

# WHITEFRIAR



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# Chairman's Report

I am pleased to advise, following a recent detailed review of the Board operation, the following five new appointments have been made to the Whitefriars College Board:

**Fr Hugh Brown, O.Carm**, former Principal of Whitefriars College (1989 - 1996) and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Middle Park and St Joseph's Port Melbourne. Fr Hugh has studied in New York and given lectures in Australia to masters students in education.

**Fr David Hofman, O.Carm**, Director of Communications for the Carmelites of Australia and Timor-Leste and Prior of the Carmelite Community at Middle Park who also looks after the young Carmelites in training in Australia.

**Mrs Margaret McKenna**, who in 2015 retired from 15 years as Principal of Catholic Ladies College (CLC) Eltham. During her time as Principal, Margaret joined many leadership programs, presented at conferences and studied at Boston College and Harvard University. In 2007 Margaret received an Australian Council for Educational Leaders Fellowship Award (Victorian branch).

**Mr Frank Rice**, recently retired from full time employment after holding a lifetime of teaching and leadership positions at Catholic boys schools in Victoria and Tasmania. Frank also has five years of leadership roles in the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

**Mr Nick Soraghan**, Old Collegian (Class of 2013), current student in journalism at the University of Melbourne and member of the 2015/2016 Carmelite Futures Study group.



Each person brings a special skill set to the operation of the Board.

During 2016 the Board has been reviewing the findings of the Council of International Schools (CIS) 2015 initial review of the College. This review will lead to the more detailed CIS Evaluation visit to the College in 2017. On completion of the review, if successful, the College will receive full CIS accreditation, making it one of only a handful of schools in Melbourne to do so.

## Carmelites

In April, John Finn and I attended the 2016 Provincial Chapter of the Carmelites of Australia and Timor-Leste held in Brisbane. The Chapter was attended by all professed Australian and East Timorese Carmelites.

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Also attending was Fr Fernando Millán Romeral, O.Carm, the Prior General of the Carmelites, and Fr Benny Phang Khong Wing O.Carm, General Councillor of Asia, Oceania and Australia. The Chapter is the key focal point of the Province's planning for the next three years. The College was invited to attend the Chapter as we are key stakeholders in the future of the Carmelite Province. At the Chapter Fr Paul Cahill O.Carm, Old Collegian (Class of 1967) and former Whitefriars College Principal, (1996 – 2012), was elected Provincial of the Carmelites in Australia and Timor-Leste. The Carmelites are governed by a Provincial Council which includes Fr Paul Cahill (the Provincial), Fr David Hofman, Fr Hugh Brown, Fr Bruce Clarke and Fr Aniceto Maia Da Costa, Provincial Delegate in Timor-Leste.

**Mr Peter Duffy**  
Chairman

# Principal's Report

## The staff and students who experienced this year's Timor-Leste immersion have just returned.

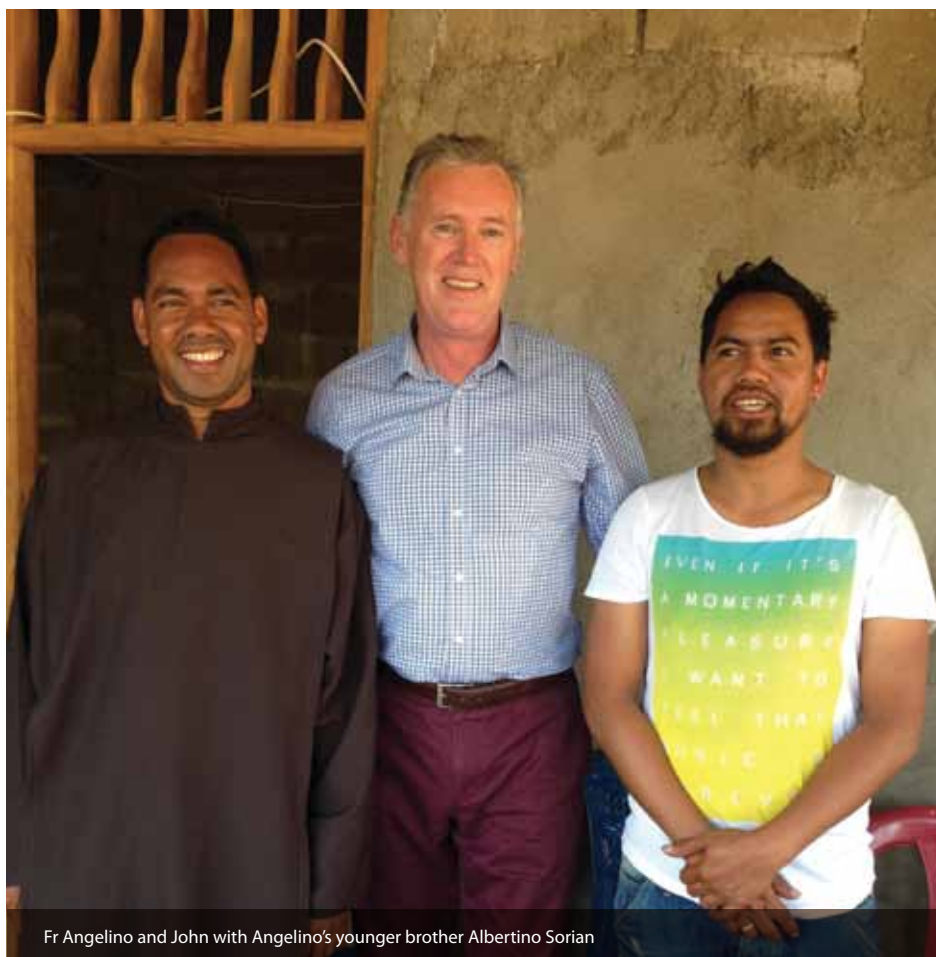
We thank all those staff and students who dedicated themselves to the task of assisting our brothers and sisters of Timor-Leste.

This immersion is unique and life changing for those who attend. Many of you will have noticed that the Timor container at Whitefriars is currently being filled and will soon make the journey to our Carmelite brothers in Dili. The shipping container, housing Whitefriars community donations, has sat on the grounds of Merinda (the Carmelite property at Whitefriars) for the past few months. We are grateful for all community donations.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Day Mass, Walkathon and activities were held over two days this year due to the weather. The walkathon raised monies for Timor, especially for young children in the schools and for the further training of young men seeking to be Carmelites.

The senior play, *Sleepy Hollow* and the recent Jazz Soiree were both sell outs and highly entertaining evenings. There is an upcoming Middle Years production, *Sherlock*, with over 75 boys in rehearsal and we look forward to seeing the results of these efforts. Staff are currently looking at the program for 2017. It is exciting to see the increased participation of boys in the Performing Arts.

We recently had a recognition morning for the academically high achievers from Years 7-10. These boys mix ability with effort and we congratulate them on their achievements. Old Collegian, Julian Lipinski (Class of 2013) gave a talk on motivation and keeping all things in balance.



Fr Angelino and John with Angelino's younger brother Albertino Sorian

Julian is on an academic and basketball scholarship at a college in New York. He is a well presented and loyal person who recalls his time at the College with great fondness.

We have considerably widened the subject choices for Year 9 and 10 students next year. The recent Course Advice day had a 95% attendance rate of parents in these year levels. It is pleasing to see parents actively entering into their son's education. The Year 9 Information Night also had a full theatre audience. Parent participation is a key factor in motivation for boys as they make discerned decisions on their future.

Congratulations to Alex Vander, Year 9, who recently won the Regional Final of the Rotary Club public speaking competition and goes on to the State Final. There are a substantial number of students now involved in public speaking. When this skill is developed it enables one to present with confidence and poise.

The voluntary Kairos retreat program was well received by the Year 11 students with over 150 young men attending. This is an excellent precursor to the leadership seminars and camp for Year 12 2017 leaders. We had 65 Year 11 students volunteer for five after school sessions and the two-day camp.

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There is a full enrolment in Year 7 2017 with a current wait list. Whilst many schools advertise ferociously, word of mouth remains our most powerful factor in enrolment. The process for Year 7 enrolment is changing with Year 5 now being the year in which parents are being asked to decide on their school of choice. For 2017 only this means a double enrolment process for 2018/2019.

