

# WHITEFRIAR



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Mrs Lyn Power  
Editor

# Chairman's Report

## In January, the Board welcomed Anthony Kirley to the role of Principal of the College and subsequently staff, parents and students provided Anthony with warm and memorable introductions to our Carmelite community.

This welcoming atmosphere was evident at his investiture conducted by Fr Paul Cahill (Provincial of the Carmelites of Australia and Timor-Leste) at St Patrick's Cathedral and witnessed by the full assembly of Whitefriars students and staff on Tuesday 13 February. Welcome to Whitefriars, Anthony.

The Board also welcomes into our community, Michael Lafferty in his new role of Deputy Principal - Students and other staff; Fiona Lennon, Paul Garriga, William Wood, Jessica Van de Garde, Eliza Feiner, Tess Jacobs, Kathryn Holewa, Catherine Shewan, Sheryll Coulson and Melissa Alexander; and the 200 students who have also joined us this year. In a similar vein, the Board congratulates the Year 12, Class of 2017 for upholding the Carmelite ethos over their six years at the College. We are confident they will experience pride and each one of them will feel honoured to be known as 'a Whitefriars boy' for many decades to come.

When visiting the College, you will observe our Science and Technology Building taking final shape, with a formal opening planned for mid-year.

To remain at the forefront of educational delivery to our current and future students, the Board is conscious of the need to progressively upgrade our building infrastructure. In 2019, it is the Board's plan to announce the next phase in our major building infrastructure renewal program. We have a Master Plan and the next 12 months will see some fine-tuning of that program prior to our announcements.

The College Board has 12 members appointed on three-yearly terms by the Provincial Council of the Carmelites. Two members of this Board are also members of the Carmelite Provincial Council - Fr David Hofman, Parish Priest of Middle Park, and Fr Hugh Brown, a former Principal of Whitefriars in the 1980s and 90s. Fr Hugh is the Parish Priest of the Carmelite's parish at Port Melbourne-Middle Park. The other ten Board members bring a combination of skills in secondary education, financial management and strong Carmelite ethos - some as past students who are now mid-career.

In January, the Carmelite Provincial Council accepted Dave Wilkins resignation from the Board. I sincerely congratulate and thank Dave for his eleven-year membership of the Board. From a lifetime in education, Dave brought a magical insight of the rewards and challenges in our delivery of secondary education for boys. Thank you, Dave. The Carmelite Provincial Council has appointed Mark Walters to the Board. A Year 12 student and College Vice-Captain in 1990, Mark has undertaken an active career in providing specialist services to a wide range of educational institutions across Australia. Mark - welcome to the Board.



"When visiting the College, you will observe our Science and Technology Building taking final shape, with a formal opening planned for mid-year."

The Board also thanks Norm Elliott (Year 12, 1990) for accepting the role of Chair of the Risk Sub-Committee, effective from October 2017.

Board members look forward to meeting with members of the College community at the College Open Day on Sunday 20 May.

**Mr Peter Duffy**  
Chairman

# Principal's Report

## Welcome to the new school year.

There is a real sense of anticipation that 2018 will again provide ongoing opportunities for peaceful interactions through compassion and action; academic excellence; and success in all our endeavours. *Almae In Fide Parentis.*

I am delighted to begin my role at Whitefriars as principal. The welcome and support have been extraordinary. The beginning of the school year has been so well organised by various teams, for which I am truly grateful. May all at Whitefriars commit to warmly embrace the calling and responsibility of education in a Catholic school, our Carmelite college, to be inclusive of all and to accept the differences and the challenges we face. May we all commit to our own learning and the learning of others, with an open heart and mind, amazed by new possibilities.

I would like to express my gratitude to the College Board, led by Peter Duffy, and to the Principal Leadership Team at the College. Both groups have been supportive and encouraging, ensuring for me a smooth transition and effective induction.

### College Opening Year Mass and Assembly

The Opening Mass for the new academic year was held on Tuesday 13 February at St Patrick's Cathedral. The community through its prayerfulness, reverence and participation gave witness to a special Eucharistic celebration, to the commissioning of myself as the new principal and to the welcoming of the Year 12, Class of 2017 High Achievers and their families.

Special thanks to Fr Paul Cahill, Fr Paul Sireh and Fr Michael Gallacher for concelebrating the Mass and to the staff and student members of the Liturgy and Music groups for all the wonderful preparation.

(A summary of the VCE and VCAL 2017 results and the list of award winners is included in this publication).

### General News

Many special evenings have been held in Term One; all most impressive and a joy for me to attend where possible. These included our Year 7 Information Night, Year 12 Information Night, International Students Home Stay Evening, the eight Year 7 House welcome liturgies and dinners; Year 7 Mother/Son and the Year 8 Father/Son nights; the 2018 Tour information nights for the Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Battlefields and VLYC groups; and the Class of 2008 Reunion.

A number of Year 9 students are currently in China for six weeks participating in the Victorian Young Leaders to China (VLYC) program. They will be studying at Beijing Language & Culture University for two weeks and then moving into a school in Yangzi High School for four weeks.

Special thanks to the Parents Association, led by Michael Mimmo, who are always so welcoming in looking after our community at the many special gatherings.

The ACC Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 23 February at MSAC. The Whitefriars squad competed superbly, finishing second overall. De La Salle College were the winners of Division 1 and Mazenod College winners of Division 2.

The College House Athletics Carnival was held this year at the Tom Kelly track in Doncaster. The carnival started a little differently this year with an opening ceremony, which included the Acknowledgement of Country, the reading of the Athletes and Officials Oath (in true Olympic style!) and the singing of the National Anthem. As has been the case in the past, the participation level of the boys was outstanding. In a closely contested battle, Stein House were the victors.

### Buildings and Projects

The new Science, Technology and Functions Centre building has progressed incredibly since January and is due for completion in mid-April. We are preparing for classes to have access to the new learning spaces in Week 3 or 4 of Term 2.

Through the utilisation of funds from previous fundraising campaigns and 2017 College budgeting, the refurbishment of the Shortis Library was completed over the summer holidays along with the Main Office Refurbishment.

As referred to in the report from the Board Chair, Peter Duffy, it is the Board's plan to announce the next phase in our major building infrastructure renewal program in 2019. The College fundraising program has been on hold for the previous two years. The Board through the Finance Committee is now considering a number of options for a 2018 fundraising campaign and research into a longer term strategy. Details will be distributed through the Whitefriars network in the forthcoming months.



Whitefriars swimming squad

**Conclusion**

With tremendous joy and with the privilege bestowed on me, I humbly begin my Whitefriars leadership journey, most grateful for this significant opportunity. May we all be blessed with wisdom and grace in exercising leadership and service, in our various fields of work, as we call to mind some special intentions:

- That the marginalised, the lonely and the abandoned, be welcomed, appreciated and helped to express new signs of hope
- We pray for those who, alone and silently, carry heavy burdens of the heart; that the balm of Christ’s peace may bring them calm
- That the great gift of our Faith teaches everyone to give thanks for all they are, and all they have, and recognise the signs of God’s mercy and providence.

Best wishes for 2018.

**Mr Anthony Kirley**  
Principal



The Year 9 students participating in the Victorian Young Leaders to China program



House Athletics relay



The Shortis Library

# Transformation in Action

Last year, students at the College took part in a campaign to end violence against women. That's a transforming action.

Of course, it takes more than just one campaign to change a culture or our own hearts.

