'Estrange Prize for Service:  
**Simone Schmidt**



Michael Cunich Prize for Excellence of Character:  
**Will Simpson-Docker**



Shore School Centenary Prize:  
**Bas Braham**



Outstanding Achievement: Gordon Oxenham Prize for Boarding:  
**James Garnsey**

In October, the College community formally farewelled 232 graduates: boys who entered the front gates as 10 and 12 year olds and who leave as men. It has been a remarkable journey by any standards – one made manifest in scholarship, spirituality, service and extraordinary growth across a range of artistic, social and cultural pursuits.

They came to be educated and to be formed in values, and as they leave they take with them the fruits of those experiences as they seek to make a meaningful contribution to the world beyond. That they have made a distinctive and valuable contribution to the Saint Ignatius' school community over the years is beyond doubt, and their achievements in their graduation year alone are both far reaching and exceptional. Among other things, they have won GPS Premierships in Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, Golf and Mountain Bike Riding. In Rowing, the 1st IV secured the Yaralla Cup for the first time in 54 years, orator Bas Braham won the Lawrence Campbell Trophy for the first time in 25 years and the drama graduates secured the highest number of OnSTAGE

nominations on record. Most impressive of all is the fact that the graduates have amassed over 30,000 hours of service over their years at the College. Their contribution has been both noteworthy and meritorious.

Special congratulations are extended to those boys who were awarded the major prizes:

- The Insignis Medal:** Louis Callanan
- Dr James L'Estrange Prize for Service:** Simone Schmidt
- Michael Cunich Prize for Excellence:** Will Simpson-Docker
- Shore School Centenary Prize:** Bas Braham
- Gordon Oxenham Prize for Boarding:** James Garnsey

As these boys leave the confines of the College, I extend, on behalf the school community, a sincere statement of thanks to the graduates for all they have contributed over their years and wish them well for HSC Examinations and all that lies ahead.

**DR PAUL HINE, PRINCIPAL**

## Valete Speech by Captain Louis Callanan

Every year has a defining characteristic which they claim distinguishes them from all others. For 2016, it was unity; for 2017, it was unity; for 2018, it was unity. But what has it been for us? Has it been unity? Diversity? Or glory?

No. For us, it seems to have been *mediocrity*.

We started off well by winning the basketball – but then it looked like we lost almost everything else. From rowing and rugby, to cricket and AFL, we haven't had much success this year. And the ATARs are yet to come out. As a cohort, at times we have been dysfunctional and disorganised.

Take last week's GPS athletics for example. On Friday, our last ever war cry practice was interrupted by a fire alarm. On Saturday, Paddy Tucker, after grappling between the words pitchfork and haystack for over a year, settled with parachute. And Mr. Lowe had to borrow his twelve-year-old daughter's polka dot backpack after his own one broke. But it's not only war-cries and backpacks that have made us mediocre.

It's our failed battles with I.T. to get admin on our laptops. And in a desperate attempt to rid ourselves of this mediocre title, we hired Clayton Lie and Timmy Hurford to break a world record for us; one which stood for only a week. And before long, we were back to our ordinary ways.

Then, we came up with a motto – "*Not for Ourselves Alone*" – and let's be honest, even that was mediocre.

So perhaps we are mediocre. But if we are, that isn't something to be ashamed of. In fact, this understated character brings with it flashes of brilliance that have defined the unique sense of humour of our year group.

You only have to look back to Matt Croker standing up in front of 200 of his peers and his idol Steve Smith, and beginning his question with the words – "Just a quick change of pace here, Smudger." You only have to remember Lachie Clark at a Friday night debate tearing up the latte sipping lefties of the opposition in an eight-minute long tirade about the Liberal Party. You only



**Above** 2019 College Captain Louis Callanan with his family

have to think about James Sammour's Year 9 rant about "Bush Week", best summarised by his closing quote: "6km an hour on a canoe, 15km an hour on a bike, and 140km an hour on the drive home from the Hawkesbury."

None of these things are about success or distinction. We don't need any trophies or accolades to celebrate the genius of these moments. And while other GPS schools might bask in their glory this week, brandishing their trophies and flaunting their medals, we will hold onto memories. And with memories, we don't need trophies and titles. But if they're the things you want, you only have to look at this year's Co-curricular Assembly to see that we've got them.

We have one of the best basketball teams in the country, a Lawrence Campbell title to our name, a stellar golf program, a formidable 4x100 relay team, we've reigned supreme in the pool and won a third consecutive football premiership. We've made productions and received a record number of 'OnStage' nominations for drama. And perhaps most importantly, we've engaged in a deep and rich Jesuit tradition of prayer and reflection. We've been on immersions and country placements; we've served in our communities and strived for justice.

So, if we do need something to define OR2019, it's humility. And because of that humility, our excellence has been disguised as mediocrity. It all began with our motto, which we didn't have to mention too often

to translate its meaning. Instead, we lived it out on the sporting fields, in the stands, and throughout the corridors.

Because when we leave the gates of Riverview, it's not about wearing our Old Boys' tie or putting our school on a resume. The beauty of this year group can't be found in the dusty trophy cabinets of the theatre. Don't search for memories in engravings or Alma Maters.

Let us remember the moments in time. And let us remember that we've been given something distinctive here: a Jesuit education.

It's an education that has given us a spirituality which will prepare us for life; which has taught us that our lives should centre around love above all else. That we should go out into the world with open minds and giving hearts. That we should think critically and strive for a more profound type of human excellence.

An integral part of that spirituality is gratitude. It's how we begin our Examen, our retreats and our reflection days; and, in this my final address as a student of the College, it's how I wish to conclude.

Thank you to each and every person who has contributed to our time at Riverview. The staff, the families, the friends. Thank you for being there with us each day; teaching, directing, nurturing, forming.

**AMDG**



## 2019/2020 College Leaders



**COLLEGE CAPTAIN**  
**ARCHIE CORNELL**



**COLLEGE VICE-CAPTAIN (DAY BOY)**  
**ANDREW SPRING**



**COLLEGE VICE-CAPTAIN (BOARDER)**  
**JAMES WESTON**

## 2019/2020 House Leaders

### CAMPION HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**LOUIE O'NEIL**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**NIALL MEEHAN**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**WILL BUNBURY**

### CHESHIRE HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**HENRY ANDERSON**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**CHARLIE HUNTER**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**RORY EGAN**

### CHISHOLM HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**EDWARD BELL**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**CHRISTIAN TAYLOR**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**MACKENZIE EKERT**

### CLAVER HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**SAMUEL PHILLIP**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**OSCAR SMITH**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**ETHAN MCGUINNESS**

### DALTON HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**THOMAS SHERIDAN**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**AIDEN SINFIELD**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**MATTHEW MILDREN**

### FERNANDO HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**CHARLIE ROSSI**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**ZACHARY KALOGEROU**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**LACHLAN DALTON**

### GONZAGA HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**ADAM GALIZIA**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**THOMAS JEWELL**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**PATRICK MACKEN**  
**PREFECT: LIAM PEAKE**

### MACKILLOP HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**JOSEPH RUDDICK**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**JAMES GREENUP**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**HARVEY PARMENTER**

### MORE HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**NICHOLAS LEONARD**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**THOMAS HATZIDIS**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**JOE O'BRIEN**

### OWEN HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**HUGO DARIN**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**DAMIAN SULLIVAN**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**DERMOT O'BRIEN**

### RICCI HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**THOMAS GAHA**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**MAX HOLMES**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**CHARLES WARD**

### ROMERO HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**SEBASTIAN WOOD**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**ANGUS DOUGALL**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**ALEXANDER SCHMIDBERGER**

### SMITH HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**ADAM GREEN**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**AUSTIN MARTIN-WEBER**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**OLIVER MURRIE**

### SOUTHWELL HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**TIMOTHY THACKRAY**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**CHARLIE BECK**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**JUDE PADDON-ROW**

### TERESA HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**OSCAR DAVIS**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**DANIEL GEDEON**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**RYAN PASCUZZO-BOWDITCH**

### XAVIER HOUSE

**CAPTAIN:**  
**FERGUS COLLINS**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**BILL DELANY**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN:**  
**LIAM STACK**