The College continues to pursue accreditation with the Council of International Schools (CIS). All staff groups have now met. We are in the process of collecting final information from each of the groups to begin the Self-Study write up. Once the Board completes their responses we will test all groups against student responses.

Into the mix is placed the extensive responses from our parents who completed the CIS survey. We were delighted that over 65% of our families took part; an exceptional response rate.

Our three World Youth Day representatives had a powerful experience and were complimented on their demeanour, manners, lively discussion and their clear commitment to this faith immersion in Krakow, Poland.

They joined nearly four million fellow travellers and clearly viewed the final Mass with the Pope as a highlight.

It is wonderful to see parent participation in the College growing. Our Mother and Son Mass, held for Mt Carmel Day, had the highest attendance ever. The combination of past and present mothers and sons was very uplifting and a good sign for the future. The Father’s Day breakfast held in the functions area was to capacity. The guest speaker was Keith Stackpole, former Australian Cricket Captain. Our Parents’ Association continues to attract healthy numbers.

Christian Petracca (Class of 2013) and Sam Weideman (Class of 2015) realised their dream of playing in the same AFL team, Melbourne, a few weeks ago. Both are fine young men with excellent temperaments.

A major building program is about to begin at the College. More details are available in a separate section of this edition.

### Almae In Fide Parentis

**Mr John Finn**  
Principal

# 15 years on ...

## Carmel flourishes in Timor-Leste

We have just celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Australian Carmelites taking responsibility for the Carmelites and the mission in Timor-Leste.

The mission was founded in January 1999 by the Indonesian Carmelites. A few months later Fr Hendrikus Ghesa and Fr Matheus Siringo-ringo Mandius were to witness the massacre of more than 200 Timorese people in the Church in Liquica by pro-Indonesian militia, supported by Indonesian soldiers and police. Both were deeply scarred by their experience and overwhelmed as they tried to support their people and conduct the funerals of so many.

In August that year the Timorese people voted for self-determination and the administration of East Timor was taken over by the United Nations, in response to an increasing wave of violence led by pro-integration militia with the support of the Indonesian Army.

By 2000 the Indonesian Carmelites felt that, given the changing political climate in East Timor, it would be better if the Australian Carmelites took responsibility for the mission and the Timorese Carmelites. In May 2001, the 26 members of the Australian Provincial Chapter voted unanimously to do so. In August that year Fr Wayne Stanhope (Prior Provincial) and I travelled to East Timor.

We were struck by two things. Firstly, the utter devastation and destruction we saw – so many schools, clinics and houses looted and burned by the militia and so much infrastructure (electricity and telephone lines, power plants, water pumps) destroyed by retreating Indonesian soldiers. The second thing which struck us was the warmth and welcome of the Timorese people. We were amazed that people who had so recently suffered so much and had so little could greet us with such warm smiles and gestures of welcome and friendship.



Late in the afternoon of 15 August 2001 an open-air Mass was celebrated in the Zumalai parish compound during which Fr Heribertus Purwanto (Indonesian Provincial) formally entrusted the East Timor Mission to the care of the Australian Province and Fr Wayne formally accepted this responsibility. Afterward, the local village leaders spoke positively with us about the future and the young people sang and danced till the early hours!

At our Provincial Chapter in April this year the first Timorese Carmelite, Fr Aniceto Maia Da Costa, was elected to our governing body, the Provincial Council.

So much has happened in the last 15 years. The small house in Dili has been extended to accommodate more candidates for the Order. A student house and Novitiate have been built at Hera, schools have been repaired in the Zumalai parish and a clean water supply established. A boarding house now provides accommodation for primary and secondary school students from the outlying villages to attend school in Zumalai. The number of Carmelites in Timor has increased from just 11 in 2001 to 42 today.

Over those 15 years Whitefriars College has been an important part of our Province's mission in Timor-Leste. Visits by teachers and students have brought knowledge, skill and companionship to our young Carmelites at Hera and to the people of Zumalai. Your generous sharing of time and resources helps support our many projects, including providing scholarships for young Timorese people to complete their education.



Thank you for the many ways you have helped a devastated people rise out of the ashes.

There still remains much to do, but we look forward to the next 15 years with great confidence and hope.

**Fr David Hofman, O.Carm**

# WOCA President's Report

In the last edition of the *Whitefriar*, I wrote about the sense of tangible community that is evident within the wider Carmelite network and I've seen a great example of that in recent times.

It is always wonderful to see people rally around to help a friend in need and the best example I can describe is that of Christian Ashby (Class of 1997). Christian was very badly injured in an accident on Easter Sunday morning and has only recently made it back home from hospital and rehabilitation clinics. Many of his classmates have come through and been there for Christian, to help him get back on his feet (quite literally) and it's great to see a real example of long-lasting association and friendship in action. They pitched in and raised significant funds to assist with Christian's return to normal family life – with two young children, life is always hectic and all help is welcome!

We've had a couple of very well attended class reunions this year, and in November, we will be welcoming back the very first class; these lads started in 1961 and graduated in 1966 so it's our first 50 Year graduating class reunion. 'Save the date' invitations are out to those we have contact details for, and it is hoped that we have a large attendance.



Christian Ashby with class members from Year 12 Soreth 1997

The Whitefriars Old Collegians Football Club has just completed a season with mixed results in Division 1 of the Victorian Amateur Football Association. There were lots of ups and downs but they live to fight on next year and build on some of the promise shown at various times by the playing group. Congratulations to all involved.

The Old Collegian Football Club also instituted an AFL Auskick group in 2016 with a view to building a junior club which will eventually feed into the Under 19s, Seniors and Reserves. This is a great initiative and 2017 is already looking positive.

The Old Whitefriars Cricketers are about to embark on their eleventh season of competitive cricket and the Club needs to increase the player and supporter base.



AFL Auskick 2016

I would encourage anyone interested in joining a great group of guys to get in touch with David Larratt or Michael Flynn – a number of Sunday games are scheduled within a true family atmosphere and are great fun!

The College continues to develop, the new Science and Technology building plans and the evolving international school accreditation are two fantastic examples of the progressive leadership around the College. All past students can rightly share in the very bright future of Whitefriars College!

**Mr Philip Thomson**  
WOCA President

# A Night at the Movies

## In May, Whitefriars College and Siena College presented their first ever Gala concert.

The theme was *A Night at the Movies*, and took the audience on a journey through the beginning of silent movies to Broadway and all the way to more modern films encompassing popular culture.

The Gala was a new and different experience that allowed for greater collaboration between students and involved a wider array of skills. The production involved many more students than ever before, from all different year levels and featured comedy, drama, romance, action and movie stars galore.

Creative and comedic acts incorporated movie favourites such as *Star Wars*, *The Blues Brothers*, and *The Magnificent Seven* with acts entitled *Star Wars in Ten Minutes*, *Ode to Action*, *A Western Shootout* and many more. The performances also showcased dancers and the many College bands with the Dance Band interpretation of *(Hep-Hep!) Jumpin' Jive* and the Senior Band playing *The Magnificent Seven* among other popular and also original pieces written by students and staff. The current VCE Music Performance Band *Afterhours* performed their version of *Johnny B. Goode* by Chuck Berry with actors and dancers choreographing the piece.

The on-stage success would not have been possible without our skilled technicians. There were a number of students across all year levels working as technicians in the areas of sound, lighting, video and staging. Students had the opportunity to learn and develop new skills with some enhancing their leadership skills, adopting leading technical roles and/or managing a crew of other technicians. Working at a fully functional theatre with professional technicians allowed students to see first-hand how large scale productions are run.

All actors, dancers, singers, musicians and technicians put in an amazing amount of work and effort into this production.



It was a performance of great magnitude. Every person involved gave it their all and had the crowd talking about the show for days afterwards. The Gala this year was definitely an ambitious and memorable experience for the students and audiences alike. Congratulations to all involved in *A Night at the Movies*.







# Year 12 Formal

## Friars - Formal and Frivolous

Whitefriars College annual Year 12 Formal is always a much anticipated event on the College calendar.

The atmosphere was electric in the foyer as guests arrived with varying degrees of fanfare and confidence. There they were - some suave and sophisticated, others fashion-forward counterpointed by the classically dressed, but all embracing their diversity. They were themselves, but different.