Real transformation begins when we search our hearts and ask what it is within us that allows us to think, for example, that violence against women is OK? What is it that allows me to pick on a person or a group of people just because they are different?

We have just finished Lent and celebrated Easter. Lent is a time for taking stock of our lives. To have a look at where we are headed and where God and other people fit into our lives.

Celebrating Lent each year is part of our ongoing transformation as Christians. It is not meant to be a gloomy season where we think about how bad we have been. It is meant to be a season where we do an honest self-assessment of where we stand in our relationship with God and with other people. Then we try to change what needs to be changed.

It is our awareness that God does not hold our past against us which enables us to be honest and to begin to chart a path forward – to move away from negative attitudes and behaviours towards those which more closely mirror God's heart and God's high regard for each beloved daughter and son.

What we do in Lent is really what we are trying to do every day of the year: to search our hearts and uncover the heart of God within us. Being in touch with God leads us in our journey of transformation, changing negative ways of thinking and behaving into more life-giving ways.

Carmelites are big believers in transformation. That's why we are involved at Whitefriars College, accompanying boys as they grow into men. That's transformation in action.



Journeys of transformation always have many ups and downs. Journeying with young people requires great care and patience. Wrong turns will be taken and mistakes will be made.

The Carmelites and staff at Whitefriars believe that our students can become great human beings. We believe that the Gospel shows us how. Helping boys become loving, thoughtful, reflective, self-aware, compassionate, just and forgiving young men is what we are trying to do.

Our Carmelite charism leads us in forming an environment at Whitefriars where our students can flourish in all the dimensions of their lives as they grow and develop.

Through our belief in God, and in belonging to each other, we can become the people God has always hoped and dreamed we would be.

**Fr David Hofman, O.Carm**



# WOCA President's Report

## 2018 is off and running and so is WOCA!

The Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral to mark the start of the new school year was made even more special as we welcomed our new Principal, Anthony Kirley, and staff new to Whitefriars.

Humbled by the opportunity now presented by this position, Anthony will be strong on the preservation of the Carmelite ethos and traditions.

I had the pleasure of presenting the WOCA prize for the College Dux of 2017 to Thomas Cantwell at the Mass. Thomas' academic achievements are an inspiration to the entire community and no doubt he will be throwing himself into his Bachelor of Paramedicine studies at ACU.

WOCA is approaching its twentieth year and some of the original noble ambitions set by the first Committee are yet to be fulfilled. A 'call to arms' went out via our Facebook page and I am pleased to report that the response has been very positive. Stay tuned for developments later in 2018.

One new initiative that has arisen is the formation of a Soccer Club and planning is in the early stages. If we can garner enough support to field a team in a recognised local outdoor competition, this initiative will provide a new avenue for past students to stay involved and keep in touch.



Thomas Cantwell receives the WOCA prize for College DUX of 2017

Please contact via Facebook or at [woca@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:woca@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) to register your interest.

The Cricketers have had another good season and are currently sitting in third place in the MCC's Club XI competition so finals action is assured once again. Michael, Adrian, Glenn, David and the whole group deserve our collective support as do the College ground-staff for preparing great turf wickets each week.

The Football Club is looking forward to a huge year in Division 2 of the VAFA - our new coach, Kristian Height, an enthusiastic playing group and the strong committee led by Sal Ciardulli are fired up for success. 2018 will see the introduction of our first Women's Team which will undoubtedly broaden the Club's appeal and attract many more members. Please get behind them all by getting down to Whitefriars and cheering the teams on.



Andrew Wight (current staff member) with other members from the Class of 2008

We held the 10-year reunion in mid-February and it was well attended. It is always gratifying to welcome past and present staff and, on this occasion, a staff member was from that cohort!

We will endeavour to keep the Facebook page more current so please continue to check for updates.

**Mr Philip Thomson**  
WOCA President

# Who is Anthony Kirley?

## This year we welcomed new principal, Anthony Kirley to Whitefriars College.

Anthony is the eldest of eight children, all who were born and grew up in Albury, NSW. He completed his secondary schooling at Aquinas College, Albury before moving to Melbourne for graduate and post graduate study in education.

Anthony attests to the fact that his work in Catholic schools, over the past thirty-six years, has been truly rewarding and enlightening, giving him the most privileged opportunities to meet and work with so many amazing people in a variety of schools and settings. His recent leadership experiences include Deputy Principal at Xavier High School, Albury (1994 – 1999), Deputy Principal at St Joseph's College, Melbourne (2000 – 2007) and Foundation Principal of Kolbe Catholic College, Greenvale Lakes (2007 – 2017).

At Kolbe Catholic College, Anthony's leadership centred strategically and successfully on establishing and consolidating a new College, in all aspects of education, providing a positive learning culture, curriculum innovation, strong faith leadership and the completion of capital projects that enhanced the College facilities.

Anthony believes firmly in the service of Catholic Education to embrace responsibility for the educational, pastoral and spiritual development of youth and to approach diversity and challenge with courage and optimism. He is passionate about leading the Whitefriars community, fostering and nurturing best practice, an innovative culture and the responsiveness of the faith community, in the Carmelite tradition.

We are excited to have Anthony join the Whitefriars community it is important to delve deeper into who he is and he was happy to answer the important questions:

### Which six individuals, living or dead, would you have dinner with?

Pope Francis, Rosa Parks, St Maximilian Kolbe, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Jack Nicholson, Aidan O'Brien. (Apart from family, of course). Anthony is married to Trish, and they have two children: Patrick and Kate.

### What is your favourite family tradition?

Celebrations during the Melbourne Cup Carnival.

### Can you play any instrument or do you have any musical talent?

Limited talent on keyboard and drums; actually, no talent!

### What was your worst subject at school and why?

I had very little skill in Visual Arts.

### What was the worst punishment you received at school?

Never punished; exemplary student! Although, I did receive detentions for wagging Art classes.

### What is one of the most memorable things one of your teachers did?

The teacher gave an exemption, on compassionate grounds, for incomplete work (was probably Art or Physics!).

### Can you speak another language?

Unfortunately, no. I have tried to learn Italian. Grazie.

### Three (or four) things still left on your bucket list?

More like 'plenty' left! St Kilda AFL Premiership celebrations; attend a Summer Olympic Games Opening Ceremony; walk (at least part of) the Camino Trail; visit Antarctica.

### If you could go back in time, what piece of advice would you give 'young Anthony'?

Take opportunities; work towards creating opportunities. Travel more.

### If you could have any one super power, which one would it be?

Jog/run faster.

### Who inspires you?

All of my family.

### What book(s) are you reading at the moment?

Whitefriars Fifty Years (of course!).

### What is the most useless talent you have?

Remembering dates, other numerically related trivia and Melbourne Cup placegetters.

### Why did you go into teaching?

A passion for learning; mentoring others; having a positive influence on others; helping others succeed.





Mr Anthony Kirley

**What are your favourite sports?**

Horsereading, AFL and volleyball.

**What is your favourite past time?**

This was previously half marathon and marathon 'jogging'; but some lazy habits have crept in recently!

**What is the most interesting thing you have read or seen recently?**

'50th Anniversary of Saints Flag' documentary (has it really been that long?).

**What has been your greatest achievement?**

Many fulfilling experiences in educational leadership; including my previous role as Foundation Principal of a new school.

**How would your family describe you?**

Best taxi driver in town; cheap rates too.



We wish Anthony all the best as Principal of Whitefriars College.

