

OLD SCHOLARS

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Kalan Hayes, Ryan Finlay, Sheridan Jones, Tyla McNamara and Bree Farrugia (along with Tom Fox and Nirav Rajput absent) from our Class of 2022 were celebrated at our Dux Assembly

I am delighted that you remain interested in and connected to the College through this newsletter and the many friendships and connections you made during your time here. Some traditions remain and are a cherished part of our community, and some things are changing as we respond to different times and evolving needs.

Following extensive consultation last year, which included input from our Old Scholars, we launched our new vision and mission this semester to take St Mark's College into the future with a clear direction that remains true to our core values as a Catholic school: Faith, Respect, Resilience, Compassion and Service.

Firmly founded on these values, our Vision is that St Mark's College empowers students through excellent education to become curious, independent learners, and just, compassionate global citizens. Reflecting on your time at St Mark's, I daresay that such values were instilled in you throughout your schooling. We often do not realise the impact of Catholic schooling on our lives until facing a challenge or a tough decision that draws upon the values we have developed in our formative years.

With this Vision, we are forging ahead confidently in our Mission, which states:

As a Catholic community founded in the traditions of the Salesians and Good Samaritan Sisters, we:

- Invite our community into an experience of faith and spirituality.
- Celebrate diversity, inclusion, and the unique gifts of each person.
- Foster a community based on respect, compassion, and service to others.

- Provide a contemporary learning environment that promotes joyful learning enabling students to excel and thrive.
- Value collegiality, collaboration and positive partnerships with students, families, and our wider community.

Our new APRIM, Mrs Annie Olsen (Richter- Class of 2007), has brought a fresh lens to our liturgical life, creating Mass and Retreat experiences that are inviting and thought provoking. New senior RE courses, with a focus on community service have proved to be engaging and fostered a good spirit, with Year 11 students raising almost \$23,000 from the Vinnies Sleepout, and Year 12 students supporting literacy and numeracy learning at Benedict, visiting residents at St Joseph's House and developing a sustainable veggie garden for the primary students to name a few of the successful acts of service that have taken place.

Our new Student Hub opened at Bosco campus this year, providing a warm and inviting space for students to go at recess and lunch and to take time out of class if necessary, supported by a fantastic Wellbeing Team. We have also received approval from SACCS, the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, for our new Masterplan which will see us start work on building a new Boarding House hopefully at the end of this year to be opened in 2025.

There are exciting times ahead, and we look forward to sharing further developments with you.

Go well!

Sandra Hewson
Principal, St Mark's College

AROUND THE COLLEGE

Old Scholar
Briony (Foley) Pole, 2010
with her son's
Jack and Leo
on their first day of
Little Lions in Term 1.



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Around the College



SPORTS DAY: *It's green for the win again!* Gallagher were winners of our 2023 Bosco Athletics Day, pictured are our Gallagher Class of 2023



LEADERSHIP: Our student leaders from Reception - Year 12 were commissioned, photographed are our Benedict Vice-Captains Harry (son of Melissa Clarke, 2000) and Hannah (daughter of Lauren McDonald, 1999)



LITTLE LIONS: Our Little Lions graduated ready to start school in Term 3, pictured is Hali with her Buddies Lily and Tessa



FEAST DAY: The College paused in prayer and for a sausage to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians



OUTREACH: Year 11 students and Bosco staff raised almost \$23,000 for Vinnies SA as part of the Vinnies School Sleep Out, an incredible achievement!



EASTER: The tradition of the annual Easter Reenactment continues with Year 5s successfully sharing the Easter story with our school community

Around the College



MINI MARK'S: This year we have introduced Mini Mark's as a weekly playgroup for local families



BUDDIES: Year 12s and Receptions have formed bonds in a new Buddy program initiative



STAFF RETREAT: Part of this year's Staff Retreat included community service. Staff volunteered in for a number of activities to benefit the community- assisting at Goods at Gertrude and Vinnies, tree planting, cooking food for Fred's Van, planking (picking up rubbish while walking) and cleaning up areas of the school



STUDY HUB: The former Bosco Library has been transformed into a Student Hub, a new wellbeing initiative at the College



YEAR 12: The Class of 2023 with their commemorative 'Seniors' jumpers

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**FRANK
GDALETA**
Class of 2007

Frank married Jess
Nicholson on 15 April
2023 in McLaren Vale.