Once ushered to their seats, the proceedings began with a warm welcome by Mr Brad Bird (Deputy Principal - Students) and the traditional prayer by Fr Angelino. Anyone who knows Whitefriars boys, knows that they love to be fed, so it was no surprise that the atmosphere changed once the first course arrived. A familiar buzz ensued as guests indulged in two more courses of culinary delight. As one guest put it:

"Good food and good company are always hallmarks of a good night out! What more could you want?"

As is customary, the night was not complete without a short 'tongue-in-cheek' presentation by the College Captains and House Captains. The boys delivered a short film and a series of awards which aptly reflected the lighter side of their journey together thus far.

As the night progressed the old adage "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" came to mind. It has been a philosophy embraced by Year 12s for generations and the cohort of 2016 were no exception.



"Great night, loved the dancing, the jokes, and all the boys."



"It was a good way to escape from the stress of Year 12 and enjoy a night with our mates."

They danced the night away, took copious amounts of pictures and let their hair down. For a moment in time the pressures of SACs, homework, study and examination preparation were forgotten. All that mattered was their ability to make impressive dance moves, spend time with their friends and have some good clean fun.

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





"The boys looked absolutely amazing in their suits."



"The formal video was the highlight of the night."



"One of the best nights I have had during my time at Whitefriars."



"Great event, good food, plenty of dancing."



"It was great to see each boy getting involved with the fun."

# Let the Building Begin

The Whitefriars community has already been made aware that a building Master Plan has been developed for the next 15 years.

This plan followed consultation with our community. Essentially the need was clear to develop more teaching and learning spaces as the current infrastructure has been out-grown by student numbers. Beyond this need we are aware of the necessity to have another key gathering space for at least a year level or House group.

The first stage of our building phase (the first five years) will be the construction of a Science and Technology Centre that also houses a full lecture theatre for over 240 and an expandable functions area that caters for close to 500 people. A food technology space will be included within this build.

This arrangement allows for completely new (and much needed) facilities, thus allowing the current science rooms, and materials and technology areas to be re-developed into teaching and learning spaces. This will mean that our students have spaces that are both purpose built for specialist areas and will be in classroom settings that are modernised and better suited to boys' learning.

There has been an extensive amount of effort put into the new rooms and spaces to ensure that they meet the needs of adolescent boys.



This new facility is to be built on the current staff car park next to the main oval. This also gives us the opportunity to alter our current traffic movement through the College so that no cars are mixing with pedestrians. The top car park is to be extensively re-modelled, as too will the lower car park for greater mobility of the many buses we have on site. These changes to the car parks are likely to begin in November.

The advertising period for the permit has now concluded and we are hopeful that a permit will be given shortly. Once this permit is issued it is our intention to begin the building phase in January 2017, with completion some 14 months later.

This is an exciting opportunity to give all of our students in Years 7-12 modern and purpose built science and technology spaces, a lecture theatre and re-developed classroom spaces that will assist and inspire our boys to learn well.





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# Fr Angelino Dos Santos

Fr Angelino, or 'Ange' as he is known to friends, is currently the Chaplain at Whitefriars College. He took up the role after the death of long-time Chaplain Fr Noel Kierce in 2015.

Fr Angelino came to Australia in 2010, when he was 20 years old, having spent most of his life until then in his native Timor-Leste.

What an interesting, if at times sad and frightening upbringing Fr Angelino experienced. He revealed this in a recent talk at a Kairos retreat, and in a conversation with me.

Speaking about his early life, Fr Angelino said he was the second eldest of eleven children, with six brothers and four sisters. His three younger brothers now live in the United Kingdom, one sister lives in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste, and two others live in the district of Lospalos, which is Fr Angelino's home town. Two of his sisters and three of his brothers have partners and children. Unfortunately one sister and two brothers have already passed away and very sadly, Ange lost his dad six years ago when his dad was just 47 years old.

When Fr Angelino was around one year old, his mother was almost shot. One night, there was a battle between Indonesian military and Timorese paramilitary. Once everyone heard gun shots they ran to escape anywhere, into the jungle or a hole in the ground. Everybody was terrified, as was Ange's mum, and she ran off very quickly.



But on the way to hiding she realised that she had left Ange at home and she had to go back to get him. During that time, she was almost shot. The family often lived in fear, of guns, the army and death. It was not a safe place.

When Ange was about five years old his father used to invite him to go and collect the water with him. That was a special time as he got to spend time with his dad and they also got to socialise with friends and meet other people which did not happen often. The church complex was another place to socialise; every afternoon everyone went there to play together and have fun. It seems the church was the playground for all the young ones and a place where they could feel secure, forget everything and just be children for a short time.

When Fr Angelino was seven years old he started at elementary school. Life was very difficult and the family had nothing. Ange still remembers that on his first day his dad gave him 10 cents and in 1987 that was a lot of money for the Timorese. It meant that he could buy bread for his lunch and also share the bread with other friends. Times were very hard for the East Timorese children because the Indonesian military were on every street corner and would yell at them, hit them, make them do push-ups and make fun of them because they were Timorese. As Fr Angelino reflects, "I will never forget how bad our lives were and how hard our childhood was. We didn't know what freedom was."

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Asked about his early school years, Fr Angelino remembers: “My early school I found very impressive because I met new friends who came from different family backgrounds and I really enjoyed it. In my Junior High School years, I went to the Salesian school which was the best school in my home town. My dad encouraged me to go there, because he had studied there as well and the spirituality focused on youth groups and younger people. From that school I learned how to grow up. They taught me values, they gave me opportunity and they helped me to make new friendships. It was a glorious time for me ... my dad was right!”

When he was 12 years old Fr Angelino had to leave his village and go to a different village and stay in a boarding house with other people. It was only when school holidays arrived that he was able to go home to see his brothers and sisters. During this time there was not much interference from the Indonesian military because he was far away from his village.

At the age of 15 Fr Angelino had to move further away from his home town to study in Dili.

He was faced with many challenges but he always tried to remain brave, to always face problems and never give up. Ange’s father was of great help to him in this regard. As Ange puts it, “My dad was always my hero. He always motivated me to face the challenges. He asked me to go away from our home and learn new things for my future, learn to be more independent, because life was not just around my home town in Lospalos. He used to tell me to work hard and be passionate and I would reap the harvest in the future. He also told me not to be afraid of self-sacrifice. Later on I realised that because my dad’s background was military this was why he was always very strict.”

Fr Angelino was fortunate enough to study at Technical High School in Dili. It had a very tough selection criteria and it was not easy to gain acceptance to this school. Angelino was one of 600 students to apply to major in electrical installation and was very happy to be one of the 25 students accepted by the school. From this stage onward he was able to make new friends and adapt to his new situation. During his first year he focussed on his studies and then in his

second year he was able to undertake many electrical work projects. Another experience that helped make him feel at home during this time was joining a Kung Fu master as part of his daily activities.

The year 1999, when Fr Angelino was 18 years old, was a particularly harrowing time not only for Ange but for all East Timorese. During that year a referendum was held, asking the East Timorese people to vote on whether they wanted to remain part of Indonesia or become an independent nation. The vast majority of people voted for independence, but much violence ensued between anti-independence militias, backed by Indonesian military forces, and pro-independence East Timorese, with many people killed in the following weeks and months. As Fr Angelino reflects: “It was a horrible time for me because that year was the critical moment for independence for Timor-Leste. Many people were killed every day for almost the whole year. However, as Timorese we never gave up and kept believing until the end, that freedom would ultimately be achieved.”





"The Referendum affected me so much as I had to separate from my family for a month and received no information about them. I voted in Dili, where I had stayed because I wanted to save my uncle's house. So after a month I went back to my home town to find my parents. When I finally got on a truck with other friends and went home, my parents' house was gone and my parents as well.

They were living in the jungle and hiding themselves. Life was nothing, everything was burned and there was no hope. I also lost some of my classmates during this time, and to this day, I do not know what became of them, which saddens me greatly."

In 2002, when Fr Angelino was 21 years old, he joined the Carmelite Order. However, his journey to be a Carmelite was somewhat accidental. A friend suggested that if Ange wanted to join any congregation he should feel free to do so. So he went to the Carmelite community and asked for a brochure so he could find out what kind of spirituality the Carmelites had.

He was also helped in his discernment by Sister Fatima, a Carmelite Sister, who acted as a mentor to him for over a year. Finally, he did find that what the Carmelites offered was what he was looking for, a simple life of contemplation and fraternity, lived in community and amongst the people who are poor.