# College Opening Mass





# 2017 High Achievers

## In 2017, a record 50,884 students obtained their VCE.

For the 172 Whitefriars graduates this achievement meant the end of a gruelling year and the beginning of a new pathway. Our graduates are commended on their commitment to achieving this milestone. The Class of 2017 was a diverse cohort - interest and talents were spread across the academic offerings at the College. The students who achieved excellence by attaining a study score of 40+ and ATARs of 90+ or more in 2017 are true champions of personal excellence. Achieving a study score of 40+ placed them in the top nine per cent of students in that study, which is a fantastic achievement and a testament to hard work throughout their VCE. It takes great perseverance and application to gain such results and they should be extremely proud of what they have achieved.

The high achievers of 2017 were the first students to be presented with the College Academic Award and gift alongside the College Dux and Vice-Dux at the College Opening Mass. While embarking on new journeys, they were all very keen to pass on some of the wisdom gained from their journey at the Year 12 Academic Conference held at Mannix College, Monash University. Each, in his own way, spoke of careful application to the process of learning and study, emphasising that talent was not enough to achieve academic success. The mantra of persistence, resilience and sacrifice was exalted and left no doubt that these 'Friars were formidable, gentle men of conviction and purpose.



The destinations of Whitefriars students continue to be based on aspirations to further themselves through tertiary education, with 75% destined for a university.

The most popular fields of study were:

- Accounting, Business, Marketing, Banking and Finance
- Science, Biomedicine, Laboratory Sciences
- Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences
- Art and Design, Music, Performance, Film
- Computer and Information Systems
- Health and Exercise Science, Health Sciences, Nursing, Paramedicine

- Engineering and Related Technologies
- Architecture, Building Design and Construction
- Psychology

University offers accounted for 86% of all tertiary offers, while TAFE offers accounted for 11% of all tertiary offers.

The highest number of offers were received from Swinburne University, Deakin University and RMIT University.

All Senior VCAL students made a successful transition into training and employment or further study.

Whitefriars remains committed to being a diverse and dynamic Catholic College where all are welcome. The achievements of the Class of 2017 affirm our mission and values of providing an education for boys irrespective of their gifts and talents. These young men are now on the threshold of an exciting new phase in their lives and, whether they decide to go on to higher education, vocational education, full-time work or explore other pathways, our collective prayers and well wishes follow them.

**Mrs Anita Kay-Taylor**  
Senior Years Coordinator

## ATARs above 90

<b>Thomas Cantwell</b>	<b>99.05</b>	<b>Gianluca Costabile</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>Thomas Jackson</b>	<b>90.85</b>
<b>Zhihua Deng</b>	<b>98.35</b>	<b>Jack Schroder</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>Williebrod Fernandez</b>	<b>90.35</b>
<b>Tom Dickinson</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>Lawrence Ma</b>	<b>93.15</b>	<b>Scott Benedict</b>	<b>90.2</b>
<b>Nicholas Dunmill</b>	<b>96.95</b>	<b>Matthew Coen</b>	<b>92.75</b>		
<b>Travis Baker</b>	<b>95.55</b>	<b>Marcus Corda</b>	<b>92.65</b>		

NAME	STUDY	SCORE
Travis Baker	English	41
	Physics	40
Scott Benedict	English	41
Joshua Bilston-Gourley	Psychology	41
Thomas Bridges	Accounting	40
Lachlan Caligari	Psychology	41
Thomas Cantwell	English	49
	Business Management	48
Ashley Carey	Accounting	40
	Further Mathematics	40
Matthew Coen	English Language	42
Nicholas Condon	English	42
Marcus Corda	Physical Education	43
Gianluca Costabile	English	43
Liam Deady	Psychology	43
Zhihua Deng	Mathematical Methods	46
	Accounting	40
	English (EAL)	40
Tom Dickinson	English Language	44
	Chemistry	42
Thomas Dillon	English	40
Nicholas Dunmill	Further Mathematics	48
	Accounting	44
Jack England	Further Mathematics	40
Nima Farbiz	English (EAL)	40

NAME	STUDY	SCORE
Williebrod Fernandez	Legal Studies	40
Mitchel Gill-Hanlon	Studio Arts	41
Joseph Hennessy	Visual Communication Design	42
Patrick Hogan	English Language	41
	Psychology	41
Loughlin Hooper	Physical Education	41
Mitchell Inggall	Business Management	41
Oscar Kennedy	Religion And Society	40
John Korasidis	Biology	42
Christopher Le	Biology	42
	Religion And Society	40
Lawrence Ma	English Language	40
Archie Morley	Studio Arts	43
	Business Management	42
Daniel Mow	English Language	41
John Samra	Psychology	40
Mitchell Schafer	Outdoor And Environmental Studies	40
Jack Schroder	English	44
	Legal Studies	40
Kristian Tkalec	Biology	41
Luke Van Der Horst	Product Design And Technology	40
	Further Mathematics	40
Eamon Wright	Physical Education	40

# College Captain's Report

It brings me joy to have this opportunity to acknowledge a great start to the 2018 school year for the young men of Whitefriars and the College community.

Term 1 has provided fantastic experiences and exhibited the potential for accomplishment, growth and possibilities. I must congratulate our new Year 7s who have embarked on their journey at Whitefriars with such positive attitudes, moving around the grounds with obvious pride in wearing the College blazer and showing a sense of belonging. As College Captain, I am humbled by my leadership role to guide and assist our new year 7s and indeed all students to become the best young men they can be. This role is undertaken alongside our two College Vice Captains, Oscar Levi and Brendan Sammut, and our two Middle Years Captains, Nicholas Smith and Patrick Cotter.

The start of February saw the Year 12s depart for a valuable experience at Mannix College, wherein the cohort gained insight into the persistence, resilience and sacrifice required to achieve academic success. This experience will ultimately advantage the aspiring and determined Class of 2018 over the coming months. The following week, the Year 7s departed for their first camp at Camp Manyung in Mount Eliza. Year 7 camp is always one of the more memorable experiences of a student's time at the College. They can learn more about their House and House members and, most importantly, form new friendships and create many lasting memories.



Brendan Sammut, Joel Monteiro and Oscar Levi

Whitefriars held its annual Opening School Mass at the historic St Patrick's Cathedral. The College community gathered to celebrate the new year and to acknowledge the exceptional results of the Class of 2017 and the Year 11 VCE students of 2017. All College leaders for 2018 were recognised and dedicated themselves to leading as true Whitefriars gentle men who are respectful and look out for one another.

The SRC has already begun planning and establishing various activities and events. This group of student leaders came together to organise and support White Ribbon Day in 2017 and on the 'National Day Against Bullying and Violence' the SRC created awareness of this important issue. This year's theme is "Imagine a world without bullying".

Another significant and enjoyable day for the College was the highly-anticipated House Athletics Carnival. On a day of colourful costumes, talent and triumph, the eight Houses competed in numerous track and field events. As always, the sportsmanship and support from each House was exemplary. Speaking of sports, I must mention the momentous ACC Swimming Carnival held at MSAC, which Whitefriars attended with the intention to make history by achieving the

never-done-before '5-Peat'! With the support of the passionate 'Friars cheer squad', it made for very entertaining competition and gave the swimmers more motivation to do Whitefriars proud with phenomenal efforts in the pool.

Our Year 7 Mother and Son Mass and the Year 8 Father and Son Evening have taken place. These nights are very special as they represent the loving and diverse community of which we are all a part, allowing us to simply say 'thank you' to those we hold close. In the last week of Term 1, a group of students studying Indonesian departed for the Indonesian study tour, a journey which will enable the students to immerse themselves in the language and culture.