## 2019/2020 Boarding Leaders

**BEADLE HUNTER HARTWIG SACRISTAN PATRICK GRANT**

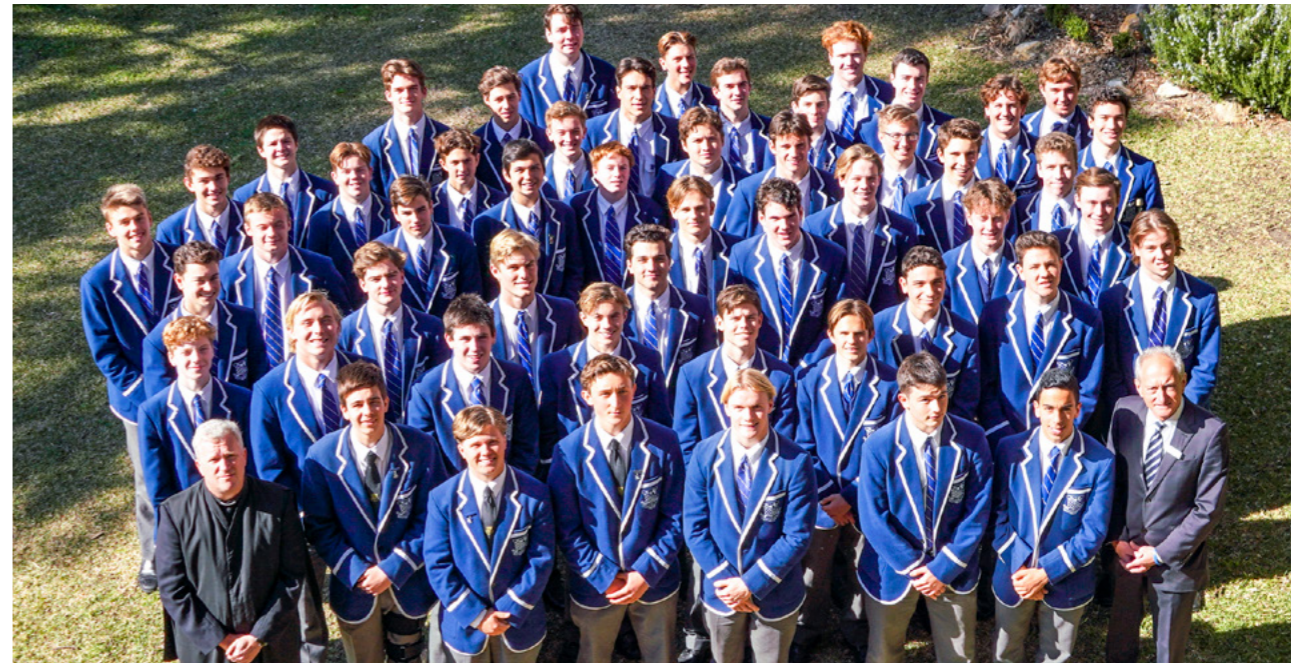
### PROCTORS

**EDWIN AKOL**  
**NOAH ALLAN**  
**JORDAN AUSTIN**  
**FERGUS BACK**  
**BENEDICT BONSEMBIANTE**

**XAVIER BRYANT**  
**ARCHIE COLLIS**  
**CHARLIE DUFF**  
**THOMAS ELL**  
**MAXWELL FISHER**

**EDWARD GRAHAM**  
**SAMUEL KELLY**  
**NICHOLAS LEONARD**  
**NOAH MANSBRIDGE**  
**TOBY MCDONALD**

**NIALL MEEHAN**  
**SAMUEL PHILLIP**  
**ANGUS ROSE**  
**TIMOTHY THACKRAY**  
**OSCAR WILLIAMS**



The newly elected College Leaders with Fr Jack McLain and Dr Paul Hine

## Student motto: One Foot Raised

**“Jesus’ disciples lived with one foot raised, prepared to embrace a foreign situation without hesitation, remorse or regret”**

The school motto is made by students, for students, with the aim of guiding us on our journey at Riverview. It has been our challenge as the incoming Year 12 leaders to decipher how we want our year to unfold. In an attempt to find our own voice, we have encapsulated our morals, values and ethics into three words: “One Foot Raised”.

A book by American writer, Chris Lowney, details the four pillars of Ignatian leadership: self-awareness, ingenuity, love and heroism.

Self-awareness is to order one’s life. As a College, we will thrive by understanding who we are, what our values are, and ingraining the habit of continuous self-reflection and learning. The second pillar of Ignatian leadership is ingenuity; it is about being flexible, open and adapting quickly to a changing world. One Foot Raised encapsulates this in the sense of always being ready to respond to new opportunities and challenges. Love, in the Jesuit sense, is often summed up in the saying “with greater love than fear.” We must face the world in and beyond these gates with confidence and

a healthy sense of self. This year, we posed a College-wide challenge to commit to honouring and discovering the potential we find within ourselves, and placing respect, value and trust in one another. Finally, heroism is about extracting gold from the opportunities at hand, rather than waiting for golden opportunities to come to us. It is about striving to shape the future, rather than passively allowing it to simply unfold around us.

The motto One Foot Raised speaks to always being ready to respond; expecting the unexpected. In Matthew 4:19, Jesus charges his disciples, “Come after me, I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Jesus’ disciples lived with one foot raised, prepared to embrace a foreign situation without hesitation, remorse or regret.

Guided by this example and the four pillars that form our way of living, I, along with the rest of the Year 12 boys, look forward to whatever the year ahead has to offer, always acting with One Foot Raised.

**ARCHIE CORNELL,**  
**COLLEGE CAPTAIN 2019/2020**

## Senior News

# Timor Immersion

Every year, Australian Jesuit and Companion schools send a small contingent of young, energetic and passionate men and women in Years 11 and 12 to Timor-Leste. I was fortunate to accompany them on this most recent pilgrimage. The immersion was centred around visiting two schools, Loyola College, Kasait, and NASSEFF in Railaco. We went over with the desire to create connections and to go beyond just 'helping'; we were there to be immersed in their culture and to contribute to the partnership that has been built between our two countries.

We were taught by the students about traditional Timorese culture, customs and their history, and we reciprocated this by teaching them about our culture. We even participated in a Timorese fashion

show! I was impressed by the students' quickness to learn, and we were fortunate to experience Jesuit works in action. We even had an opportunity to visit a prison where the students learnt the importance of forgiveness and showing empathy when people are in need.

The Jesuit global network is vast and it was great to see this ideology put into service in another country. We, as Australians, experience a wide range of freedoms. Timor is one of the poorest countries on the planet and it is on our doorstep. One of the students summed it up perfectly: "We have an obligation to do more to help". Hopefully this experience has ignited these young men and women into action.

**MR JOSHUA ALLEN,  
RICCI ASSISTANT  
HEAD OF HOUSE**



## Community at Riverview

I am a now a Year 12 boarder at the College, but prior to this I'd been to five different schools and three different high schools including overseas. I left the College after two years in Year 7 and moved to Amsterdam. Starting school there, I was startled by the lack of community in the school, which isn't something that would have registered had I not been privy to the Ignatian community spirit at Riverview.

When I moved back to Riverview in Year 10, I lost my grandfather. One night after boarders' dinner, I received the news on the phone. With this being the first time away from Mum and Dad, it was particularly hard to take. I was sitting outside when a mate came up and asked if I was okay. He was the first person I told what was happening. Eventually when I got back to the boarding house I went to my room to find 15 or so boys standing there with a bunch of lollies and chips. All of them told



me they were there if I needed to talk. This to them was a small act, but to me it meant a great deal. This is just one of countless stories about Ignatian spirit - a spirit that binds this community at Riverview together.

Community spirit at the school is present in House groups and runs even deeper in mentor groups. In Year 7 during assembly, something Mr. Lowe said stuck with me through these years: "We are men for others, not for ourselves alone, we do not

need an audience to act". This teaching is always with me.

Community spirit is ever-present at Riverview, guided by strong Ignatian values; this is not just something we say, it's something we do. Just as Dr. Hine says, the success of the College goes beyond academics, it's about the values instilled in us boys.

**TOM ANDREWS  
(YEAR 11, CHESHIRE HOUSE)**

## Clongowes Wood College Exchange



**Above** Clongowes Wood College | Nick Long, Lewis Brunton, Fr Joe Dooley, Ben Leonard and James Martin Weber.

The Clongowes Wood College exchange was a good opportunity to see what the Jesuits do on the other side of the globe, and it was also a great opportunity to make life-long friends. We were there from the end of August to the beginning of October. While there, I learned a lot about the Irish

culture, including their sports, music and traditions.