So Fr Angelino spent three years in initial formation in Zumalai and Dili, and then he moved to Flores in Indonesia to study philosophy for three years. On completion he went back to Timor-Leste for two years to study theology in Portuguese, before moving to Melbourne in 2010. First he studied English at Australian Catholic University (ACU) and then theology at Yarra Theological Union and Catholic Theological College. After he finished his studies there, he returned to Timor-Leste where he was ordained a Priest on 30 August 2014 in St Paul's Church, Lospalos. He then worked for six months at the Carmelite Parish in Zumalai before moving back to Melbourne and to Whitefriars College as College Chaplain.

Fr Angelino has very much enjoyed the role of Chaplain at the College so far. A warm and engaging person by nature, he has made many friendships with students and staff and he looks forward to deepening these friendships, as does the College community.

**Mr Neal Crossan**  
Charism Liaison Director

# David Fedele

## Independent Documentary Filmmaker

**CLASS OF 1994**

David completed Year 12 at Whitefriars in 1994 and then went to The University of Melbourne completing a Bachelor of Planning and Design, and a Bachelor of Property and Construction.

On finishing his degrees he then took a year off and travelled around Europe and the Middle East. This ignited a passion for travelling which continues to dictate his life path.

When David returned from his first trip overseas, he began working for a construction company called Contract Control Constructions. After this he went on to work with his father and brother Robert (Class of 1996), undertaking their own property development and building projects. In 2006, when most of his friends were beginning to settle down, concentrating on their careers and/or families, David began to question this conventional path for himself and decided to have a break from everything. He bought a ticket to travel solo around Papua New Guinea for three months, a country that had long intrigued him.

A couple of days before he left, he purchased a small video camera and decided to film his trip. These decisions were to be life-changing, although he didn't realise it at the time. In hindsight this was the start of a new passion and obsession for David – documentary filmmaking.

Whilst living in London in 2010, he and a friend edited the footage from Papua New Guinea into a film and entered it into a few small festivals.



It won an award at a film festival in London, and it was only then that David seriously considered that perhaps this was something he could really pursue with passion. To tell stories on film would allow him to combine his love of travel, and his ever-increasing interest and engagement in global issues.

He enrolled in a ten day documentary filmmaking course, bought a new camera and his journey as a rogue one-man documentary filmmaker began. Since then, David has committed the past six years to making independent documentaries around the world, exploring various human rights, environmental, social justice and political issues and themes.

His work has won numerous awards around the world, and explored topics such as illegal logging in Papua New Guinea, in *Bikpela Bagarap*, and electronic waste in Ghana, in *E-wasteland*. In his latest film, *The Land Between*, David offers an intimate insight into the hidden lives of sub-Saharan African migrants living in the mountains of northern Morocco, dreaming of entering Europe for a better life.

To make the film, David lived in Morocco most of 2013 and for the past two and a half years he has been travelling around the world presenting the film and discussing the themes and issues that it raises. The film has screened at hundreds of venues around the world, including cinemas, festivals, community centres, galleries, universities and schools. The film has also been screened at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium.

David attempts to make films that show the human face of human rights and social issues, to reveal the dignity and resilience in the face of suffering. He hopes to provide the audience with both a window into unseen realities and also a mirror in which we can see and challenge our own position and role in the world.

A real highlight for David is his interaction with the amazing people he meets along the journey. It is an immense privilege and he feels a great sense of purpose and responsibility when making a film. Film making enables him to go to places that he may not normally venture to, and to speak to people and to ask questions that he would not ordinarily be able to ask.

David also finds the most rewarding part of documentary filmmaking is being able to share the finished film with an audience. This is where the film really comes alive and begins to exist in the real world, not only in his head. For this reason, he always makes an effort to attend the screenings and participates in the discussions and debates which follow.

Working independently and outside of any system, David struggles with the solitary nature of his work. He funds, produces, directs, shoots and edits his own films. The road is often difficult and lonely.

David's greatest challenges are the moral and ethical dilemmas that he must face, which feature in almost every decision along the filmmaking process. His films deal with very sensitive issues, and he is in regular contact with people who are suffering and struggling, sometimes in life and death situations. David is highly aware that sometimes the last thing that people need is someone intruding into their space with a camera. The last thing he wants is to be perceived as profiting from someone's suffering.

"When you enter into peoples' lives, especially those that are extremely vulnerable, there is a huge responsibility, especially when they trust you enough to open up about their lives, their struggles, their suffering, their hopes and dreams. I battle with these dilemmas on a daily basis, either in the field or in my own head."

David has recently entered into the public discussion regarding Australia's asylum policies after spending six weeks in the city of Lae in Papua New Guinea. Here he spent time with the first group of refugees who had been resettled after two and a half years' detention on Manus Island. Following this experience, and witnessing the lack of



Travelling in PNG for the first time in 2006



Shooting *E-wasteland* in Ghana in 2012

support and infrastructure provided to these men, David has given numerous interviews on ABC radio and recently had an article published in the *Guardian* newspaper, entitled *Resettling refugees in Papua New Guinea: a tragic theatre of the absurd*.

David believes his time at Whitefriars definitely played a significant role in shaping who he is today. He made a lot of great friendships, many which still remain a constant in his life.

He also played football for many years with the Whitefriars Old Collegians and only a few weeks ago met up with a lot of school friends and football teammates to celebrate the 20 year reunion of the 1996 Under 19 Grand Final. The team was coached by Mr Andy Dalrymple (who still teaches with the College today) and David enjoyed re-connecting with his past teammates and remembering his time at Whitefriars College.



Screening *The Land Between* at a film festival in Morocco in 2015



While shooting *The Land Between* in Morocco in 2013



With his brother Robert and sisters Louise and Clare

To view David's work visit:  
[www.david-fedele.com](http://www.david-fedele.com)

# Matthew Zammit

Bachelor of Nursing student and Disability advocate

**CLASS OF 1995**

After finishing at Whitefriars in 1995, Matthew studied a Bachelor of Media Studies and Communications at La Trobe University, then travelled and worked around Australia.

In 2000 he started his first role in communications, working for Officeworks. He helped them put together their inaugural online store website, which was a first at that time. Then in 2003 Matthew took a role in South Korea, working for *The Korea Herald* and also established an English language program at Yeosu Middle School. Matthew was the first Western teacher in the school's history and stayed there until 2004.

During his time in Korea he travelled around Asia and Europe before returning to Canberra in 2005 to commence a role as journalist. He worked as a news reporter in the Canberra Press Gallery. A highlight during this time was interviewing former Prime Minister, Mr Gough Whitlam. A lowlight was being beaten ("just!") in the 'press vs polities' swimming carnival, by the now Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

Matthew found the role was not really what he was wanting and also sensed trouble ahead for the Australian journalism industry with the advent of online news. So in 2007 Matthew made the switch to communications and speech writing, taking on a communications position writing press releases and speeches for the Education Department and Minister.



Matthew and his training aircraft at Moorabbin Airport

In 2008 he returned to Melbourne to take a contract public relations role at peak industry accounting body, CPA Australia. At CPA he authored their first Sustainability Report which looked at the social and environmental impacts of business. During this period Matthew pursued his passion for flying. He undertook many practice hours and had completed and passed all his training to fly solo, but his flying ambition was tragically cut short when he suffered a serious accident.

After Christmas in 2010, Matthew was riding his motorcycle on Beach Road, Black Rock when a car performed an illegal U-turn across his path and hit him. Matthew suffered a traumatic brain injury and was in a state of post traumatic amnesia for several weeks, and sustained a multitude of serious injuries, including three spinal fractures. He spent a total of nearly six months in hospital at The Alfred and The Epworth and more than two years' in out-patient rehabilitation. He has had countless hospital re-admissions and operations, with the most recent being July this year.

Up until the accident Matthew had a pathological fear of hospitals, blood and needles. The accident was to change all this as he was forced to face his fears. With the help of some extraordinary nursing staff he began to put his fears aside and live again. The nurses contributed a huge amount toward Matthew's recovery for which he is very grateful. They displayed enormous care and empathy going over and above their job requirements to help him. They also helped him take ownership of his recovery and Matthew attributes a great deal of his healing to this learning.