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Old Scholar Achievements



MARK JAMAR, Class of 2001

Mark Jamar left school with a promising AFL career ahead of him. Twenty-two years on and Mark still is involved with the AFL and was thrilled to be one of the coaching staff involved in this years Gather Round in Adelaide.

When I left school at the start of 2001, I moved to Adelaide and then to Melbourne in 2002. After 14 seasons and 155 games for Melbourne, I did a season as coach/player at Essendon in 2016.

It's great to still be involved with AFL- I am a Ruck-Coach part time at Essendon. A recent highlight for me was the Gather round in Adelaide, where all games were played in SA, including double headers at Adelaide Oval.

We (Essendon) played Melbourne, before Port Adelaide took on Western Bulldogs. The game was special to me for a number of reasons, but mostly to be back in my home state doing something I love. Being back at Adelaide Oval, brought back fond memories of playing at the venue for North Adelaide in 2001, and playing in the first modern AFL game there against Port Adelaide in 2011.

As the game was against my former team Melbourne, it was great to catch up with some of my old team mates. I also got to see my Under 18s coach Peter Bessen in the crowd pre-game. I also caught up with my Mum, Craig and his family after the game which was great.

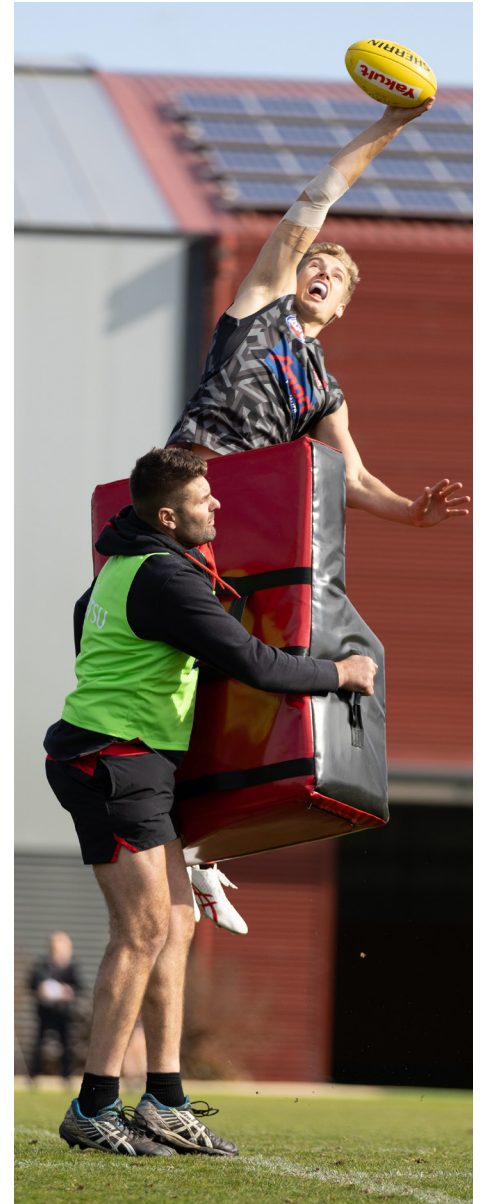
I think the Gather Round is a great concept which will only grow in capacity and popularity. It will provide a great investment into infrastructure, country sporting club facilities and surfaces which will be there for communities to access for generations.

Outside of football, I keep busy running my own business. I always studied while I was playing football, gaining qualifications in building and carpentry. This led to me running my own company today, which focusing on structural steel construction.

I am married to Dulce and we have two sons, Ashton (7) and Leo (4). We live in Doncaster, Melbourne. The boys are growing fast and are starting to get keen on footy which is fun, I just hope they get their speed from Dulce and not me!