Clongowes and Riverview are similar because of their Jesuit roots and because rugby is very important to both schools, but Clongowes is built in a castle and has a six-day school week.

I really enjoyed the exchange, getting to meet new people and experiencing a new culture. It was very worthwhile and I would recommend everyone be given this wonderful opportunity when they are in Year 10.

**BENJAMIN LEONARD (YEAR 10)**

## Claver House Choose to Reuse

The students of Claver House spent Saint Ignatius' Day providing service to an Inner West iconic institution, Reverse Garbage in Marrickville. This creative reuse centre started in 1974 when a group of teachers identified that much of the discards from local commercial and industrial businesses could be reused in their classroom rather than languishing in landfill. To this day, education is a key focus of their operation, with a team of educators running sustainability workshops in early learning centres, pre-schools, primary, secondary and tertiary education.

As a not-for-profit cooperative, Reverse Garbage relies on the manpower of volunteers to rescue over 260 tonnes of waste from landfill each year, so they had no trouble finding tasks to keep the students busy for the day. Over 70 boys and nine teachers were divided between painting fixtures for the warehouse; tidying the 'Secret Garden'; sorting, measuring and folding endless boxes of fabric; preparation for education workshops; upcycling prototypes; and letterbox dropping flyers to encourage votes to obtain government grant funding.

Kirsten Junor, Creative Director of Reverse Garbage visited the Claver House students in June to give the boys an understanding of the environmental charity's mission, which is to make reuse everyone's first choice. However, even her colourful stories about how random and unique donations are reused by creative customers didn't fully prepare the boys for the variety of treasure to be found in the warehouse. Many will be back to explore on their own time!

### CLAVER HOUSE



## View from the Farm



**Above** Agriculture students working at the farm

The College farm has a rich and colourful history - from a Dairy in the early 1900s to an integral practical component for the Agricultural & Primary Industry curricula today, not to mention bovine assassination in the Rose Garden!

The College Farm in 2019 is a microcosm of a mixed farming operation. Oats and cotton crops are thriving, soil plots are full of healthy broad varieties of vegetables, ewes and their lambs continue to prosper, the chooks continue to lay and the eight steers that make up our Show team for the 2020 Sydney Royal are in the early days of preparation and schooling. All this could not be achieved without the passion and participation of the students, and the Farm also provides a reminder for many - particularly boarders - of home, which is no doubt beneficial particularly in the early years of life at the College.

It's not all about the Ag & Primary Industry students though. The Integration Program students have developed an impressive vegetable plot and this year have a steer under their tutelage - "Barney", a mini Belted Galloway which is assisting in the students' knowledge of food source and dealing with animals. The Mirrabrook kids are regular visitors and expert egg gatherers, not to mention strong competitors to be the first on the tractor, whilst parents of prospective boarders are, without exception, impressed by what has been achieved by the students and teachers on the Lane Cove River.

The College Farm has an impressive history and a bright future

**MR DAVID DODDS, FARM MANAGER**

## Canteen for Cambodia

Throughout Term 4, the senior canteen has been offering a delicious traditional Cambodian dish called Beef Lok Lak as part of a Year 10 PBL project by Adam Sidhu, Hugh Samsa, James Roche-West and Ed Ryan. The purpose of this engaging campaign is to raise funds for Jesuit Mission to support the Karuna Battambang Project, which aims to assist farmers in sustainable rice production in Cambodia.

The boys' initiative has proved to be not only delicious, but very popular at the Canteen, raising over \$600 in the first half of the term. Many thanks to Canteen Manager Michele Law and her staff for being instrumental in creating delicious and beautifully presented dishes that sell out every week

**MS MARILYN FITZGERALD,  
ASSISTANT HEAD OF FACULTY - ENGLISH**



## Pilgrimage in Retreats



Ignatius called himself a pilgrim. The Retreat program at the College calls the students to engage in their own faith journey as pilgrims, seeking depth in relationships and a willingness to trust as the path unfolds before them.

2019 has seen a continuation of the Reflection Day model for students in Years 5-11, tracing different themes from Ignatian Spirituality: Conscience & Compassion (Year 5), Competence & Commitment (Year 6), Finding God in All Things (Year 7), Dignity in Relationships (Year 8), Gratitude for Growth and True & False Spirits (Year 9), Discernment of Gifts (Year 10), First Principle & Foundation (Year 11).

In addition, an Ignatian component was added to the Year 7 Camp which fosters relationships and shares knowledge between students new to the school and those coming up from Regis, introducing or confirming the Ignatian story for them respectively. Peer ministry is being fostered across the year groups, recognising that the greatest formation we can offer is the authentic witness of faith amongst peers.

The Year 12 Retreat model continues to offer a wide range of student choice. While the offerings are similar to past years, they have been re-named to reflect our tradition and contemporary commitment:



- / Ignatian Companions - working and walking with members of the Cana Farm community
- / Ignatian Insights - using Ignatius' primary insights to examine the elements of a life well lived
- / Ignatian Pilgrimage 1 - An urban exploration of places of spiritual significance in Sydney
- / Ignatian Pilgrimage 2 - a beach/ bush walk considering indifference and Finding God in All Things
- / Ignatian Prayer - periods of prayer, silence and Spiritual Conversations
- / Ignatian Service - working across Loaves & Fishes Café, Holy Family Parish Emerton and St Canice's, Elizabeth Bay
- / Kairos

In addition to the Year 12 Retreat and Days of Reflection, three further Kairos retreats were offered in the school holidays. 90 senior students in total have completed Kairos this year, and 23 have returned as Student Leaders on this retreat.

It is our hope that as the students progress through their time at Riverview, their experiences may build upon each other to produce young men who have a keen awareness of the spiritual dynamic to life, and the knowledge and felt experience of how to foster this on their pilgrim way.

**MS DOMINIQUE MARTURIA,  
RETREAT CO-ORDINATOR**

## Performing Arts

# Drama and Music Tour of the USA



**Above** The students wind down at Disneyland

The highlight of Semester 2 has undoubtedly been Riverview's first ever Drama and Music Tour of the USA. At the beginning of the Term 3 holidays, 29 boys and four staff members embarked on their greatest ever Performing Arts pilgrimage to experience the hustle and bustle of New York City and to immerse themselves in Broadway shows, Acting workshops, backstage tours, music recording studios, high school visits and service opportunities.

Our enthusiastic Riverview musicians and thespians were privileged to view Broadway shows *Beetlejuice* and *Dear Evan Hansen*, the absurdist Blue Man Group, and to witness Jeff Daniels in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

We journeyed to Harlem to listen to emerging new vocalists and comedians at Amateur Night at the Apollo Theatre, visited our Jesuit brothers at Fordham Preparatory School in the Bronx and experienced a day at Edward R. Murrow High School, a centre for the arts.

The highlight for our Drama pilgrims was the privilege of participating in a method acting class at the Lee Strasberg Acting school, famous for its elite alumni including Paul Newman, Robert De Niro, Marilyn Munroe, Dustin Hoffman and many more. They also developed their comedic skills at the Terry Withers Comedy Workshop.

Meanwhile, our musicians spent a morning at Replay Music Studios, working as a group to write and perform an original song and creating a professional recording of it. They also toured Madison Square Gardens, witnessing the huge setup for the Carrie Underwood concert and Billy Joel's piano. Another highlight was a visit to the "Play It Loud" exhibit at the MET, showing an impressive display of instruments used by great musicians, including guitars owned by Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, and Elvis Presley.

Between shows and classes, our busy days were filled with tours of theatres, NBC studios, Radio City Music Hall, Top of the Rock and visiting the iconic landscapes of



New York and Los Angeles. We walked through Central Park, experienced a moving evening visit to the 9/11 memorial and concluded the tour with some well-deserved recreation experiencing Disneyland and Universal Studios.

Deeper connections and an understanding of the culture and people of New York were made through the immensely rewarding experience of volunteering at the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen. The boys served 760 hot meals and packed 335 bagged lunches, feeding over 1000 homeless people in the Bronx. They also had the privilege of experiencing a Baptist Gospel church

service, where we were welcomed with open arms and hearts into the lives of the New York Baptist community.

Inspired, enriched and a little weary, we returned to begin Term 4 with a world of new knowledge, experience and inspiration to offer to our stages and performing arts classrooms at Riverview, along with new and lasting friendships and wonderful memories.