Consequently he became interested in the human body and all it could do. The more he learnt about the science of bodies, the more he wanted to know. This resulted in a giant leap of faith and a return to La Trobe University to study a Bachelor of Nursing. This has been challenging on many levels. Due to his brain injury Matthew has memory deficits and has had to learn to write again. A cruel irony for one who was an experienced communications professional.

Matthew is now in his final year of study and looking forward to commencing this new career. He is currently busy interviewing for graduate nursing positions and is also progressing in his nursing through post-graduate study. He volunteers one day per week at Caulfield Hospital Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre, with the patient experience program. He plans on using his experiences to reach out to patients finding recovery difficult.

Matthew also works part-time in the disability sector through SAI Global. He audits client experience and quality of care, ensuring disability services and employment programs meet current standards and legislation requirements. He also sits on the Darebin Disability Advisory Committee, currently overseeing the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in the Darebin local government area.

Matthew is extremely philosophical about his accident. Coming so close to dying made him realise how lucky he was to be alive. Being an optimist at heart, he focussed on all that he did have, rather than all that he had lost and was having to endure. The love and support of his partner Zoe was phenomenal and she and his family were the main factors that pulled him through; from his coma to where he is today. Matthew and Zoe were delighted to announce their engagement in January and equally delighted to be married in September, by Whitefriars Old Collegian Fr Michael Gallacher.

Matthew now has a new level of respect for his body, knowing how fragile life is. He does all he can to look after himself. He even made the brave decision to start marathon running last year.

Being told he may never walk again motivated and challenged him. Last year he completed the Sandy Point half marathon in Melbourne.

The run was a challenge on all levels, especially as the running route took him past the site of his accident, twice. Matthew completed the run and also raised money for The Alfred Hospital which he has a deep appreciation for after all that they did to aid his recovery. He has completed further half marathons in Melbourne and interstate alongside some of his old Whitefriars friends whom he considers his closest mates. He plans to participate in the full Melbourne Marathon this October.

Matthew is also keen to resume his private pilot's licence training. (The accident resulted in Matthew having to repeat his flying training and pass various medicals). He hopes to complete the training once he has finished university at the end of the year and is more passionate than ever about flying and achieving this childhood goal.

The last five and a half years have been extremely challenging for Matthew, but he has come out the other side and is an inspiration to many. Matthew's advice to current students is to make the most of your opportunities and the friendships which come from your Whitefriars school years; they are friends for life. "When times get tough, remember that the world is far bigger than you can perceive and so you never know what may come, and neither do you know what is hiding inside you somewhere. Your true potential is just waiting to be set free."



Matthew finishing his first half marathon, the Sandy Point Half Marathon



Matthew and Zoe on their wedding day with Fr Michael Gallacher



Matthew in hospital after the accident



Matthew at LaTrobe University Medical Centre

# Where Are They Now?



## Andrew Barrett - Network Controller for the Australian Rail Track Corporation

### CLASS OF 1984

At the end of Year 11 Andrew undertook a one year Rotary exchange student program and travelled to South Africa. He returned to the College in 1985, completed his HSC and started work at Denny's Restaurant where he stayed for 18 months.

He then commenced a metallurgy traineeship with BHP Westernport before moving to Kenworth Trucks in 1989. At Kenworth he worked in the areas of engineering, sales support, warranty, costing, accounting and materials. He remained there for 18 years and during this period he also met his first wife (they were married by Fr Kierce in 1992 at the Monastery) and volunteered as a CFA firefighter in Somerville, Millgrove and Boronia.

In 2007 Andrew felt he needed a change and moved to Newcastle to work as a Network Controller for the Australian Rail Track Corporation.

His role was all encompassing, being responsible for the planning and running of trains over a broad interstate network, handling passenger, coal, grain, intermodal trains and network track maintenance. He was also involved in projects for new safe working systems, training and process improvement.

Shortly after arriving in Newcastle Andrew met his new Partner Jenny and her two children whom she had adopted as babies from South Korea. They married in 2012 and their son is now 17 and their daughter 13. They all visit Korea every three years, visiting a local Korean language school and learning and enjoying the culture, food and history.

Andrew has a passion for travel and adventure, always keen to expand his horizons. He has driven heavy trucks and fire trucks, flown helicopters, travelled from New York to London on a Concorde and swam with sharks at the Melbourne Aquarium for his 40th Birthday. He and his family have also enjoyed some memorable ocean cruise holidays and recently embarked on a short cruise for his 50th birthday.

Andrew lost touch with his Whitefriars cohort when he left in 1984 but was delighted to reconnect with many of them at his 20 year reunion in 2004. He was disappointed he was unable to attend the 30 year reunion in 2014, but is looking forward to his 40 year reunion in eight years time!



## Paul Eddy - Boeing 737 Captain, Melbourne

### CLASS OF 1984

After completing his VCE in 1984 Paul set about pursuing a career as a pilot with Qantas. He had always been fascinated with aeroplanes and hoped to make a career in this area. As a boy he used to watch them fly over his house in Warrandyte, or watch them preparing for departures at Tullamarine Airport.

Soon after leaving the College Paul was given the opportunity to take an introductory flight in a two seater plane at Lilydale Airport and this confirmed his expectations and cemented his ambition to become a pilot. The entire flying experience excited him - the big levers, the noise, the vibration of the motor, and the sensation of gliding through the air in three dimensions. Paul went home from that flight and looked for a hospitality job in the newspaper.

With his first pay cheque he started flying lessons at Coldstream and Essendon Airport to build up experience, and took theory classes at night school.

He completed all the requirements for entry into Qantas and joined them in 1989. Paul still works with them as a Boeing 737 Captain based in Melbourne which he loves; the travel network is diverse, flying from the Australian capital cities to New Zealand, to the mining towns in West Australia.

However his success was not without its challenges; Paul had three consecutive failed attempts to pass one of the theory exams required for entry into Qantas. He found challenges working effectively in a multi crew flight deck in high pressure situations, especially on European flights in the winter. Then there are the challenges of managing complex delays due to engineering, weather or curfew problems.

Nevertheless Paul has achieved his primary goal of attaining the rank of Captain in Qantas and has one more goal - to secure a position of Captain on the B747 Jumbo, which Paul believes is one of the greatest aeroplanes ever built!

Paul is married with three daughters and is living in Woodend. His middle daughter Amelia is currently completing Year 12 which has highlighted to Paul the significance of the journey the boys are on at Whitefriars. Paul's advice to any Whitefriars boys who are keen on becoming a pilot is: "If you love it, don't be told it can't be done. Do VCE Maths and Physics, apply to the Airforce or do your own lessons to get a civilian flying job and build up hours. Start writing letters to the Airlines. Believe in yourself that you can do whatever career you're passionate about".



## John Varney - Midwife at Monash Medical Centre

### CLASS OF 1975

John completed his Year 12 at Whitefriars in 1975 and went to Christ College in Melbourne and studied primary teaching. On graduation he worked as a teacher for three years but decided teaching wasn't really for him. Many of his friends were nursing so he decided to try that. After completing his nursing studies he worked as a general nurse at Dandenong Hospital for three years.

After the birth of his first son John decided midwifery was a worthwhile addition to his nursing training; it fitted in with his background as an educator and he could help people "do what comes naturally" with the birthing process. He completed post-graduate studies at Box Hill Hospital and became the first male midwife to complete his training there. He then transferred to Monash Medical Centre in 1990 and has been there ever since.

John really enjoys his role of helping and teaching parents. His main focus is on keeping the whole birth experience relatively normal.

His role in midwifery has become more challenging in recent years with the increase in cultural diversity. In a profession dominated by women (at Monash there are approximately 250 midwives and only three are male), many new mothers are from cultures and religions which do not permit them to be attended by a male.

John has four adult children whom he is immensely proud of and who do a variety of things; his eldest son Chris works in the field of autism, youngest Peter studies film, Stephen is a fire fighter and daughter Marian is an occupational therapist.

John has very fond memories of the natural environment of the College and cannot hear a whip bird without remembering the view from the Form 2 classrooms. He describes the College as an oasis on the edge of suburbia and has replicated this in his own home environment now, being surrounded by tall gum trees in the Dandenong Ranges.