Some favourite memories from school are playing sport at lunchtime with the boys, and also school camps and parties. I felt like the Class of 2001 was full of great people and definitely a few characters. I am still in touch with Pat Tietz, Chris Smale (who lives in Melbourne), Angelica Murn (Bellefemine), Heath Tiller and Ali Haskett. Plus others from time to time.

It's great to see that the College has now produced several AFL players. It's important to give current and future students something to aspire to academically but also in other areas like sport, arts and trades. A solid base like St Mark's, with good people around you and genuine guidance plays a large part in setting you up for life.



The Jamar family, Garry, Antonetta, Carly (2003), Leo, Mark (2001), Dulce, Ashton, Thomas, Craig (2005) and Courtney

Old Scholar Achievements



AMELIA SMART, Class of 2020

Amelia Smart achieved the faculty Prize for Arts for Semester 2, 2022 with High Distinctions in 4 subjects at the Aquinas College Collegiate Dinner and Awards Ceremony during February. Amelia is pictured receiving her award from the Rector, Sean Brito-Babapulle.



NOAH WATERS, Class of 2019

Noah Waters was awarded the Father CP Finn Prize for top Senior returning student. Noah is pictured receiving the prize with Kylie McBain (Aquinas College Council) and Rector, Sean Brito-Babapulle.



HARRY MEAD, Class of 2020

A third-year resident at St Ann's College, Harry Mead is studying a Bachelor of Journalism and Professional Writing at the University of South Australia. An active contributor to College sporting life, Harry has represented the College in the men's basketball, cricket, football, hockey, soccer. In 2022 Harry was awarded the Kent Stockdale Scholarship, recognising a high achieving student in academic and sporting life, and an enthusiastic participant in the social life of the College.



LUCIA ALVAREZ, Class of 2020

Lucia is a second-year resident at St Ann's College and is studying a Bachelor of Engineering with a Bachelor of Finance and Banking. In 2022, Lucia was awarded the Bob Hill-Ling Scholarships as well as a college medal for her outstanding academic results. She is an active contributor to college life and has represented St Ann's in debating and has also signed up to be an Open Day Assistant.



RYAN FINLAY, Class of 2022

College Dux Ryan Finlay was awarded the Playford Trust Rural and Regional STEM Scholarship and the University of Adelaide Principals Scholarship. Ryan is studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Electrical & Electronic) at the University of Adelaide.

Celebrating Love



LUCINDA PORCELLI

Class of 2009

Lucinda married Brad Bryant on 25 February 2023 at Brand's Laira in the Coonawarra. Lucinda and Brad live in Mount Gambier, where Lucinda is the Director of Cindafit Nutrition.



TOBY CONNOR

Class of 2005

Toby married Taylor Smith at the family property in Bangor on 23 September 2022. Toby, Taylor and their son Jack live in Port Pirie, where Toby is a Funeral Director.



Celebrating Love



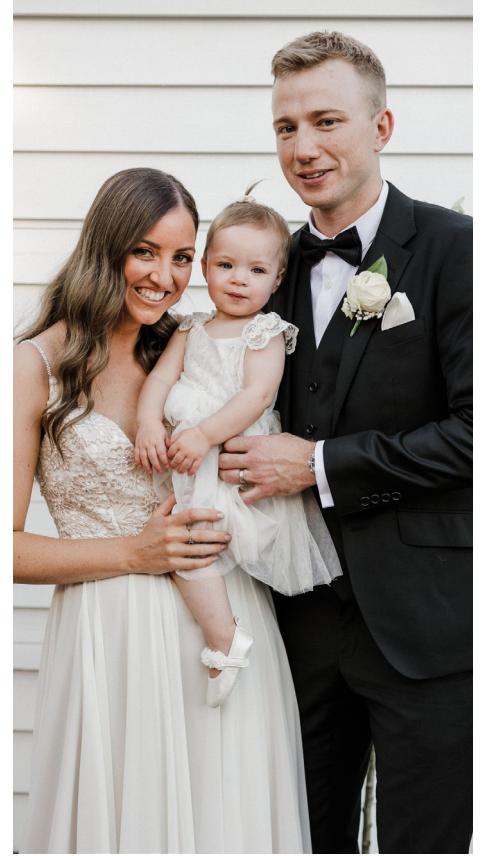
ALEXANDRA SCOLLIN

Class of 2007

Alexandra married Alex Simmons on 2 December 2022 in Port Elliot. Alexandra, Alex and their daughter Maddison live in Port Pirie, where Alexandra is a primary school teacher.