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

**MS LOUISE ARNOTT,  
HEAD OF DRAMA**

"During the September holidays we had the privilege of experiencing the dramatic opportunities in New York City and Los Angeles. Together, our music and drama students immersed ourselves in the possibilities of drama/music as a career. The days were long and filled with excitement visiting the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and the Hollywood sign – each monumental structure of great significance enabling us to understand the American culture."

**MAX MCKENZIE, YEAR 10**

# Sporting Camaraderie

## 2019 Riverview GPS Athletics

Congratulations to the student-athletes who made the 2019 GPS Athletics Season an outstanding one. The standard of excellence for Riverview athletics continued to grow with the majority of the boys running, jumping or throwing personal best at the GPS Athletics championships. Riverview took home 14 Gold Medals, with Captain George Clark leading the way by winning the Open Men's 200m, placing 2nd in the exciting Open Men's 100m race running an incredible PB of 10.76 and teaming up with Thomas Tucker, Brendan Robinson and William Garling to anchor the Open Men's 4x100m relay to victory for the 2nd year in a row.

Other notable winning performances include Max Holmes winning and breaking the U16 Championship 400m record, William Perkins U15 Championship 400m, Joseph Rooney U16 Championship 800m, Felix Rogers U17 Championship 800m, Lachlan Dalton U17 Championship 1100m hurdles, Mackenzie Thompson U16 Championship Shot Put, William Lamming

U16 Division Shot Put, and Henry Payne U17 Championship Shot Put.

While the boys had some great victories and unlucky defeats on GPS day, the coaching staff was proud to see the increased participation, enthusiasm, and increased competition for various events across all age groups. I look forward to the



2020 GPS Athletics season and I am excited to see how the Riverview Athletics student-athletes of 2020 will embrace the legacy of the 2019 season.

**MS CATHALINA WALSH,  
SPORTS PROGRAM  
COORDINATOR - TRACK AND  
FIELD | CROSS COUNTRY**

## Cross Country

Cross Country continues to grow at Riverview, and it was rewarding to see our dedicated group of boys turn up each weekend at the GPS competition to compete with over 200 students. The persistence and commitment of the boys showed not only in getting to some of the hard to reach venues weekly on some very cold mornings, but also the mental strength they displayed each week to complete the challenging 4-8km course. This is a testament to their dedication, work ethic and a true attribute of the sport.

It was impressive to witness over the course of the season, the many boys who struggled at the start of the season gradually improving their placing at each invitational through persistence

and determination. Congratulations to Captain Thomas Benson and Daniel Hopper U14 who qualified for the CIS cross country championship placing in the top 20 of their age divisions respectively. Special recognition goes to Johann Mak who competed in the NSW Combined Independent Schools Cross Country in the Secondary Multi Class category. Johann went on to advance to the All Schools State Cross Country Championships for multi class athletes. As the only multi class athlete representing Riverview and the GPS, we are very proud of Johann's efforts on the day.

**MS CATHALINA WALSH,  
SPORTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR -  
TRACK AND FIELD | CROSS COUNTRY**

## Basketball

The 1st Basketball team capped off a remarkable season - never seen before in the history of the College - by winning the State Championships in August, defeating Westfields Sports High 91-88 in a tense final. The season started in Term 1 when the team completed an unprecedented GPS Championship, winning 7 straight games. They then represented GPS in the CIS Championships defeating Knox in the final which qualified them for the State Championships.

Congratulations to Coach Daniel Kovacic and Manager Dale Clarke. The team was ably led by Captain Tom Roche and star player Archie Woodhill, who was selected in the Australian Schools Team for the second year in a row. Their season is not over yet as they have qualified as the NSW representative in the National Schools Basketball Championships in the top division, another first for the school.

**MR OLIVER STENMARK,  
BASKETBALL PROGRAM COORDINATOR**



## Football

This year's GPS Competition saw another amazing effort by our 1st XI team accomplishing a "threepeat" in winning the 1st XI Premiership, The Wanderers Cup, for the third time in a row. Now with 13 1st XI Premierships and 10 2nd XI Premierships, Football is the most successful winter sport at the College. The 1st XI won five and drew one of their seven GPS matches, with Max Rogers scoring ten goals across the season. Six players from this team were selected for the Combined GPS Football Team: Max Rogers (C), Jacob Campbell, Declan Rickard, Brendan Robinson, Lucas Simpson and Jack Walker, with our own 1st XI coach, Jimmy Magill, and Team Manager, Peter Steffan, being appointed as the GPS Coach and Manager. Max Rogers was then also selected for the Combined CIS Team, the NSW All Schools Open Boys Football Blue Team, and the Boys 19 & Under Australian Schoolboys Squad. Congratulations to Max Rogers who has become Riverview's third student to make the Australian Schoolboy honours.

2nd XI had a successful season finishing in 3rd in the GPS Competition by just two points behind the eventual winners Scots. Oscar Williams had a great season with the boot scoring ten goals, while goalkeeper, Hugo Darin, should be

proud of his efforts in conceding just three goals - the least number conceded of all the Riverview teams.

**MR GEOFF TESORIERO,  
MFC OF FOOTBALL**



# Snowsports

It was a stellar season in the Australian Alps for the College Snowsports Team with our boys recording a number of 'firsts' for the College in events held in Thredbo, Perisher and Mt Buller.

At the Sydney Regional Interschools in Thredbo, six snowboarders from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, won the College the Silver Medal in the Secondary Schools Snowboard Category. Our first ever medal in this category. Well done Joe Graves, Ben Kropman, Christian Melbourne, Kristian Edgcombe, Mackenzie Thompson and Max Watkins.

Leading the charge was Year 10 student, Max Watkins. Max has stamped himself as a winter athlete with a big future, after taking the Gold Medal in Snowboard Slopestyle at the Northern States Interschools in Perisher, and then two weeks later, the National title at the Australian Interschools in Mt Buller.

And on skis, it's hard to find words that do justice to the season enjoyed by Year 8 student Romeo Atra. Romeo owned the Skier X discipline this season. The first College student to win the Redlands Cup, the first to win the Amelia McGuinness Time Trial, the first to win the Blue Cow Cup. And finally, National Champion at the Australian Interschools. And what a week it was for Romeo in Mt Buller, after qualifying in an unprecedented four events. I can't begin to tell you how hard that is to achieve! In three days, Romeo won Skier X, finished 7th in Cross Country, 10th in Moguls and 14th in Alpine Giant Slalom. A staggering performance from the most humble of athletes.

And the future looks bright for Snowsports with Romeo's younger brother, Sebastian, joining us in Year 5 next year. Sebastian is already a twice National Champion. Heading into winter 2020, the College will boast three current National Champions.

**MR CHRIS BAXTER, MIC SNOWSPORTS**



Above Romeo Atra (Year 8)



Above Max Watkins (Year 10)



# AFL



Above AFL 1st XVIII and AFL 2nd XVIII

This top tier sport in Australia continues to grow in NSW and Riverview is right there driving that growth with 20-30 new players joining the AFL program this year. In 2019, we fielded 9 teams and had over 200 players from Years 5-12. The outgoing Year 12s will be sorely missed; they were a wonderful cohort and we thank them for their AFL careers at Riverview, especially the three captains, Nick Armstrong, Joe Finsterer and Sam Austin, who were outstanding in their leadership positions.

For the first time in a long time, there were no premierships. However, we had great representation in the GPS team this season

with Lincoln Crimmins, Jackson Barling, Joe Wotherspoon, Oscar Davis, Felix Rogers, Harvey Parmenter, Sam Austin, Nick Armstrong and Joe Finsterer all making the team who narrowly lost to CAS up on 4th field in what was a high level and physical contest. A special mention to the many boys throughout all age groups who are a part of the Swans Academy program, as well as Jackson Barling (Year 12), Oscar Davis (Year 11) and Felix Rogers (Year 10) who represented at NSW level.

**MR JOSH FLANAGAN - AFL PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR**

# Rugby



Above Captain of Rugby, Lachlan Albert

The 2019 Riverview Rugby season saw the 1st XV win 11 of 13 games, placing 3rd in the AAGPS competition and ensuring they never lost a game at home. The 2nd XV were equally as successful, placing 2nd in the AAGPS tied with The King's School and Newington College.

Both teams played with the strength of titans in a competitive season, fighting valiantly for some incredible wins and hard-fought losses. In round 2, Jack Fielen of the 2nds commanded the team around the field and picked up a hat-trick of tries for himself, while round 4 saw the 1st forwards create the perfect platform for the backs to run riot; George Clark and Hamish Cressey both bagged 3 tries a piece, with Oliver Arcus finding the line twice and Bill Delany also crossing for 5 points.