We are close to unveiling the new Science and Technology Building in Term 2 and the future at the College is looking very bright. May all our families within the Whitefriars community experience a year that is even more special than the last and may we continue to be held 'In the care of a loving Mother'.

**Joel Monteiro**  
College Captain

# Middle Years Captain's Report

It is a great honour to lead the Middle Years as Captain in 2018, and this responsibility is something that I will not take lightly.

I will work with my fellow leaders to achieve a very successful year and do my very best to contribute to the College. Together with Middle Years Vice Captain, Patrick Cotter, and with the assistance of College Captains, Joel Monteiro, Oscar Levi and Brendan Sammut, we will do our very best to lead Whitefriars through 2018.

The start of the year was a very exciting time for the College. We welcomed our new Year 7s into the community, and the annual Opening School Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral officially commenced the academic year. As always, it was a momentous occasion. We congratulated the high achievers and graduates from the 2017 year, and fully embraced this year's College theme of Prayer. We also welcomed our new Principal, Mr Anthony Kirley, and Deputy Principal, Mr Mick Lafferty, as each delivered their first address to the College.

The beginning of March meant that the annual College Athletics Carnival would soon be underway. All students participated enthusiastically, whether they were running or jumping, cheering and shouting, each endeavouring to bring home the win for his House. Unfortunately, there could only be one winner, and congratulations Mrs Wight and the House of Edith Stein. It was great to see the boys having fun and joining in, whether victorious or not.



Patrick Cotter and Nicholas Smith

Nearing the end of the term means that the new science building will soon be available. The students have been eagerly awaiting this moment for a very long time.

I truly believe we can continue to achieve our best outcomes, making 2018 one of the most successful and rewarding years to date.

**Nicholas Smith**  
Middle Years Captain

"I truly believe we can continue to achieve our best outcomes, making 2018 one of the most successful and rewarding years to date."



# A New Adventure

## Year 7

### Term 1 has been an exciting experience for our Year 7s of 2018.

They have ventured into the relatively unknown world of secondary school, complete with public transport, older students, a variety of teachers, and unfamiliar rooms. A strange world, in comparison to their well-known and much loved primary schools, however with the ongoing support of their pastoral care teachers and Head of House they have made this monumental step.

A considerable part of their first day was spent with the Year 12s in their pastoral group, enabling the students to get to know the senior boys who will ultimately take on the role of 'big brother' within the school community.

The three-day Orientation Program included a Scavenger Hunt, digital art, music come and try, library orientation, Photo Story, Orientation Booklet and visits from the College Counsellors. The program encouraged the boys to interact, while some sessions enabled the acquisition of expertise and skills with their new notebook computers.

Our Year 7 Orientation Camps were held during week two at Camp Manyung in Mt Eliza, with the aim of fostering friendship, cooperation and House spirit. The first three days Avila, Brandsma, Corsini and Edith Stein spent rotating through teamwork based activities such as raft-building, treetop adventure and sea kayaking. A highlight for the boys was the presence of the House Captains who were involved in running a liturgy and House activities.



For the second half of the week Lisieux, Mantua, Soreth and Trinity attended and it was gratifying to observe the boys challenging themselves, supporting each other and sharing what is only the beginning of their Whitefriars journey.

**Mrs Tamara Keyes**  
Transition Coordinator



#### Some student impressions:

*'I was really excited before camp because I had already heard from some of the older boys that Camp Manyung is good fun. I loved the giant swing and the tree top challenge the most. It was great to meet new boys from my House and other Houses, and all hang out together.'*  
Oscar P - Brandsma

*'Camp Manyung was an astonishing experience. Not only did I get to do fun activities, I also got the chance to make friends with other boys. My favourite activity was the treetops adventure and I wanted to have another go. I really enjoyed Camp Manyung and I would do it all over again.'*  
Johnny P - Soreth

*'Camp was a great experience and getting to know all the other boys was awesome. The orientation program has been great fun and I have found that it has been much easier to settle in to the Whitefriars community.'*  
Matt P - Trinity





# Matthew Drew

## Head of Design Style, Village Roadshow

### CLASS OF 1988

Moving from Warrandyte High in Year 10, to Whitefriars in 1986 was a culture shock for Matt. He recalls the change as a refreshing one as he found that the teachers really cared and wanted to get the best from their students.

He enjoyed having a large group of mates – he already knew boys from Whitefriars – and he relished the sport, including footy, cricket and swim squad.

Between Years 11 and 12 Matt contracted severe glandular fever and missed a fair bit of school at the beginning of Year 12. Behind the eight-ball and clearly struggling, he found a great support in his Graphics Teacher (Mr Campbell) who advised him to focus on getting his folio up to scratch for entry into a design course. Not overly academic, Matt recalls often spending his free classes in the graphics room working on projects. He found that the extra work paid off. He gained an exceptional mark for his folio and was fortunate in gaining a place in the extremely competitive field of finished art and design at Preston TAFE (later became NMIT), the leading TAFE course at that time, which offered only twenty places each year. The intensive eighteen-month course was geared toward advertising and design and only twelve students managed to graduate.



Matt and his wife Jenny

Matt counts himself as lucky to land in the industry skilled-up and ready to work at the dawn of the computer age. Traditionally trained in old-school skills and with new tools (in 1990) such as Apple Mac SE/30 computer and Photoshop 1, he began working freelance at Young and Rubicam Advertising on St Kilda Road, the heart of Melbourne's advertising industry. Stints at George Patterson, Whybin, Publicis Mojo, FHA Design and Village Roadshow followed over the next ten years. Around the early 2000s, Matt entered a partnership with Mike McHugh (Class of 1989) and together they managed a team of freelance designers, also conducting training in advertising agencies, design studios and publishing houses for several years.

In 2007, Matt commenced full-time work as Art Director at Village Roadshow. He progressed to the role of Creative Director and is now Head of Design, responsible for teams in both Melbourne and Sydney. He finds working on design, marketing and advertising of movies "always interesting – particularly for a movie buff".

Matt now enjoys life in Collingwood with his partner, Jenny, and their three children. He is very involved with the Fitzroy Junior Football Club, having initially coached for several years at Auskick, Under 9 through to Under 13. He also serves as Coaching Director responsible for over 70 coaches and approximately 700 players.

“They all still speak fondly of their Whitefriars days, now thirty-plus years ago.”

In addition to his involvement in football, Matt plays and coaches cricket at Edinburgh Cricket Club, based at the Brunswick Street Oval. His involvement in coaching of cricket and football has brought Matt into contact with many past students of Whitefriars and he has coached their children over several seasons. They all still speak fondly of their Whitefriars days, now thirty-plus years ago. Matt has also retained close friendships with former schoolmates, despite them moving away from Victoria.

Memories of his time at Whitefriars have endured, particularly the science camps – earth science stomping through swamps and staying up all night peering at distant galaxies on the Physics astronomy camp at Eildon. He remembers the kindness of Fr Kierce who observed that he had been ‘egged’ on the journey to school. Fr Kierce offered to drive him home to obtain a clean shirt. “A lovely man ...”

Matt now looks forward to a continuing connection with Whitefriars when his son, Tyler, commences in 2019.