Other memories are of a Form 2 Integrated Studies excursion to Warrandyte, where students had to measure the speed of the Yarra River flow, which they did by timing a leaf's journey down the river! He also remembers with sincere gratitude his Form 6 teachers, for getting him through a difficult year; they supported him a great deal and were "more than just teachers".

# From the Archives

## The McPhee Gymnasium at Whitefriars College recognises the remarkable contribution to the College by a founding member of staff.

In the late 1950s the focus of the Carmelites in Australia was on a proposed Catholic school on land they owned in Donvale. The Carmelites looked to train their own priests and brothers to staff the new school. In addition to theological training, students for the priesthood undertook studies that would equip them to teach in a secondary school. It was widely reported in the press that one of those students, Br Matthew McPhee, was the first member of a Religious Order to study for a degree in Physical Education and Sport. He was deeply influenced by one of his university lecturers Dr Fritz Duras who had fled Nazi Germany. Dr Duras was a heart surgeon, an Olympic gymnast, a musician and a very spiritual man committed to the development of the whole person. He introduced Br Matthew to the theory of psychosomatic education, a method of learning where the spiritual, physical and mental were embraced. These ideals are still followed at the College today.

The gates opened to the first group of students in 1961. They were met by the Principal, Fr Frank Shortis along with Fr James Pilkington, Br Thomas Butler and Br Matthew McPhee. Br Matthew remembers: "Everything was new, the College, teachers, students and parents. There was a real spirit of enthusiasm throughout, and the College Fair, Art and Dog Shows, Wine and



Br Matthew with senior footballers

Cheese tasting nights, all to raise funds, were community building and good fun." (Whitefriars Fifty Years, James Thomson).

The Carmelites' day did not finish when the last student left; they then turned their attention to cleaning the school, administrative duties and regularly celebrating Mass in neighbouring parishes.

Along with physical education, Br Matthew also taught science, religious education, English and algebra. But his real passion was sport. Initial sporting equipment was very simple; apparatus for the gymnasium was gradually acquired and there was a great emphasis on strength and mobility. The acquisition of two table tennis tables proved extremely popular with all students. Many became involved in competition and one student competed at international level.

A second oval was constructed but did not prove to be as well constructed as was promised. The first time Whitefriars beat Blackfriars at football, Br Matthew suggested

to his team that if it rained, the visitors may have trouble standing on a wet oval as he noticed that they had short stops on their boots. Rain began on Friday night and continued through Saturday into Sunday. Br Matthew's prediction was well founded and Whitefriars (actually an inferior team according to him) won by eight points.

The magnificent natural environment which extended up to the Monastery provided a perfect natural backdrop. Cross country tracks, a commando track and high ropes courses across valleys were developed and constructed by Br Matthew and these challenged the boys. The College and the physical education programs owe a huge debt to him. The methodology he brought to his teaching and his passion for sport and physical education echo around the ovals, gymnasiums, Old Collegians rooms, and anywhere Whitefriars sportsmen gather.

In 1970 Br Matthew left the College to undertake further study for the priesthood. In 1973 he was ordained a Priest.





Students heading back to class after sport



Br Matthew with his great nephew Joe Petrowski

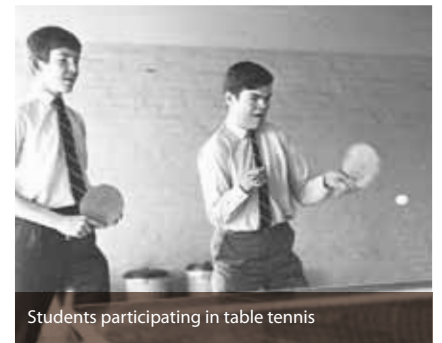
The McPhee name sits firmly in the College's history. Matthew's brother Fr Bernie McPhee was Principal at the College from 1972 to 1976. Many McPhee nephews and cousins have passed through the corridors since, bringing distinction to themselves and to the College. The legacy continues; this year the College welcomed into Year 7, Joe Petrowski, a great nephew of Fr Matthew McPhee. When asked for his thoughts on joining the community at Whitefriars, Joe commented "It is hard to visualise how it was in the beginning and how much has been achieved. I am very proud to be a part of Whitefriars.

Joe is ready to make his own mark, bringing to the life of the College his own gifts, to join the Carmelites, staff and thousands of past students who have become the living history of Whitefriars College.

**Mrs Anne McKenna**  
Archivist



Br Matthew teaching physical education



Students participating in table tennis



# VALE

## Patrick John Cronin

**24 September 1996 – 18 April 2016** Whitefriars College 2009 - 2014 (Avila House)

Pat Cronin was a 19 year old boy who was taken away far too soon by a senseless act of violence through a single 'coward's punch', following a brawl at a bar in Diamond Creek on 16 April.

Pat was struck while assisting a mate despite having no involvement in the fight that was taking place.

Pat was a beautiful young man with his life ahead of him. He had accomplished much in his short life but was destined to achieve and experience so much more. Academically talented, he achieved a scholarship from La Trobe University where he was studying health sciences. Pat was also a gifted young sportsman with highly regarded leadership skills, in particular having won the past two Under 19 Best and Fairest Awards at the Lower Plenty Football Club. This year he was just starting out in his senior career, playing alongside his older brother Lucas for the first time.

Quietly spoken and gentle natured but with a fierce determination, Pat was enormously popular and had a deep love for his family and friends. His death has left a gaping hole in our lives and caused devastation amongst not only our family, but also his friends and the broader communities he was a part of; these include the Lower Plenty and Research Junior Football Clubs, Whitefriars College



Patrick Cronin

(and in particular his graduating Class of 2014), La Trobe University and the whole of the Eltham district.

In our darkest hour we were faced with the gut wrenching decision to turn off Pat's life support machine, but prior to this we made a choice to donate Pat's organs because that is what he would have wanted to do. We have been told that his gift has saved the lives of four people.

We would like to thank Mr John Finn and all of the staff at Whitefriars College for allowing us to hold Pat's funeral at the College where more than 2,000 people paid their respects to Pat. It was a beautiful tribute to a truly 'gentle man' of Whitefriars.

We are determined that Pat's life be honoured and that no other family should face the devastation we now face as a result of his senseless death.

In his honour, we have established the Pat Cronin Foundation which has three objectives:

- To build **awareness** of the incidence of 'coward's punch' attacks and to work with other organisations who support the same cause to make this behaviour socially unacceptable.
- To provide **education** to get the message out that it is time to end this senseless violence and to equip people, in particular teenagers and young adults, with prevention strategies to ensure these incidents don't occur.
- To fund **research** into social behaviour in Australia to uncover and promote prevention strategies.

### So what can you do to support us in helping to make a change?

1. Keep your fists to yourself.
2. If you know someone who has a tendency to get into fights, help them to avoid the situation – be their wing man and get them out of there.
3. Like and share our Facebook page, buy a wristband and talk to your children and anyone you know about this tragedy and help to spread the word.

Pat was our son, yet he could so easily have been anyone's child. Pat was also a brother, a grandson, a nephew, a cousin, a friend, a team mate, a school mate, a work mate, a university mate. We are just a normal family, this happened in a normal suburb. If this could happen to Pat, it could happen to anyone.