Congratulations to Captain of Rugby Lachlan Albert who was chosen to represent Australian Schools and played in a rare victory over the NZ Schools team over in New Zealand to cap off a tremendous season. Next year he has signed a rookie contract with the ACT Brumbies in Super Rugby.

**MR OLIVER STENMARK - RUGBY PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR**

## Winter Tennis

Winter Tennis is an opportunity for boys to enjoy the outdoors in the off season for other sports, learning new skills and being part of a new team. This season saw players from Year 7 right through to Year 11 ranging from experiencing tennis for the first time, continuing their development as a social player or pursuing professional tennis aspirations.

With only four other GPS and CAS schools offering a winter tennis we were able to create a friendly round robin competition. This provided a great competitive environment and allowed the boys to get to know each other and create friendships.

At the end of the season, Riverview hosted a gala event that included all the schools in one location. 2019 was a great season of development and camaraderie across a wide variety of age groups and personality types – a valuable experience for all of our players for both growth in character and confidence from working hard and achieving results!

**MR GEOFF TESORIERO,  
SPORTS PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR**



## Volleyball



GPS Volleyball is a fast growing sport across the GPS and CAS Schools. At Riverview alone, our numbers have increased to 72 students making up eight teams. Over the season, Riverview played 73 fixtures, winning 31 of these.

The 1st and 2nd VI should be very proud of their achievements. The 1sts finished the season strongly winning three of their last four matches. Congratulations to Charlie Hunter (Year 11) for being selected for the U19 NSW Squad and Sam Magarey who was selected as a shadow player for the U15 NSW Squad.

2nd Grade started the season with the majority of the team never having played the sport before, but the boys applied themselves

and managed to win two of their last four matches, losing one of them only in the fifth set. 4th Grade managed to not only win their very first match but notch up two wins for the season. The U16s dominated the majority of their opponents with the 16Bs remaining undefeated whilst the 16A lost just two matches. The U15s, who were mostly new to the sport, also managed to challenge their stronger opponents and won their first match in the second last round of the season. The U14A Team had a very successful season losing just the two matches and finishing in second place for their age-group.

**MR GEOFF TESORIERO, MIC OF VOLLEYBALL**

## Sports & Co-curriculum

# Sports in Community

## Basketballers Train With Special Athletes

On 17th November, players from our 1st and 2nd basketball teams joined with the Sydney North Shore Special Olympics Basketball team (fresh off the back of their state tournament) for an afternoon of training and mini-games at Narrabeen. Patrick Pearman (Year 9, Southwell) said:

“It was rewarding to help out some of the less able members in our community playing the game we love and enjoy, whilst also seeing

their improvement over the session. It is a great way of giving back to the community and participating in service, as it is very rewarding to see the smiles on all the athletes' faces as well as getting to know them and their stories a little better. It made me realise how grateful I should be to have the able body I have and to be able to participate in the sports I love. It's a great experience and I thank Special Olympics for having us.”



## Football Celebrates All Abilities

On and off the field, our young men from Football show their passion and compassion by volunteering for the Balmain Football Club program, All Abilities Football. Students from the Riverview Inclusion Program play with this squad with other students ranging with various disabilities, and the buddy program allows players who need extra support to participate to their full potential. We're proud of our young men – over a dozen of our players – who supported the program this season.



## Father & Son Golf Day



The 19th annual OIU Father & Son Golf Day was held on Sunday 1st December in great conditions at Lane Cove Golf Club with a full field of 21 teams. This friendly competition culminated with a drink and a BBQ sausage afterwards, celebrating the winning pair of Declan (Year 11) and his dad Alan O'Donovan. 2020 College Captain Archie and his dad Adam Cornell (OR1981) were close runners up, with the OIU

Trophy for the best two teams' combined score won by the O'Donovans and Darren and Nicholas Bunis.

More important than the trophies, however, was the camaraderie felt among the group. Thank you to all the father and son pairs who entered and enjoyed the day, and to the Old Ignatians' Union for bringing the men of Riverview together.

From the Boarding Community

# Riverview Drought Tour



In November, Boarding Community Liaison Gus Masters and I travelled through much of the Riverina and beyond to visit our Riverview families who are enduring a drought which is covering over 98% of the state. As we drove over the Blue Mountains, the rains opened up and we were greeted by the sight of turtles coming out onto roads to get a few precious drops of water.

In a lot of places in NSW, there is a green drought. Whilst tinges of green are visible across the landscape, the rivers and streams are dry. We travelled to Forbes and then onto Hillston where, amongst others, we caught up with the redoubtable Andrew Stalley (OR1971) who regaled us with stories of many fond Riverview moments and reminded us of the resilience of our rural and regional families.

It was then onto Griffith where we had 30 people turn up for drinks and dinner. Most of our families from Griffith are not on the land but the drought conditions affect everyone in the town and region. A tour

around Mark Zanetta's different business interests was a fascinating morning. We were subsequently fortunate enough to be shown around the farm of Sam and Sandy Taylor (parents of Henry and Oliver in Year 11 and Tom in Year 8), which provided a context of where the boys are from and what their lives are like when they go home from the gates of Riverview.

It was then onto Temora, where Gus went out on a header to fully experience the details and challenges of harvest time and we were gratified to have families travel from over two hours away to the Temora Hotel to catch up and say hello. Another insight into the impact of the drought was that we had to hastily change venues after our original choice went into receivership as a result of the decline in economic activity wrought by the drought.

We then moved onto our final destination of Goulburn where Ann-Marie Fisher organised a tremendous catch up. It was great to see Cameron Murray (OR2015) who is studying History Teaching in

Canberra. Finally, we headed down to Jugiong where we were able to go out and visit Sam and Karina Lenehan (parents of Angus in Year 7), who are on the same property as Jim and Julie Lenehan (Charlie starts 2010). Sam and Jim are sons of Jim (OR1956) and Sue Lenehan. If you have been to Jugiong you will know the Lenehans. One great yarn we heard was that the neighbouring Harden Rugby Club recently won a premierships with no less than 13 Old Ignatians in the team!

It was a special week as Gus and I were welcomed into our families' homes and properties to hear and share stories of the past, the present and our families' dreams for the future. It was truly a privilege to be able to share these experiences and it reinforced that we are blessed to be part of such a strong and resilient community. Riverview's links to the Bush are precious and we must do whatever we can to preserve them into the future

**MR ADRIAN BYRNE,  
DIRECTOR OF BOARDING**



## Riverview Boarding Roadshow

From Mudgee to Manila and Narrabri to New York, our College Executive team is committed to meeting members of our community and prospective families right where they are. The annual Boarding Roadshow is an opportunity for the College to connect meaningfully with the Riverview community, and it is our pleasure to announce our 2020 dates.

### APRIL

**Bathurst** | Saturday 4th April

### MAY

**Dubbo** | Friday 15th – Saturday 16th May

**Warren** | Sunday 17th May

### JUNE

**Griffith** | Wednesday 10th – Thursday 11th June

**Wagga** | Friday 12th – Saturday 13th June

**Canberra** | Saturday 13th June

### JULY

**Mudgee** | Friday 10th – Saturday 11th July

**Narrabri** | Friday 24th – Saturday 25th July

**Moree** | Saturday 25th July

### AUGUST

**Gunnedah** | Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th August

**Bowral** | Friday 21st August

### OCTOBER

**England and USA**

For more information, please check [www.riverview.nsw.edu.au/Boarding](http://www.riverview.nsw.edu.au/Boarding) or contact **Christine Zimbulis** on [CSZimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au](mailto:CSZimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au)

## 2020 Dates for the OIU

**March 19** Young Network Event

**May 2** Class of 1980 40 Year Reunion

**May 29** Nostalgia Mass and Lunch for the class of 1937 - 1969

**June 19** OIU Sports Lunch

**July 31** Class of 1985 35 Year Reunion

**August 1** Class of 2000 20 Year Reunion

**August 1** Class of 2010 10 Year Reunion

**October 2** Class of 1965 55 Year Reunion

For more information and to keep up to date with events, please visit [www.oiu.org.au](http://www.oiu.org.au)



## Old Ignatians' Union

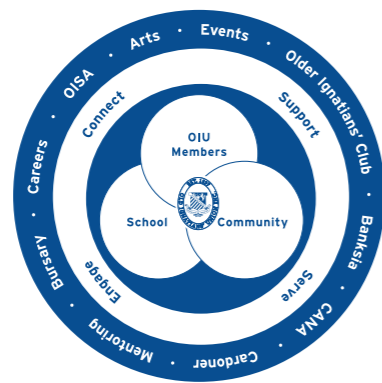
# Connecting, Supporting, Engaging and Serving



**Above** 2019 OIU President, Charlie Pidcock (OR1987) | Old Ignatians' Rugby Club

I didn't know a great deal about the OIU Committee when I joined in 2008, but as a student I had seen Old Boys around and had observed many of them over the years selling raffle tickets at the Indian Bazaar and burning sausages while having a laugh with their mates. It looked all pretty tight to me. Now that I've graduated and joined the ranks, like many of you reading this publication, I receive the *Ignatian* every year in the mail with a sense of nostalgia and I have always felt, most powerfully and gratefully, the connection within my year group.