Alexandra and Alex along with their bridal party Emily Patterson (D'Agostino- 2007), Obie Simmons, Ashleigh Bateson (Scollin- 2003) and Nick Hewett (2008)



ANALEIZE LETHBRIDGE

Class of 2014

Analeize married Dylan Brooks at Cobble and Stone in Port Lincoln on 7 January 2023. Analeize and Dylan live in Port Pirie, where Analeize is a primary school teacher.



The Lethbridge family, Baileigh (2019), Kycenn (current student), Analeize and Vyanah (2015)



Celebrating Love



JAYNE PATTERSON

Class of 2008

Jayne Patterson and Shane Hickey were married at Maximilian's Restaurant in the Adelaide Hills on 20 January 2023. Jayne and Shayne live in Adelaide, where Jayne is the Director at Robins Harris, Unley.



From the Class of 2006, Georgia Pavy, Natasha Gadaleta, Olivia Spadavecchia, Natina Clarke (Pisani), Jayne Patterson, Olivia Thorpe, Ella Camporeale, Felicity Clarke (Brevi) and Alyce Annese (Capurso)



MOLLY HEAD

Class of 2015

Molly and Adam Combe were married at their farming property on 11 February 2023. Molly and Adam live in Laura with their daughter Sadie. Molly is a secondary teacher at our Bosco Campus.



Molly with her Bridesmaids- Louise Combe, Hannah Arbon (2015), Hannah Gum (2013) and Chloe Arbon (2016)



Celebrating Love



TERENCE PELLEGRINI Class of 2006

Terence and Stevie Bormann were married at Maple and Pine in Jamestown on 26 November 2022. They live in Port Pirie with their children Oliver, Marnie and Louie. Terence works as a mechanical fitter for furnace solutions.



IAN QUIN Class of 2006

Ian and Stacy Alvares were married at Ayers House in Adelaide followed by the reception at the Intercontinental on 15 April 2023. Ian and Stacy live in Dallas, Texas where Ian is the Senior Director of Operations Improvement for GenesisCare in the US, managing a team of operation improvement directors helping to integrate 130 oncology centres around the US into the global network. Their aim is to make sure cancer patients receive access to the best treatments available across the US.



Carmen Quin, Andrew Quin (2002), Stacy and Ian, Matthew Tyler (2006), Tara Tyler (Cockington- 2004), Jason Haylock (2006), Will Coffey (2006) and Nadia Semanic



Our Newest Arrivals



JESSLYN (OXFORD) BYERLEE, Class of 2005

Jess and Tim, along with big sister Stella, welcomed Cleo Sage in October 2022. The family live in Port Pirie where Jess is a teacher at St Mark's College.



AMANDA (CAPUTO) MILLINGTON, Class of 2005

Amanda and Rhys, along with big sister Macy, welcomed Daisy Reese in December 2022. The family live in Port Pirie, where Amanda works at Yourtown.



LIZZY (MUNDAY) DUNN, Class of 2008

Lizzy and Matthew welcomed Melody Jane in January 2023. The family live in Adelaide, where Lizzy is the Year 9 Coordinator at St Mary's College.



The Munday family with baby Melody on her christening day! Princess Ladra, Patrick Munday (2006), Jane Munday, Matthew Dunn, Lizzy Dunn, Peter Munday and Matt Munday (2012).

Our Newest Arrivals



LISA QUIN and TOBY CHURCH, Class of 2004

Lisa, Toby and big brother Asher welcomed Eliana Clare in February 2023. The family live in Port Pirie, where Lisa is a Early Childhood Professional and Toby is a Community Programs Support Officer for Australian Red Cross.



JESS (DUNKLEY) HILL, Class of 2007

Jess and Daniel, along with big brothers Parker and Tanner, welcomed Finlay Jette in March 2023. The family live in Port Pirie.