Matt coaching the U12 footy team grand final day



Matt with his wife Jenny and his children, Jessica, Tyler and Emily



Matt with Tyler and Emily



Matt with his daughter Emily at her Year 12 graduation

# Lawrence Mooney

Actor/Comedian

**CLASS OF 1982**

**My lesson here is that there is plenty of time to find your way so take some time to look around and dream, excite your muse and live life.**

My memories of Whitefriars are a dreamlike cacophony of sounds and a slide show of images – it seems real and quite unreal, it's a filmic montage. Images of the buildings, friends, classes, lines at the tuck shop – hot dog with sauce and a bottle of RC cola on a hot day, grey Lino tiles, staircases, wet smelling jumpers, locker areas, the Monastery, the bush and experimenting with smoking, crowded buses with the Year 11 and 12s in desert boots, hanging out of the train on a hot day, the rough and tumble of boys asserting themselves, the amazingly evolved priests and brothers that educated us and would not accept inherited faith as faith – one had to find one's own belief - truly beautiful, loving men – Fr Robert McCormack, Fr Peter Slattery, Fr Adrian Jones, Br Leo Richmond, Fr Noel Kierce, Fr Maurice Barry and Br Anthony Moffat.

I felt nurtured and safe at Whitefriars aside from the fact you might cop an apple in the side of the head indiscriminately on the oval, you might be severely wedgied by a rogue bunch of your own mates or water bombed from the chemistry lab window only to hear the shrieking laughter of your assailants disappear into the corridor above you, whilst standing forlorn drenched from a bin full of water. But most importantly laughter.



Lawrence Mooney

I remember laughing a lot at Whitefriars, I cried too, big fat frightened tears of a boy but I laughed for years and I learnt to make people laugh. Catholics more often than not have a sense of the absurd and a great sense of humour.

When I finished at Whitefriars I was 17 and had no idea what I wanted to do or where I wanted to go. I pined for a while for the comfort and familiarity of school but there was no going back. I was accepted into one course, social sciences at La Trobe University but when I opened the Melways on the kitchen table in Bayswater and La Trobe wasn't on pages 63 or 64, I closed the directory and headed to the lounge room.

I watched a lot of television that year - The Mike Walsh show religiously every day and I decided I wanted to be on TV. It looked like great fun but the route to television was a circuitous one. My first TV job was the Denise show on Channel 7, 1999 and 2000.

My first job after school was in the Australian Customs Service and I stayed on for six years finishing as a Drug Detector Dog handler. In a way, it was an extension of school, a tight cohort of friends working and playing together. Whilst in customs I joined the 1812 Theatre in Upper Ferntree Gully where the performing bug bit. Then I quit my job and called myself an actor.

This flowed onto moving into Clifton Hill, Carlton, Fitzroy, Brunswick and years of fringe theatre at LaMama, the Organ Factory and The University of Melbourne, and eventually to drama school at the National Theatre in St Kilda. To put myself through drama school I worked as a debt collector, window cleaner, fragrance salesman and anything else to make sure I could keep doing what I was doing.

Whilst at drama school I started to spend Tuesday nights and some Sundays at Espy Comedy in St Kilda. I watched Greg Fleet, Judith Lucy and Anthony Morgan amongst many other comedians and they lit a fire underneath me. I wanted to be a Stand-Up Comic. I'd been a massive fan of Dave Allen as a child and then of Richard Stubbs in my teens and now the idea was crystallised in my mind – I wanted to be a comedian.

At the tender age of 29, I embarked on a career that has brought me more joy, satisfaction, kudos and success than I ever imagined. I didn't even imagine that I'd make a living from it. My lesson here is that there is plenty of time to find your way so take some time to look around and dream, excite your muse and live life.

Being a comedian has meant performing many different roles in radio, television, advertising, acting roles and of course, the cream on the cake, performing live on stage - so there's many jobs but no job security. That has meant sometimes you sail close to the wind financially and it can be stressful but I would sacrifice job security one hundred times over for the variety, excitement, fulfilment and plain ludicrous fun. Moreover, the buzz and adrenalin of having complete rapport with an audience and riding a wave of laughter for an hour or more onstage cannot be equalled by anything else I do. It's amazing.

Since becoming a comedian I've had my own show on the ABC, *Dirty Laundry Live*, (2013 – 2015), I've done 19 shows at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and been nominated for the top gong, *The Barry Award*, three times. I've had my own sitcom on the ABC, *Moonman*, and I'm now contracted to Triple M doing *The Big Breakfast* on Triple M Brisbane. I still do the festivals at the beginning of the year - Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival and the Brisbane Comedy Festival. I then tour the show from those festivals again at the end of the year into theatres around Australia.

Although I'm pretty fulfilled there's some things I still want to achieve. I'd like to return to the stage or do some film work as an actor. I love acting and think I'm closer to understanding the craft now than ever before. In this job you never imagine retiring, why would you? So I want to pop my clogs whilst still working - there's always one more show. Always.

My advice to students staring into the future, and this applies to any career, is don't be intimidated. Every world is just full of people and they're often lovely and helpful and grateful for their position so ask them for advice, speak to them, ask them for help and keep watching, reading about and, most importantly, doing whatever it is you want to do.

Never ever give up. Never.



Lawrence Mooney



"An Evening with Malcolm" currently showing at Melbourne International Comedy Festival

# Dion Parkhurst

## Soldier

### CLASS OF 2006

#### Sand is the new black

It is often said that in order to grow, one must “get comfortable being uncomfortable”. When Dion Parkhurst graduated from Whitefriars College in 2006, the biggest discomfort he potentially faced was accidentally spilling soy sauce when eating dim sims in bed.

But how times have changed.

Now, as the Northern Territory's reigning Soldier of the Year, he finds himself preoccupied with far more serious things. Here, he provides a brief insight into his recent stint deployed to a US Army base in Kuwait – a post he held for eight months.

The base I was stationed in was enormous and represented the US main headquarters for the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. Within its boundaries, it housed several thousand US soldiers as well as smatterings of soldiers from various Coalition nations.

Basically, the base can best be described as a quasi-American town (on steroids) plonked in the middle of nowhere. Each of the complex's zones acted as surrogate suburbs, and – in true US fashion – they were home to every fast food eatery imaginable.



I've always rated myself a bit of a 'gourmet', so I sampled them all. From Burger King to Pizza Hut to Panda Express, I immersed myself in the American culture with aplomb. 'When in Rome...' I reminded myself each morning as I helped myself to the complimentary Krispy Kremes that accompanied breakfast in the Mess. I was taught that, as a traveller, you must always respect the way of the locals – and I pride myself as being a 'man of the world'.

When I was eventually allocated a dorm, it fulfilled another one of my army fantasies. I knocked on the door and was greeted by my roommate and new friend, Will, an African-American soldier from South Carolina. We got on like a house on fire... although he did seem to struggle to remember my name (which always bothered me, as he worked in the base's mailroom).

As a Signalman, I was tasked to run Australia's communication systems on base 'to support the US-led Coalition forces'. This basically

meant doing a lot of stuff with computers to destroy ISIS. But it also involved driving a vehicle externally, and working quite closely with numerous visiting high-ranking personnel, often outside the comfort of the giant base I now called 'home'.

Every day started the same with the theme from *Patton* blaring across the base's loudspeakers at 6am sharp. That's right, each morning I would rise to probably the most patriotic wake-up call ever invented.

Once ready for work, I would meet before breakfast with some Italian and American soldiers who I had befriended. They worked in the building next door to where I spent most of my working day, so we quickly became mates – especially as they were always keen to invite us Aussie soldiers around for a coffee and a quick viewing of channels we didn't have access to in our R & R room. Very European.