The role of OIU President has given me a wonderful perspective on the range of activities undertaken to support Old Boys, the College and the broader community – within the auspices of the OIU and, of course, outside, through my stewardship of the Union. It is hard to capture all that the OIU does, but in line with the theme of Pilgrimage – or perhaps called 'life's journey' – I thought I'd give it a crack.



The OIU Mission

Connecting, Supporting, Engaging and Serving are the cornerstones of our purpose and help us to continue being men for others well after we leave the front gates as a student for the final time.

As Old Boys, we remain connected with the College with a mentoring program that supports over 50 indigenous boys every year within the College and beyond. We also share knowledge by sponsoring and

speaking at the annual Careers Expo and conducting Mock Interviews for Year 11 students. Damian Tynan (OR1984) and a team of class champions communicate with and mobilise the generosity of their cohort every year to raise funds for the Riverview Bursary Program, which helps to support over 90 students at the College each year.

Younger Old Boys are also supported through a variety of initiatives, including a partnership with the Cardoner Project, a Jesuit initiative through Two Wolves in Broadway. The OIU provides financial assistance, human resources and connections while the Cardoner Project provides opportunities for overseas immersions, working with the marginalised, and generally making the world a better place; assisting younger Old Boys (19–23 year olds) to find God in all things as they search for direction and meaning during their formative years. In 2020, we'll also be launching our Career Networking Events for younger Old Boys.



**Above** 2019 OIU Sports Lunch | **Below left:** 40 Year reunion | **Below right:** The Banksia Project addresses the Year 12 cohort

Every year group owes much to those who organise their Class Reunions, which takes significant diligence. We also acknowledge that attending reunions can require a great deal of bravery as there are many in every cohort who struggle, some publicly others privately, which can play out in all sorts of ways.

The Old Ignatians' Sports Association (OISA) helps to maintain and strengthen connections between Old Boys, and the OIU plays a big role in funding and organising various sporting clubs and activities including cricket, rugby, football, water polo, rowing, bowls, golf, etc. Exercise is proven to be one of the best things anyone can do for their mental health and wellbeing, and this, along with continuing connection, teamwork and fun, is priceless.

The Banksia Project (TBS), a brainchild of members of the OIU, has grown enormously over the last few years, gaining greater momentum (and supporters) through a number of alumni, schools and regional areas. TBS has developed practical and unique ways to assist those struggling to maintain their mental wellness by

creating safe environments for people to discuss what is challenging them.

The Indian Bazaar is a logistical and operational masterpiece requiring an enormous amount of leadership and teamwork from many volunteers; all thankless and all priceless with respect to the value it adds to the greater community, not to mention the funds helping the Jesuit Mission to assist struggling communities abroad.

Other events and initiatives of the OIU include the annual Sports Lunch, winter BBQs, Working Bees and Country Reunions – all which require collaboration with the College, catering and other stakeholders to ensure a success.

Mahatma Gandhi said "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". As far as I am aware, there isn't a Patron Saint of Volunteers, but he could have been it. The OIU has always been particularly generous and energetic, with a strong sense of social justice instilled by the Jesuits. Our work at CANA Communities through Teresa House (homeless shelter) and CANA Farm (for those on the margins)

provides opportunities for current students to do their community service hours and Old Boys to continue to give back to society.

Recently I heard someone say that the Riverview boys "move" as one, not leaving anyone out; being part of a tribe helps maintain a strong sense of identity in addition to providing opportunities to spend time with people of similar values. The connection that Riverview Old Boys have never really goes away; our Older Ignatians' Club (OIC) is still getting together, organising hospital visits and supporting classmates many, many years after leaving the College.

Connecting, Engaging, Serving, Supporting – it is who we are and what we do.

It has been my privilege to serve as the OIU President over the last two years and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful community. It has been amongst the most amazing and rewarding experiences of my life. Thank you to everyone for making it so.

**MR CHARLIE PIDCOCK (OR1987),  
2018 OIU PRESIDENT**

# The Cardoner Experience



This year I've spent my time abroad in Northern Thailand with The Cardoner Project. For the past ten months I've been working as a volunteer English teacher at Xavier Learning Community (XLC) near the border of Laos and Myanmar. XLC is a donation-run Jesuit tertiary community for Thai and Hill-tribe students who can't afford further education. It is an amazing community made up of around 100 members, including students and staff. Twice a day the students try to sustain the community by cleaning, cooking, and farming to help the institution keep functioning.

XLC began in 2017 and has seen rapid development since then, with more students coming in each year and more facilities being built with donated money. The motto of XLC is "Growing in Community, Sharing in Society," so it's not hard to see why we also reach out to neighbouring schools and communities to assist them.

Involving myself in the XLC life and forming relationships with the students and staff has transformed me. Everyone is extremely happy and friendly in a way quite unusual back home. The cultures, traditions and values of the ethnic minority groups I've seen has made me much more mindful of the important things concealed in ordinary life.

On another note, the fleeting personal experiences that a year abroad has given me have been profound. Any day I can expect to meet someone, be put in a difficult situation or witness something



**Above** Aidán Marley (OR2018) teaching English in Northern Thailand

ending in a profound new insight. Coming out of the experience, it's worrying to reflect on how easily I may have missed this opportunity. Every Riverview student should consider a retreat from Australian society to practice our Ignatian values or to grow.

**AIDAN MARLEY (OR2018)**

## Remembering Gracious Generosity: Paul Trainor AO (OR1941), 1927-2006



Paul Murray Trainor left Riverview during the dark days of World War II. He had been a fine cricketer and Rugby player at Riverview and he became a life-long friend of Father Charles Fraser SJ. After graduating from Riverview, Paul went on to study both Engineering and Law at Sydney University and he married Nanette; their three sons, Dominic Matthew (OR1973), Ben Bruce (OR1975) and Matthew Peter (OR1978), all went to Riverview. Robert Foot, one of Paul's executives, explains Paul's accomplishments:

*"Paul Trainor established Nucleus Holdings in 1964 ... [and] built a group of companies specialising in the design, research, development, manufacturing and marketing of world-wide medical devices... In his long and successful career, Paul broke new ground with his emphasis*

*upon original research... his crowning achievement was the development of the cochlear implant... [which] provides hearing to people of all ages and backgrounds who are profoundly nerve deaf."*

Cochlear, subsequently floated on the ASX, has grown to a public company well established in the ASX50. It has helped over 600,000 people around the world with severe to profound hearing loss. Matthew Trainor, Paul's youngest son, observes that his father was "one of Australia's greatest industrialists who has inspired the present generation to develop their technology in Australia and to take it to the world."

Paul was an innovator who walked the floors of his factories each morning, knowing all of his employees by name. In 1988, when he sold his company to

Pacific Dunlop, Paul gave away 60% of the proceeds to his employees, to charities, and research, and to set up a professorship in the graduate school of biomedical engineering at UNSW. At the time, Paul Trainor said that the gift plan fitted with the philosophy of his company which was based on products that help people. His generosity was widely reported in the media at the time.

At the time of his retirement, one of his few comments was that he now wanted "to avoid any further publicity." But, we should know about him. Paul Trainor... one of Riverview's unsung heroes and a humble man for others.