HANNAH HORSNELL, Class of 2012 and SAM KEANE, Class of 2009

Hannah and Sam welcomed Billy Michael in March 2023. The family live in Port Pirie, where Hannah is a primary school teacher and Sam is a property valuer.



TOBY CONNOR, Class of 2005

Toby and Taylor welcomed Jack Arthur in March 2023. The family live in Port Pirie, where Toby is a Funeral Director.

Our Newest Arrivals



KATY (WILLIAMS) O'NEILL, Class of 2008

Katy and Casey, along with big sisters Maddie and Jorja, welcomed Willow in April 2023. The family live in Port Pirie where Katy works at Magic FM.



COURTNEY CONNOLE, Class of 2004

Courtney and Brad Searle, along with big brother Levi, welcomed Adelyn Anne in June 2023. The family live in Adelaide where Courtney is a Document Automation Coordinator at Norman Waterhouse Lawyers.



EMMA (STANLEY) BLACK, Class of 2009

Emma and Matthew welcomed Frankie Kate in June 2023. The family live in Port Pirie, where Emma works at Thrive Health Centre.



NATASHA GADALETA, Class of 2006

Tash and Khord Kopu along with big sister Harlow welcomed Beau in October 2022. The family live in Adelaide where Natasha is an Occupational Therapist.

Out and About



Old Scholars from the Class of 2002 catching up in the April school holidays, Anita Mezzino, Amber Thoman, Courtney Mezzina (Kotaras), Hannah Lavis (Harris), Veronica Cutting (Maas), Jenna George (Howell), Lisa Nelson (Seery), Sally Bosworth (Christall) and Leah Bellifemini



Attendants at the wedding of Analeize and Dylan were Sarah Noonan (2014) and Vyanah Lethbridge (2015)



Old Scholars from the Class of 1995 catching up in the April school holidays, L-R Back – Kellee Hall (Harris), Renee Harmer, Maria Silvestri (Mezzino), Janita DeGioia (Tridente), Amy Fuss, Martine Wright (Amato), Tanya Rafanelli and Sarah Moloney (Turci)



Old Scholars and College staff celebrating Mae Camporeale's 30th birthday, Talia Phillipps (2018), Kylan Reddaway (Oxford-2007), Lisa Manners (Mezzino-1996), Mae (2010), Elke Adams (Holze-2010), Kirby Symons (Howell-2005), Jess Byerlee (Oxford-2005) and Toni Freer (1992)

Out and About



Old Scholars from the Class of 2002 catching up recently were Lillian Richter, Hannah Lavis (Harris), Anita Mezzino, Sarah Schmidt (Moore) and Daniella Noble (LaForgia)



Celebrating the wedding of Molly and Adam Combe were Alicia Priestley, Briony Pole (Foley- 2010), Elke Adams (Holze- 2010), Kirby Symons (Howell- 2005), Jess Byerlee (Oxford- 2005), Lisa Manners (Mezzino- 1996), Kate Lavis, Jane Dickeson (Waters- 1984), Megan Congdon (Griffin- 1996), Janita DeGioia (Tridente- 1995) and Jane Gibson



Celebrating the wedding of Alexandra and Alex Simmons were Jimmy Reddaway, Kylan Reddaway (Oxford- 2007), Daniel Hill, Jess Hill (Dunkley- 2007), Emily Patterson (D'Agostino- 2007) and Marc Patterson

New baby?
Just tied the knot?
Maybe you have graduated from Uni?
Or simply caught up with old school friends.

Send your photos or news to:
info@smc.catholic.edu.au
and we will include it in the next newsletter!

Old Scholars' REUNION

Celebrating Anniversaries for
Graduating Classes of
1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013

Saturday 28 October 2023

Old Scholars are invited to arrive from 3.30pm

- 4.00pm Tour of the College
- 4.45pm Drinks and nibbles in the
Bosco Centre
- 6.00pm College celebrations end

RSVP to the College on 8633 8800 or
smc_oldscholarsreunion.eventbrite.com.au