### Matt and Robyn Cronin

Pat's parents

Be wise.  
There is no excuse.  
**End the  
coward punch.**

More information can be found and  
donations can be made at  
[www.patcroninfoundation.org.au](http://www.patcroninfoundation.org.au)  
or via the Facebook Page at  
[www.facebook.com/patcroninfoundation/](http://www.facebook.com/patcroninfoundation/)



Pat aged 5 at the Auskick presentation day



Pat running Senior Cross Country



Under 19 Best and Fairest 2015 (2nd year in a row),  
Lower Plenty Football Club



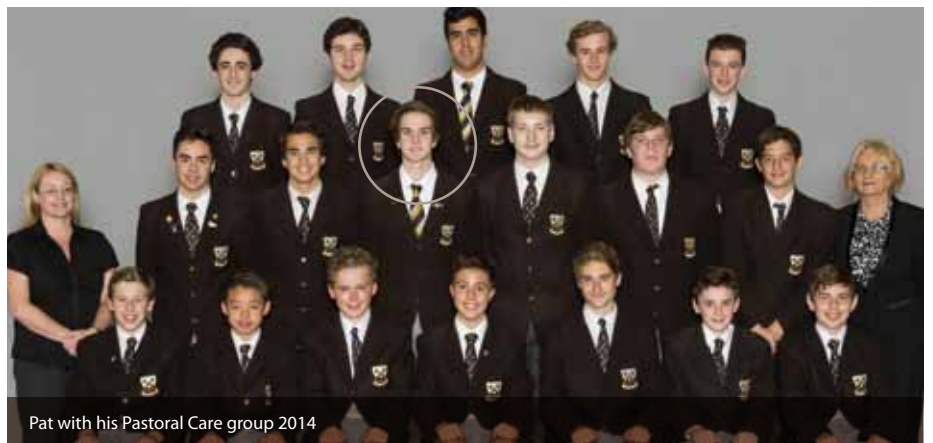
Under 17 Captain, Research Junior Football Club



Pat with his parents at the Whitefriars Valedictory Dinner 2014

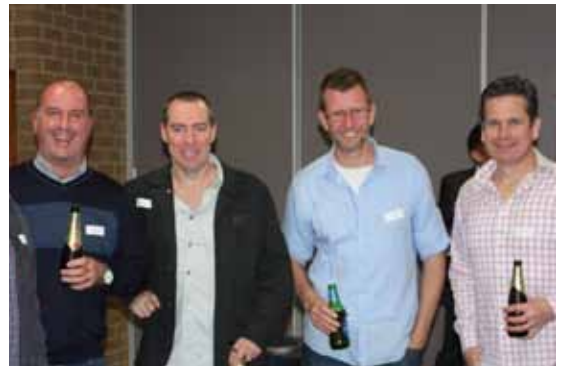


Pat Year 7 camp 2005



Pat with his Pastoral Care group 2014

# Reunions





# Reunions



**CLASS OF 1996 – 20 YEAR REUNION**



# Run for Ashby

## It's just about the worst news a family can receive.

On Good Friday this year, Christian Ashby (Class of 1997) was riding his bike around Ballarat's Lake Wendouree, just after 6am when a car veered onto the wrong side of the road, leaving the father of two young children with horrific injuries.

Christian, who was well known in the district through his work as a podiatrist, was taken to the Royal Melbourne Hospital, where his family feared the worst. His body was badly broken and he spent a few weeks in a coma as he fought for his life.

Bad news travels fast and it wasn't long before Christian's old mates at Whitefriars College heard of the terrible incident. Most of us had lost contact with Christian over the last ten years or so after he moved to Ballarat, but we all remembered his humour, his loyalty and, above all, his passion for fitness.

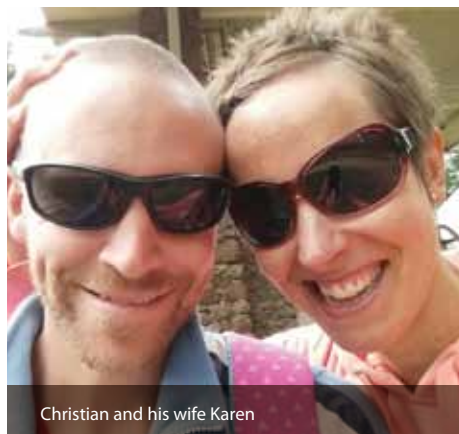
Christian had been a footballer and runner while at the College and later became a successful tri-athlete. In short, he was exactly the sort of guy who would be out on a training ride on Good Friday while the rest of us slept in.

We made contact with Christian's parents Pam and Damien, and monitored Christian's slow recovery from afar. Like everyone who heard his story, we were immediately keen to help and thrilled to watch the efforts of the community of Ballarat, who have rallied around the Ashby family in ways big and small.

Christian was eventually moved from the Royal Melbourne to Epworth Richmond in late May, and it was there we got to catch up with him.



Sam Ward, Kieran Kennedy, James Gibbins, James Thomson, Tim Martin, Dan Reid, Jeremy Treyvaud, Michael Duffy, Matt Hamilton, Anton Keenahan, Paul Leung and Declan Eames



Christian and his wife Karen

Despite the year and his injuries, he was the same old Ashby – full of classic lines and great memories from his time at 'Friars.

He was also making incredible progress on his rehabilitation. Clearly his strong base of fitness was helping, but he was also attacking his recovery with fierce determination.

Inspired by this, we decided it was our turn to try and make a small contribution.

So on July 24, ten of Christian's mates from Whitefriars – Michael Duffy, Matthew Hamilton, Kieran Kennedy, Declan Eames, James Gibbins, Tim Martin, Daniel Reid, Sam Ward, Jeremy Treyvaud, Anton Keenahan and I – tackled the annual fun run event, Run Melbourne.

While none of us had Christian's famous distance running ability, most of the crew tackled the half marathon; with three doing the 10km run and two of the least Ashby-like runners finishing the 5km.

Throughout July we ran an online fundraising campaign to help support Christian and his family with his recovery. We were simply blown away with the support we received.

Our families and friends got behind us, but so too did lots of members of the Whitefriars College community, the Holy Spirit community (where Christian attended primary school) and our old friends from Siena College.

In the end, we raised more than \$10,500, a staggering amount. But while the money we've raised is terrific, the support and good wishes that we were all able to pass on to Christian were even more important.

We're looking forward to catching up with Christian in the next little while to get an update on his recovery, share a few laughs and get some training tips on bringing down our personal bests.

**James Thomson**  
Class of 1997

# Community Connections

## AFL Auskick at Whitefriars

On Saturday 20 August the Whitefriars Football Club hosted our inaugural Auskick group for a half time grid game, at our final home game against NOBS Brunswick Football Club. The 'Young Friars' ran rings around the 'Old Friars' but most importantly, all had a fun day!

The ten children, ranging in ages from 6 -9 years, participated in a 14-week program that introduced them to the sport of Australian Rules football.

The Whitefriars Football Club looks forward to continuing the Auskick program next year.

**Paul Hennessy (Class of 2001)**  
Auskick Coordinator

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## It's all about Skills!



While the students at Whitefriars have proven their skills in competitive sport, students in the Sport and Recreation VET/VCE program are also showing their talents in coaching.

As part of the course we invited Year 3 and 4 students from St Timothy's and St James to participate in sporting activities and drills in football, soccer, basketball and fundamental motor skills.

The primary students were guided by their Whitefriars' coaches in a gentle and encouraging way. The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive as they experienced a dynamic and fun outing.

The day proved to be just as rewarding for the Whitefriars' students as the range of activities provided to the visitors enabled our students to put into practice the theory they had learnt during class.

The Sport and Recreation subject enables students to work towards obtaining a Certificate III which requires competency in a range of scenarios. The program allows students to learn a range of skills that are transferable to the recreational industry.

Some Old Collegians have used the course as a pathway to the AFL level in administration whilst others have been able to transfer the skills obtained to other industries.

## What type of Reaction?



Children are always amazed by what science has to offer and our visit to St Timothy's Primary School did not disappoint.

As part of the Whitefriars Science roadshow, staff from the Science Learning Area and students visit our local primary schools. The presentation to Year 3 and 4 students focuses on chemistry and what indicators show that a reaction has taken place. Colour changes, from red to blue to clear ... Liquids to solids ... Changes in temperature from hot to cold, are just a few examples of the experiments that our primary school friends witnessed. If a chemical reaction has taken place, there is always an indicator.

## The Art of Writing



Whether it be horror, fiction, fantasy or humour the key to writing is to capture your audience.

St Anne's Primary School invited Whitefriars to work with the Year 5 and 6 students who were keen writers or readers. The discussion was around the novels that we were all currently reading, and how effective writers hook and hold their audience. We spoke about memorable characters, exciting plots, humour and intriguing titles just to mention a few. We looked at a wide range of popular and acclaimed new titles, as well as some classics. The students left with two books that they will read and report back on during this term. The range of books selected by the students was exciting. We look forward to our return visit and hearing about the books that had them engaged and the reasons why they couldn't put them down.

# Community Connections

## Umpires are Human



The Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) sign was placed on the front gate of the College at the start of Term 3. Whitefriars Old Collegians Football Club (OCFC) is affiliated with VAFA. The College is our greatest supporter and we are thrilled they agreed to place it in a prominent place for all attending the College to see.