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

## Tom O'Brien (OR2013), Winner of the Patrick Rodgers Memorial Prize



**Above** The O'Brien family: Joseph, Michelle, Jacob, Tom, Maddie, Peter and Sean

**“Family and faith were the two factors that drove Tom O'Brien (OR2013) into a lifestyle directed towards the service of others.”**

*“The Patrick Rodgers Memorial Award, inaugurated last year, is given to a young Old Boy who is dedicating a significant amount of time and energy to the service of the marginalised in Australia and/or overseas. The award is named for Patrick Rodgers (OR2011), who after graduating, had made nine trips to Cambodia, working most significantly with a community in Pailin. He passed away on Christmas Day, 2017, while in Cambodia.”*

In November, Tom O'Brien (OR2013) was awarded the Patrick Rodgers Memorial Award at Riverview's whole school Service Assembly, recognising his service to the marginalised in the years since graduating. While pursuing his Integrated Product Design honours degree at UTS and working at IBM, Tom offered hands-on collaborative service in Sydney, the Northern Territory, and overseas in India, Cambodia and China.

In being presented the award, Tom recognised the lifelong guidance from his family and his faith: “These two bases have given me strength and I have leaned on them throughout my entire life,” Tom said. “I believe service is a great practice of faith every day, as it constantly reminds us that things are so much bigger than any one person - and by forming loving and supportive communities we can really do 'great' work.”

His approach to people in need has been personal as well as systemic. Locally, Tom has contributed through St Canice's Kitchen, serving meals to the homeless and marginalised, and as a mentor in the Life for Koori Kids program, supporting

indigenous youth in Redfern and Waterloo. On a systemic level, Tom has been a part of an education movement called the 40k Project in India as a participant, then leader, then as a design consultant.

He has sought out opportunities to use his design skills in the service of others in India, Cambodia and China, then also closer to home, reconnecting with Sr Ann Gardiner from Bathurst Island to help design health-based technology for communities in the Northern Territory.

The award committee noted: “Throughout Tom's years since graduating, his service to others has been characterised by listening and responding - always with a priority on understanding the communities he helps, and on the involvement of the community.”

Addressing the Riverview students from Years 5-11, Tom advised them to “immerse and be on the ground... be patient and surround yourself with people you trust... Think of solutions that aren't the fastest and most affordable but create solutions that have a long-term sustainable impact.”

**MR DALE CLARKE, FAITH IN SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR**

## OIC Welcomes Tony Abbot

The Older Ignatians Club (OIC) has had an eventful few months, the highlight of which was our recent lunch held at Cova Cottage on Friday, November 29. Riverview Old Boy and former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott (OR1975) was our guest speaker, delivering a very entertaining speech about his memories of the College followed by a spirited Q & A session which covered many current topics, both political and personal. Nearly 75 guests attended the lunch, which was a

record for the OIC and helped to finish the year on a very strong note.

Throughout the year, Paul Keighery (OR1962) was kept busy updating the OIU Facebook page with historical photos of the College and accompanying stories which have heartened many of the 'older Old Boys', many of whom might not be able to take a more active involvement with the College but enjoy remaining connected. Gerry (OR1960) and Michael

McCormack (OR1964) recently visited a classmate from the class of 1960 at his property at Wellington, who some years ago had a very serious stroke and is severely affected, however he loved hearing all the news of the College. We are still endeavouring to find out about Old Boys who might need assistance or support, and welcome any news you might wish to share.

**MR REX HOEBEN (OR1960), OIC CONVENOR**



## Dr Bryen Moore MacMahon (OR1944)

**Congratulations to Old Boy Dr Bryen Moore MacMahon (OR1944), who received the statue of 'Bull' Allen by Ambassador Hockey in July.**

Dr MacMahon served in the Australian Imperial Force (Army) in Papua New Guinea during World War II and later alongside U.S. troops in Vietnam. The statue of 'Bull' Allen is the Embassy's highest honour, depicting a stretcher bearer from Bendigo who heroically carried twelve wounded Americans to safety during the Wau-Salamaua campaign in Papua New Guinea in 1943.



Generations

# The Lenehans of Narrandera and Jugiong



Above left to right Bill Lenehan (OR1948) in the 1948 Our Alma Mater | Top: Tom Lenehan (OR2016) | Bottom: Sam Lenehan (OR2019)

While Sam Lenehan (OR2019) is not the last of his extended family to graduate from Riverview, when he finished his HSC this year he completed the third generation of his family – a widely known and well regarded Riverview family from South West NSW.

Narrandera is near the Murrumbidgee River, in the Riverina District. It takes its name from the indigenous word for ‘a place of frill-necked lizards’ and it was first settled by the white men in 1863. The former Governor of NSW, Dame Marie Bashir, comes from there as does the former Australian Rugby League player

Cliff Lyons. The township Jugiong is known as the ‘gateway to the Hilltops area’.

What draws the two places together are the Lenehan family and Riverview.

Sam’s grandfather, Bill Lenehan (OR1948), came to Riverview from Narrandera, along with his brothers John (OR1947), Jim (OR1956) and Andrew (OR1959). Bill’s sons, Bill (OR1974/PY1976)\* and Tony (OR1977/PY1979)\*, were here from Coolac in the 1970s. Then Tony’s sons, Tom (OR2016) and now Sam (OR2019) also made their way from Coolac.

There have been multiple cousins including Jim, Sam, Angus, Ben, Joe and Bill Lenehan, with more to come. And they’re related to those stalwart country families such as the McGeochs, the Ryans, the Wards and the Walkers.

What would Riverview do without them?

\*OR = Old Riverview (their final year of schooling) | PY = Peer Year (the year their cohort graduated)

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

Archives

# The Diary of Charles Donnelly and the Story of the Aurora

Shackleton’s Forgotten Men and the first attempt of a Transcontinental crossing of Antarctica, 1914 – 1916.



Above left to right “Fed up - God, how much longer are we going to be in this ghastly prison?” Charles Donnelly, Dec 1915; Menu for Christmas dinner served on board the Aurora, 1915. “Secured three Emperors [penguins] with the aid of Aitken and Kavannah. Had a ripping Christmas dinner. The menu of which I am going to get autographed by everybody after.” Charles Donnelly, Dec 1915.

Beaten to the Pole by Captain Robert Scott and Roald Amundsen, Sir Ernest Shackleton decided to instead attempt the first transcontinental crossing of Antarctica. The ill-fated expedition not only included those on board the *Endurance* who were to undertake the march to the Pole, but also a party on board the *Aurora*, the support team which sailed to lay supply depots at intervals to the Pole. One member of this support team, second engineer Charles Donnelly (1893-1959), recorded his experiences in his diary, which was later generously donated to Riverview Archives by his nephew, Joseph Donnelly (OR1935).

In his early entries, Donnelly described his excitement and expectations of the journey ahead. On 18 January 1915, the *Aurora* was moored off Point Hut in McMurdo Sound and the crew began preparations to unload supplies. Then, one fateful night in May, disaster struck. The vessel broke her mooring and was blown out to sea by winds exceeding 120 mph. Those on shore were left stranded believing all on board the *Aurora* were lost at sea. Charles Donnelly wrote:

“Blizzarding. Broke adrift from Cape Evans at about 10.15pm. The 3 wires and anchor cable by which the ship was moored carrying away just as if they were so much cotton. Had to immediately jump the bunk...”

The *Aurora* would be stuck in the pack ice, which Donnelly describes as a “ghastly prison”, for 11 months. During those long months, Donnelly recorded the fear and uncertainty of the crew:

“There is an ominous creaking in the ship’s timbers through the pressure. I shudder to think what would be our fate if the pressure gets too great for the stout old ship. It would be awful to have to go onto the floes now in the inky blackness and howling blizzard.”

After celebrating Christmas and the New Year on board, the ship finally broke free of the ice in March 1916. Although badly damaged and with little fuel, the *Aurora* managed to reach Port Chalmers in New Zealand. After having left Sydney in December 1914 to join the expedition, Donnelly finally returned home safely in May 1916.

**MS CATHY HOBBS, ARCHIVIST**

Parents & Friends' Association

# The Privilege of Pilgrimage



Images clockwise from top left The Cana Market Stall, Year 8 parents' Christmas night, Fathers' Day breakfast, Easter Mass, Year 10 mums' lunch

In 2012, approximately 100 families entered the gates of Regis to wave their sons off as they commenced their education at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview. Some of those families were very familiar with their surroundings; others were completely new and navigating their way through what seemed like a foreign world. That number of families doubled two years later in Year 7, and increased again in the ensuing five years. In September 2019, those families and their sons celebrated the end of their formal education at Riverview at the Valet Mass and Dinner.

As a broad concept, a pilgrimage can refer to going on a journey with a purpose.