One of the Italians was a Neapolitan called Marco. At Whitefriars, I had studied Italian for the first few years, unfortunately without much success. However I quickly found that there weren't too many words or phrases I needed to know to bridge the language divide.

I would nod hello to Marco in the morning and he would happily reply: "Sigaretta?" – his hand outstretched with a cigarette. "Si," I would respond. Then we would go to the Mess for breakfast but, before we entered, he would stop me and say: "Sigaretta?" "Si."

After breakfast, we would participate in a similar back and forth as we walked to the offices. My time in Kuwait was fun, life easy. I was making new friends left, right and centre, and before long my voice had the raspiness of a high-ranking general of old, and my teeth shone with a refined yellowy tinge.

While I was never the best geography student, I now know one thing for sure: Kuwait is the place where sand and heat are born. The heat was particularly taxing. The hottest I saw was 56 degrees Celsius. 56 DEGREES CELSIUS! And, unfortunately, that day I was on the road.

When the weather is that hot, tyres tend to explode. In Kuwait, the roads are either high-speed freeways or makeshift sand trails that appear to have been shaped and twisted by the wind. Consequently, the very idea of having to pull over to change a tyre with countless cars whizzing past me at 120 km/h wasn't too appealing.

While Kuwait is largely a safe place, I was working during wartime after all and we were constantly reminded of the threat. I recall one period where several incidents led to all soldiers being reminded to take great care when travelling to and from base. At that point, I was spending a great deal of time on the road so I naturally began to worry.

I rang my good friend and fellow Whitefriars alum, Tim Sleeth, to get his thoughts on the situation. He had previously undertaken travel through the Middle East while on a motorcycle trip and I thought he would be well-versed in danger, sun and sand.

As I spoke to him over WhatsApp, my phone crackled and sputtered as it attempted to deal with his gruff, deep baritone.

"ccccckkkk... I wouldn't... cchhckckckckk... worry too much.... chhckckk... I'd be a lot more worried if you were clearly an American soldier driving around outside... cckkkckckk," he advised with his signature irate grumble.



Dion with a Captured tank from the Iraq Invasion

Tim made a fair point but it didn't do much to quell my worries. After all, I was over halfway through my stay here and was now completely absorbed in the American way of life. I had an American haircut, I drove a large and loud American car, and every time I did I blasted Creedence Clearwater Revival through my speakers. Hell, I wasn't just American, I was John Wayne!

The next morning, meeting Marco before breakfast, I picked his brain too. He listened in silence, before peering off in the distance. I could see the cogs of his brain moving behind his eyes. After several moments, he shrugged a response. "Sigarreta?" "Si."

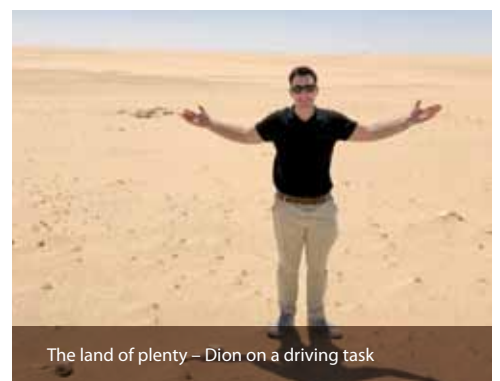
**Michael Tarquinio**

Class of 2006

*In recognition of services and achievements not mentioned above, Dion Parkhurst was awarded a US Army Commendation Medal as well as an Australian Defence Force Bronze Level Commendation. Upon returning to Australia and his home post in Darwin, Dion was named 1st Brigade Soldier of the Year.*



Dion on ANZAC Day 2017 in Kuwait



The land of plenty – Dion on a driving task

# One Year After Whitefriars

## Old Collegians from the Class of 2016



### Jake Hester

#### Law/Arts Student at the Australian National University, Canberra

After completing Year 12, Jake was very keen to seek independence and new experiences. Pursuing his interest in international relations, law and languages, he decided to study Bachelor of Law/Arts at ANU in Canberra. To fully experience university life Jake chose to stay in one of the student residential colleges. He acknowledges that moving out of home to live with people of similar age and interests really forced him out of his comfort zone, however he has loved the new experiences and "has not looked back". The friendships he formed have only served to make his studies even more enjoyable.

Jake has found Law School demanding, requiring much reading, writing and dedication; however his passion for his studies has increased not diminished. As a part of his Arts degree, Jake has studied International Relations and French (a language he studied in Year 12 as an external subject). Having studied Indonesian at Whitefriars, Jake intends to add Spanish to his language studies to increase his potential to pursue goals in international affairs. Expecting to complete his current program by 2021, Jake would like to pursue corporate or international law, perhaps diplomacy, as a future career. Working overseas would enable him to combine his love of travel and international affairs.

When asked about memorable experiences to date, Jake describes participating in a Law School moot competition. This competition involved forming a legal team and handling a fictional legal case before a panel of judges. The work took up all his free time and the team found themselves against stiff competition, including lawyers and postgraduate students. This activity, while demanding, only served to increase Jake's enthusiasm for his studies and his chosen career path.

Despite spending most of his time in Canberra, Jake has maintained contact with many of his school friends and some of his former teachers, thus keeping up to date with news from the Whitefriars community. Jake attributes his success with his studies at ANU to the strong work ethic developed during his years at Whitefriars. Jake also believes that his ability to develop the meaningful friendships that have supported him in his studies can be attributed to the substantial pastoral care program he enjoyed at the College.

Jake has become a keen sailor since leaving Whitefriars. He finds sailing on Lake Burley Griffin to be an effective form of relaxation, enabling him to distance himself from the stresses of study.

Jake still remembers from his Whitefriars days the generosity of some of his teachers. He often remained after school to study and would take the public bus outside the gates in the evening. He recalls the kindness of staff who would sometimes stop and drive him home if it was late or the weather was unkind. "I remember warmly the conversations we shared as they drove me home, and the thought and the care they demonstrated as they gave up their own time to ensure I made it home safely."

Jake attributes his enjoyment of Year 12 to choosing subjects he enjoyed and the dedication of his teachers. "I really depended on them and they were all so dedicated to ensuring that I did well".



### Patrick Lipinski

#### AFL Recruit – Western Bulldogs

**"It wasn't easy to get where I am today. I was never the best, quickest or strongest player, however I was always a keen footballer looking to improve."**

On November 25, 2016, Patrick's enduring dream was realised – he was drafted to the Western Bulldogs, the AFL team he had supported since early childhood. His journey to this point in his life began with participation in Auskick in an oversized football jumper "at the ripe old age of five". At the age of seven, Patrick began to play junior football at Montmorency and at 13 he moved to the Eltham Football Club where he played until he was 17.

Throughout his time at Eltham, Patrick continued to improve and in his final junior season the hard work saw his career begin to flourish. The leading goal kicker in the league, he enjoyed a productive local football season and caught the eye of Northern Knights scouts. Patrick was invited to join the Under XVIII TAC Cup Squad in 2015, he played two games for the Knights and in 2016, he continued with the Knights and the Whitefriars First 18. Having attracted the eye of AFL recruiters, Patrick was invited to the NAB AFL National Draft Combine, a four-day camp at Etihad Stadium where 80 of the



best young footballers are physically and mentally tested, and interviewed by interested AFL clubs. The hard work now done, it was time for Patrick to wait for the AFL draft to determine his future. Although seeing himself as extremely fortunate to be placed in this situation, Patrick recalls this time as “extremely stressful, I was filled with nerves and also completing VCE exams”, however there was also “an overwhelming sense of excitement at the possibility of fulfilling my childhood dream”. He was drafted as pick 28 to the Western Bulldogs.