The sign promotes all that is great about amateur football and one line which states 'umpires are human' may be very blunt but it is a statement that is needed. Sadly some attitudes to umpires are truly that bad. Umpires are most respected at our Club and one in particular is Year 11 Whitefriars student, Todd Malt, who is enjoying his first season with us as the Club's Senior Reserve Grade Umpire. Todd is the third Malt to join us following his brothers' Mitch (Class of 2012) and Ryan (Class of 2014) and we all expect to see him playing Senior First 18 football with his brothers' soon. But for the moment he plays every Sunday with Heathmont Jets and every Saturday, at 11.40am, he umpires for the Club.

Todd's pathway to umpiring is unusual in that most field umpires start careers in the youngest of junior grades and try senior

football much later on. But not Todd, he umpired his very first game in the Club's final pre-season practice match this year.

Todd says "the players are wonderful, the skipper Mr Brett "The Fonz" Vey and Coach Mr Anthony Pisani are really encouraging and supportive, and their attitudes are infectious amongst all 44 players and officials on match days. Directors of VAFA umpiring Mr Brian "Benny" Goodman, Mr Brian Woodman and advisor Mr Norm Nugent constantly reinforce that the key to successful umpiring of Aussie Rules is positioning. "I'm developing my running patterns and trigger points every game. I'd still say I much prefer playing the game and will do so for as long as my body allows me, but the experience I'm getting this year at the Club makes me confident I'll have a great umpiring career. With a little luck I could be running AFL games. For the time being the \$90 cash in hand each week is fantastic!"

Todd is not the only student involved with umpiring at the Club. Currently, as in previous years, there are many boys who run the boundary and if any students would like to get involved (and be paid \$25) they should email Mr Peter Ciardulli or Mr Jeremy Freeman for more information.

It's been an exciting year for the Club. We are celebrating 30 years, have established an Auskick program at 9 am Saturdays and have been told women's football is on the horizon! For anyone wishing to find out more or get involved please visit [www.friarsfooty.com.au](http://www.friarsfooty.com.au). Go Friars!

### **Tony Mitchell**

Secretary, Whitefriars Old Collegians Football Club

## Are you an Old Collegian?

We welcome past students to contact the Development Office at [woca@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:woca@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) if you would like to contribute an article to the next issue of the *Whitefriar*.

# Help us Reconnect

Whitefriars College would like your assistance to connect us with Old Collegians with whom we have lost contact.

We would like to keep everyone informed about College news, events and reunions. If you are able to assist Whitefriars in contacting any of the following Old Collegians, please contact the Development Office on +61 3 9872 8213 or email [woca@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:woca@whitefriars.vic.edu.au).

## CLASS OF 1967

Gavin Campbell  
Peter Hoffs  
Paul Holland  
Ian Hyde  
Anthony Kelly  
Peter Lawrance  
Christopher Lowe  
Robert Raadts  
Anthony Shaw  
Peter Smith  
Bernard Williams

## CLASS OF 1977

Matthew Armstrong  
Damien Ayers  
Peter Berkley  
Steven Bouwman  
Peter Brennan  
Binh Bui  
Howard Clark  
Christopher Davenport  
Andrew Davies  
Stephen De Roos  
Benjamin Dempsey  
John Di Pietro  
David Dimmock  
John Drummond  
Mark Falls  
Christopher Fleiter  
John Gerraty  
Marc Gibson  
Harry Hughes  
John Iacono  
Roy Jacobs  
Timothy Kelly  
Michael Kennedy  
Neil Laundry  
Peter Leslie  
Shaun Martin  
Mark McMahon  
Daniel Nash  
Michael Negri  
Peter Neyland  
David Paton  
Michael Piddington  
Michael Pozivil  
Justin Renehan  
John Roelofs  
Simon Thorn  
Paul Van Bergen  
Christopher Van Der Haar  
Paul Walker  
Anthony Wallace  
Gregory Wild  
Matthew Woods  
David Worsnop

## CLASS OF 1987

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Shane Murphy  
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Adrian Nemeč  
Richard Owens  
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Joshua Carman  
Frank Casabene  
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Mark Couche  
Ryan Dalton  
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Tristan Edmiston  
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David Hill  
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Robert Saltalamacchia  
Joshua Sceberras  
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Justin Scott  
Devin Seng  
Anthony Shelley  
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Julian Tillig  
Jonathon Tjia  
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Gerald Wells

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Blake Cameron  
Troy Chambers  
Tse Chen  
Chin Wa Cheung  
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Dominic Coutts  
Mark Dias  
Michael Downing  
Kuang Duan  
James Ferola  
Daniel Fistic  
Jordan Gauder  
Matthew Gurrieri

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Yi Jin  
Sebastian Key  
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Sung (Sean) Kim  
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Blake Lechner  
Philip Livanes  
Rong (Jason) Lu  
Dominic Matarazzo  
Brent McCann  
Jonathon McCarthy  
James Moye  
Joshua Newman  
Swee Khee (Andy) Ng  
Thomas Nichols  
Nathan O'Dowd  
Peter O'Sullivan  
Daniel Perry  
Michael Porter  
Martin Pumpa  
Jason Rushen  
Andrew Schillaci  
Jian Shen  
Wen (Tony) Sheng  
Nathan Sinni  
Aaron Stanley  
Justin Tankey  
Robert Vivian  
Farid Wakim  
Mark Wengritzky  
Nicholas Wheeler  
Tom Whitechurch  
Setthawut Wongsatitporn  
Yong Wu  
Shi (Rocky) Yan  
Ching Chuen (Gary) Yeung  
Joshua Young  
Si Yuan Zhou  
Hao Dang (Louis) Zhu

# Important Dates

## OCTOBER

<b>Monday 3</b>	First Day of Term 4
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	Mt Carmel Day Walkathon and celebrations
<b>Wednesday 12</b>	Leadership Workshop Whole School Assembly
<b>Thursday 13</b>	Last day of Year 12 classes Year 12 Valedictory Mass and Dinner
<b>Friday 14</b>	Student Free Day/Staff Wellbeing Day
<b>Friday 14-21</b>	Visual Arts Exhibition
<b>Sunday 16</b>	Open Day
<b>Thursday 20-21</b>	Middle Years Production
<b>Saturday 22</b>	Class of 1976 40 Year Reunion
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	Science Roadshow
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	VCAA Exams begin
<b>Thursday 27</b>	Year 9 Social
<b>Monday 31</b>	Mid Term Break – Student Free Day

## NOVEMBER

<b>Tuesday 1</b>	Melbourne Cup Day – Student Free Day
<b>Thursday 3</b>	St Kevin's Twilight Sports Day Mother's Thank you Dinner
<b>Monday 7</b>	College Open Morning Tour 9-10.30am Presentation Evening 7-10pm
<b>Tuesday 8</b>	Science Roadshow
<b>Wednesday 9</b>	Last Day for Year 11 Classes Whole School Assembly Year 7 2017 Transition Information Evening
<b>Saturday 12</b>	Class of 1966 Reunion 12 – 4pm
<b>Friday 18</b>	Student Free Day
<b>Wednesday 23</b>	Year 7 2017 Transition Morning for Solos
<b>Friday 25</b>	Class of 2015 Reunion
<b>Monday 28</b>	Year 7 OLP Camp
<b>Tuesday 29</b>	ACC Captains Mass & Dinner

## DECEMBER

<b>Monday 5-9</b>	Oblate Cricket Carnival National Volleyball Championship National Basketball Championship
<b>Tuesday 6</b>	Year 7 2017 Orientation Day Student Free Day
<b>Thursday 8</b>	Final Day of Term 4
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	College Administration Closes

## JANUARY 2017

<b>Monday 23</b>	College Administration Reopens
<b>Monday 30</b>	First Day of Term 1

## FEBRUARY

<b>Friday 10</b>	College Open Morning Tour 9 – 10.30am
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	Twilight Evening 6-8pm
<b>Friday 17</b>	Year 2007 Reunion 10 Years 6-9pm Applications Close for Year 7 2018

## MARCH

<b>Friday 17</b>	Year 1977 Reunion 40 years 6-9.30pm
<b>Tuesday 22</b>	Believe in Music Concert
<b>Saturday 25</b>	Year 7 2018 Interviews to be held – 8.30 – 4pm

## APRIL

<b>Saturday 22</b>	Scholarship Testing
<b>Friday 27</b>	Offers Year 7 2018 Posted

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