Every step along the way has a meaning. While it is easy to draw parallels between our sons' journey through their education at Riverview, I think it is just as important to acknowledge that each and every family has an incredible opportunity to benefit from time spent within our school community.

As Parents and Friends of Riverview, this year we welcomed new families and celebrated as year cohorts at lunches, barbecues, weekends away and cocktail parties. We provided support - often behind the scenes - for those experiencing grief or hardship, and committed to strengthening our support for Cana

Communities. We volunteered at Winter Canteen, the Indian Bazaar and countless morning teas. And we enjoyed deepening our spiritual connection at First Friday Masses.

It has been a privilege to be part of the Riverview P&F in 2019. We are blessed with a connected community of families at Riverview who actively seek to make a positive contribution. The Ignatian value of being 'men and women for others' resonates strongly within our community and is one that will always remain.

**MRS JACQUI HAYES,  
2019 P&F PRESIDENT**

From the Province Ministries

# A Journey of Solidarity



Above Images from the 2019 Indian Bazaar

This year marked the 68th year of the Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar - a fête that began in 1952 in support of the young Australian Jesuit missionaries who embarked on a life-long journey to India to serve the poor. Since then, every year, Jesuit communities and friends have come together in solidarity to support people who are living in the margins, suffering the indignities of poverty and injustice.

This year was no exception. It is estimated that over 8,000 people of all ages joined the Indian Bazaar, helping to raise close to \$200,000 which will go to support more than 50 projects in 14 countries. The Bazaar was made possible by hundreds of volunteers who worked passionately and with much joy not only on the day, but in the preparation and lead up to it. They truly represented St Ignatius' call to be men and women for others.

Jesuit Mission would like to thank all the students of Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, as well as all the parents and the Old Ignatians' Union for volunteering and participating on the day, and of course for hosting this unique and vital event at the College.

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



## Family Celebrations

### Weddings 2019

#### JANUARY

Alexander Smith (OR2005) and Tess O'Brien

#### MARCH

Patrick McCabe (OR2006) and Charlotte Hale

Stuart McLean (OR2005) and Elizabeth Redmond

#### APRIL

James Montano (OR2005) and Kate McClure

#### MAY

Damien Kean (OR2007) and Natalie Jones

#### AUGUST

Brendan Kenny (OR2004) and Amber Thorn

#### OCTOBER

Edwin Wijaya (OR1990) and Priscilla Bastiaans

Simon Byrne (OR1997) and Diana Bui

Paul Chidrawi (OR2005) and Alexandra Beretatos

Rodney Sirkowski and Amelia O'Neill

#### NOVEMBER

Andrew Han (OR2001) and Kyung-hee Moon

#### DECEMBER

Samuel Conrick (OR2005) and Josephine Sheehan

Andrew McAlpine (OR1991) and Julalak Thaisathian

Michael Wells (OR2011) and Angela Casella

### Baptisms 2019

#### FEBRUARY

**Emelia** daughter of Robyn and Davide Cantali (OR1997)

#### APRIL

**Hudson** Michael son of Katelyn and Joshua Morris (Teacher)

#### MAY

**Andrew John** son of Adriana and Patrick Tait (OR2003)

**James** son of Felicia and Timothy Scott (OR2001)

**Celeste** daughter of Lisette Collins and Byron Wilson (OR2007)

#### JUNE

**Thomas** son of Rachael and James Lockyer (OR2000)

**Nicholas** son of Loretta and Timothy Barry (OR1997)

#### JULY

**Olivia** daughter of Julia and Matthew Kelly (OR2000)

#### AUGUST

**Edward** son of Claire and Mark Story (OR2002)

#### SEPTEMBER

**Lachlan** son of Emma and Patrick O'Halloran (OR2003)

**Charles** son of Christine and Thomas Clark (OR1994)

**Cooper** son of Clare and Philippe Oei (OR2006)

**Joseph** son of Shingirai and Thomas Hinton (OR2000)

**James** son of Bridie and Andrew Cole

#### OCTOBER

**Lachlan** son of Phillipa and Edward Fernon (OR2005)

**Edward** son of Rubie and Edward Loneragan (OR1996)

**Xavier** son of Laura and Sebastian Ugarte (OR1995)

**Larry William** son of Nadja and Kevin Lynch (OR1991)

#### NOVEMBER

**Clover** daughter of Emily and James Sheehan (OR2005)

**Archie Brendan** son of Natasha and Brendan Allen (OR1997)

**Ella Millie** daughter of Katrin and Thomas Hughes (OR1999)

**Thomas Morton** son of Fiona and Timothy Brewer (OR1994)

**Archibald** son of Jessica and John Anderson

**Travis** son of Lauren and James Russell

#### DECEMBER

**Thomas Geoffrey** son of Jacqueline and Brian Shanahan (OR1987)

**Oliver Charles** son of David and Anne Nesbitt

# Transitions

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF - SEMESTER 2, 2019

<b>Sean Benkenstein</b>	Facilities Assistant
<b>George Catchpoole</b>	Teacher - Science
<b>Jing Chin</b>	ICT Client Services Officer
<b>Liam Connaughton</b>	Gap Student
<b>Melissa Cooke</b>	Science Laboratory Assistant
<b>Jack Deasy</b>	Gap Student
<b>Bianca Frary</b>	ICT Client Services Officer
<b>John Hennebry</b>	Gap Student
<b>David Jenkins</b>	Maintenance Services - Facilities Coordinator
<b>Conor Kelly</b>	Gap Student
<b>Adam Maher</b>	Gap Student
<b>Conal Meehan</b>	Gardens Grounds Staff
<b>Janet Naylor</b>	Publications Designer / Administrator
<b>Thomas Power</b>	Gap Student
<b>Joann Rutherford</b>	Teacher - Languages

## FAREWELL & THANKS

<b>Sarah Barnard</b>	Teacher - Drama	2018-2019
<b>Joel Budd</b>	Assistant Head of Faculty - TAS	2016-2019
<b>Daniel Byrne</b>	Gap Student	2018-2019
<b>Luke Clohessy</b>	Gap Student	2018-2019
<b>Padraig Connolly</b>	Teacher - Science	2019
<b>Mary Diggins</b>	Teacher - Religious Education	2019
<b>Luke Doran</b>	Teacher - English	2012-2019
<b>Allan Ennis</b>	Gardens - Grounds Staff	2005-2019
<b>Oliver Foster</b>	Gap Student	2018-2019
<b>Shane Holden</b>	Gap Student	2018-2019
<b>Tadhg Maloney</b>	Gap Student	2018-2019
<b>Alison McLennan</b>	Assistant Head Of Faculty - English	2008-2019
<b>Silvana Mladenovic</b>	ICT Professional Development Coordinator	2008-2019
<b>Colm Murphy</b>	Gap Student	2018-2019
<b>Luke Rajca</b>	ICT System Administrator	2017-2019

## Requiescant in Pace

Anthony (Tony) Brown (OR1947)  
Died 6 December 2018

Patrick Fisher (OR1953)  
Died 4 January 2019

Timothy Suttor (OR1968)  
Died 5 April 2019

John Aloysius Bryant (OR1949)  
Died May 2019

Charles (Peter) O'Rourke (OR1956)  
Died June 2019

Peter O'Brien (OR1946)  
Died 22 June 2019

Patrick Green (OR2018)  
Died 3 July 2019

Daniel Webb (OR1996)  
Died 12 July 2019

Mark Egger  
(Former Teacher & Parent)  
Died 21 July 2019

William (Bill) Critch (OR1950)  
Died 24 July 2019

Max Mantach (OR1950)  
Died 24 August 2019

Dr Robert Burns (OR1943)  
Died 5 September 2019

Anthony (Tony) Bolger (OR1945)  
Died 12 September 2019

James (Jim) Macken AM (OR1946)  
Died 19th September 2019

William (Bill or Bushy) Cape  
(OR1951)  
Died 24 September 2019

Alexander Hartman (OR1998)  
Died 3 October 2019

Dr William (Bill) Bye (OR1964)  
Died 4 October 2019

Dr John Duffy (OR1971)  
Died 7 November 2019

John Vercoe (OR1961)  
Died 17 October 2019



# Saint Ignatius' College

## RIVERVIEW

---

### Ignatian December 2019 Edition

VOL 32

---

T +61 2 9882 8222

Tambourine Bay Road, Lane Cove NSW 2066

[stignatius@riverview.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stignatius@riverview.nsw.edu.au)

[riverview.nsw.edu.au](http://riverview.nsw.edu.au)