Patrick’s life now involves training with the Western Bulldogs five days a week and he aspires to one day cement a consistent place in the AFL side. Counting his best experience so far as making his AFL debut against Hawthorn, Patrick was fortunate to be the 1000th Bulldog player. This game was also a special occasion for the entire Club as it was the final game for both Bob Murphy and Matthew Boyd, two of the greatest Bulldog players of all time.

With his future professional ambitions focussed on both on-field and off-field goals, Patrick would love to pursue a football career and play in a Premiership winning side, while he also aspires to complete the university degree course he will begin this year.

Patrick carries many special memories of his time at Whitefriars College. He misses the “friendly banter with the fellas, playing basketball and hacky sack, zoops from the canteen and watching ACC sport and having fun on the sidelines”. Patrick sees these memories as hard to come by once school finishes. “At the time, I didn’t quite realise how much I took these moments for granted.”

Patrick considers the best advice he could pass on to a boy at Whitefriars as “not to be afraid to always try new things, whether they be different subjects, sports or musical

instruments.” He recommends “trying to pursue your dreams because you never know what will happen – you may be fortunate enough like me to surprise yourself and, before you know it, you could be living your dream”.



## Kenneth Ting Apprentice Automotive Mechanic

### “Completing your first year as an Apprentice can present its challenges ...”

Automotive mechanics was not a difficult career choice for Kenny – both his father and uncle are mechanics in the automotive industry.

Kenny completed senior VCAL at Whitefriars, having studied Numeracy, Personal Development, English and, his favourite subject, Work Related Skills. He found the latter subject particularly relevant because it prepared him for his subsequent work life and career.

Any early anxiety regarding employment as an apprentice dissolved when Kenny was offered a position with Blackburn Nissan under a Nissan program known as NISSMAP (Nissan Mentored Apprenticeship Program). In his second week on the job, Kenny met the third-year female apprentice who was to be his advisor for the next six months. Kenny completed VET Automotive Certificate II at Box Hill Institute during his VCAL program and hopes to complete his apprenticeship in 2019, when he will have finished his third and final year, while other apprentices will complete four years before qualifying. He particularly enjoys learning about the maintenance of the various Nissan vehicles – SUVs, sedans, sports cars and four-wheel drives – and finds it pleasing to interact with clients and observe their satisfaction when a job is completed. Kenny’s long-term ambition is to qualify and then consider the possibilities open to him – continue with a car dealership and then possibly, one day, open his own workshop.

When away from work, Kenny enjoys being an air cadet with the Australian Air League.

When asked if there was any advice he would offer to current students, Kenny had this advice for the VCAL students: “if you are certain about the career you would like to pursue, then stick with your goals”.

# VALE

## William Harvey

**17 June 1998 – 10 December 2017** Whitefriars College 2011 - 2016

**William was born on 17 June 1998. Kathryn, Tony and big brother Jono were thrilled. He was beautiful.**

Will was also known as Wilba, Snooks (to his Uncle Dean,) Mini, Willbert, Harvs and simply Wills. He was funny, mischievous and always had that infectious million-dollar smile.

Kathryn and Tony are the most loving of parents. The family moved from Croydon to their beautiful property in Wonga Park when Will was three. Their enormous backyard was an adventure playground. Will was into everything - riding his bike, playing in the cubby house, climbing trees, swinging on the rope swing and, best of all, swimming in the pool. Will started swimming lessons at six months - a true water baby.

Will went to Wonga Park Primary School where he met many of his friends. If it was a sport, Will tried it and most of the time excelled. He joined the local Wonga Park Basketball Club, Wonga Park Tennis Club, Wonga Park Cricket Club, and played Auskick where his father, Tony, coached the kids.

When Will was eight, he first saw snow. The night we took Will and Jono to Mt Buller, the conditions were perfect. It was dark, no wind and the snow was coming down by the bucketful. Will was beside himself. The boys were so excited.

What started that first trip to Buller was to become one of Will's passions - skiing. Many wonderful weekends and holidays were spent at our place. James, Max, Jono and Will became 'the four amigos'. The routine was early to bed so you could be up to



William Harvey

catch the first lift of the day and ski to the last lift. It wasn't long before Will could ski faster backwards than I could forwards.

After primary school, Will followed big brother Jono to Whitefriars College. There Will had a smorgasbord of sports and activities from which to choose and choose he did - Table Tennis, Cross Country, Hockey, Cricket and Swimming, just to name few.

It was also during this time Will and Tony started playing in the Wonga Park Father/Son Cricket team. Tony's proudest moment was batting for the first time with Will. What father could ask for more? Looking down the pitch, seeing your son as your partner. The Cricket Club became another passion of Will's and many a day and night was spent in the company of both younger and older players. Will loved everyone and everyone loved Will.

The Harvey's love of skiing saw them take three trips to Japan and we accompanied them on one of these trips.

One wonderful advantage to skiing is that it's a family sport. After so many wonderful days skiing with us at Buller, Tony and Kathryn decided to purchase their beautiful holiday house at Sawmill Settlement, located at the base of Mt Buller. Will and Jono were ecstatic, and many more fabulous holidays were enjoyed there throughout the year.

In Year 11, Will went on the KAIROS retreat. He returned home to tell Tony and Kathryn he'd met a priest who was an old boy named Fr Michael Gallacher. In his words "he was a top bloke". Tony and Kathryn got to meet Fr Michael early the next year at the swimming carnival and agreed with Will. Little did they know at the time the important role Fr Michael would play in all of our lives. From the first days after the accident he was there, praying for Will and giving us the strength to face each day and whatever it would bring. I believe he helped give Will the strength to keep fighting.

Going into his final VCE year, Will was relaxed and looking forward to so many things - getting his licence, buying his first car with his savings, planning holidays with his brother, cousins and mates. Life was perfect.

Then on the 5 March 2016 our world was shattered. After the accident, Will spent 54 days at Royal Melbourne hospital, followed by 17 months in the Acquired Brain Injury Unit at Royal Talbot. The nurses who we got to know so well were simply fabulous. They cared for Will with such devotion, they laughed with us and they cried with us. We will be forever grateful for their love and support.

At the end of September, Will went to live at Austin Street, Alphington - a very special residential home for young people with acquired brain injuries. Will was able to start

to live his life again. He went fishing with his mate Nathan, another resident, went to the pub to watch bands play, had music therapy, spas, and in between he gave his all with the help of his specialist team of therapists to slowly recover some of his abilities.

Over the past 21 months, Kathryn was protective and demanding of the finest medical help for Will. Will deserved the very best and Kathryn, Tony and Jono would not rest until he received his due care.

Will was never alone. He had an endless list of visitors who never wavered in cheering him up and keeping him motivated. Nannie Pat visited Will every Sunday at Royal Talbot and Austin Street. She was a fixture. The staff loved her and Will would be either in bed or in his chair listening to Nannie read or they would watch the cricket or football. Anyone who knows Nannie knows she would never watch cricket or football but she would for Will. Once again, we were so fortunate to have Will surrounded and cared for by marvellous staff.

My son, James, told me one of the best days of his life was with Will at Mt Buller. James said, "We spent the whole day skiing Buller powder together and I took him to a run called Powder Keg. I forgot to tell him about a cliff half way down. He followed me off it and then I heard "oh shit". He had crashed, losing his skis. He then got up and yelled "That's sick! Let's do that again!"

That was our beautiful spirited Will. Never missing a moment to live life to the fullest.

**Fiona Lennox**  
Will's Aunty



**We would like to thank Fr Michael Gallacher, Mr John Finn, the fantastic staff and the entire Whitefriars community for their love and support throughout this difficult time.**

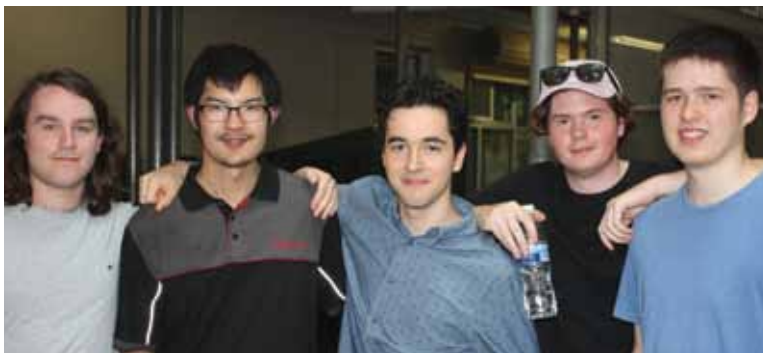
**The support we have received from so many people in so many different ways has been overwhelming.**

**Tony, Kathryn and Jonathan Harvey**



# Reunions





# Community Connections

## Whitefriars Cricket Club



Under the guidance of our Captain, Justin Kenez (Class of 1999), Friars progressed through to the MCC Club XI Div3 Semi-Finals. While we fell short against an undefeated Melbourne University CC at Princes Park, we had some amazing performances from over 35 old collegians, current students, friends and teachers. The outstanding player highlight of the season was the sublime batting from Adrian Graham (Class of 1999). He topped the Club's run scoring and made a memorable match winning 130 at the Carey Sports Grounds. We hope to see more teachers and old collegians playing next season.

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## Whitefriars Parents' Association



On behalf of the Whitefriars Parents' Association we are delighted to welcome returning and new families to the Whitefriars College community.

The Whitefriars Parents' Association works in partnership with a host of incredible volunteers and staff to plan activities throughout the year to enrich and support your son's journey through the College. This collaboration is at the heart of many endeavours at Whitefriars College and is an essential part of the excitement on which our sons' thrive.

The Whitefriars Parents' Association committee, volunteers and parents wish to acknowledge the integral support of Principal Mr Anthony Kirley, the Leadership team and staff whom continue to forge strong partnerships with the Whitefriars Parents' Association to enrich our sons' school experience at Whitefriars College.

**Michael Mimmo**  
President

[parents@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:parents@whitefriars.vic.edu.au)

## Congratulations to Xavier and Natalie



Xavier Smith (Class of 2006) and Natalie Sarena (Siena College Class of 2007) were married at St Dominic's Catholic Church, Camberwell, on 14 October 2017, followed by a reception at Lyrebird Falls surrounded by the beautiful forest of the Dandenong Ranges.

The wedding party consisted of the groom's brother Dominic Smith (Class of 2012), Whitefriars friend Robert Laurence (Class of 2006) and the bride's brother Benjamin (De La Salle College Class of 2010), Maid of Honour Jane Ennor (Siena College Class of 2007), Natalie's fellow primary school teacher Jessica Holmes, and the groom's sister Felicity (Avila College Class of 2009). The nuptial mass was celebrated by Fr Michael Gallacher (Class of 2000).

## Whitefriars Inaugural Golf Day



On Friday 17 November 2017, Whitefriars hosted its inaugural Golf Day to help raise funds not only for the College, but also for the Pat Cronin Foundation. Over 60 participants, including current parents, past parents, old collegians and sponsors took part in a day that was full of energy and enthusiasm to raise awareness for the cause.



We raised over \$6,000 for which we are truly grateful. The day was such a success that we have locked in **Friday 16 November** this year to try and raise even more.



The first intention and focus of the Pat Cronin Foundation is to honour Pat. The second intention of the Foundation is to prevent coward punch attacks and this will be through awareness, education and research.

For any queries, sponsorship opportunities or to be notified when registrations open for our next Golf Day, please email [development@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:development@whitefriars.vic.edu.au)

# Important Dates

## April

<b>Tuesday 17</b>	Term 2 Commences
<b>Wednesday 18</b>	Year 9 OLP Parent Information Evening
<b>Friday 27</b>	Mantua House Feast Day

## May

<b>Friday 4</b>	Mother's Day Breakfast
<b>Friday 4-5</b>	Generations of Jazz Concert
<b>Wednesday 9</b>	Middle Years Parent Teacher conferences
<b>Friday 11</b>	Careers Commerce Breakfast
<b>Tuesday 15-17</b>	2018 Naplan Testing
<b>Tuesday 15-18</b>	Year 11 Kairos
<b>Sunday 20</b>	Open Day
<b>Monday 21-25</b>	Visual Arts Week
<b>Friday 25</b>	Careers Health Breakfast Edith Stein House Feast Day Class of 1998 Reunion
<b>Monday 28</b>	Wellbeing Week
<b>Wednesday 30-31</b>	Jazz Soiree

## June

<b>Friday 1</b>	Year 12 Formal Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition
<b>Friday 8</b>	Avila House Feast Day Open Morning Tour
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	GAT
<b>Thursday 14-22</b>	Year 10 and 11 Exams
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	Year 7 Concert
<b>Tuesday 19-22</b>	Year 9 Exams
<b>Friday 22</b>	Student Free Day
<b>Monday 25-29</b>	Year 9 City Experience Year 10 Work Experience VCAL Work Experience
<b>Saturday 23-1</b>	Indigenous Intercultural Tour
<b>Monday 25-6</b>	Timor-Leste Immersion
<b>Friday 29</b>	Term 2 Concludes

## July

<b>Tuesday 17</b>	Term 3 Commences
<b>Tuesday 24</b>	Mother and Son Mass
<b>Wednesday 25</b>	Siena Whitefriars Production at Siena College
<b>Friday 27</b>	House Swimming Carnival
<b>Monday 30</b>	Open Morning Tour

## August

<b>Wednesday 1</b>	Senior Pathways Information Evening
<b>Friday 3</b>	Soreth House Feast Day
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	Year 9 Parent Information Evening
<b>Thursday 9</b>	Australian Maths Competitions
<b>Monday 13-17</b>	Science Week Year 8 Camp
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	Parent Association Meeting
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Year 7 Feast of the Assumption
<b>Friday 17</b>	Year 11 Formal Year 7 2020 Applications Close
<b>Monday 20-24</b>	Book Week
<b>Thursday 23</b>	Student Free Day Parent Teacher Conferences
<b>Friday 24</b>	Father's Day Breakfast Trinity House Feast Day
<b>Monday 27-31</b>	Health and PE and Environment Week
<b>Tuesday 28-29</b>	Year 11 Leadership Retreat
<b>Thursday 30-5</b>	VTAC Week

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<b>Wednesday 5-7</b>	Year 9 Colonial History Tour
<b>Tuesday 11</b>	Parent Association Meeting
<b>Friday 14</b>	OLMC Feast Day Mass and Celebrations
<b>Monday 17</b>	Open Morning Tour
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	ACC Concert – Hamer Hall
<b>Wednesday 19-3</b>	China Study Tour
<b>Friday 21</b>	Term 3 Concludes

## Are you an Old Collegian?

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