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# Principal's Report

## Whitefriars, a place of opportunity

Everyday our students involve themselves in countless opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

I am constantly in awe of the skills, talents, energy, generosity and courage of these young men as they develop and nurture their many gifts and talents for the benefit of themselves and those around them. Therefore, when asked to write an article about the many and varied opportunities and experiences Whitefriars has to offer I immediately turned to these wonderful young people who are best placed to provide insight and inspiration into their lived experience here.

**Mr Mark Murphy**



Mark Murphy

## Reflections

### *Leadership at Whitefriars*

**Luke Verhoeven – College Vice Captain**

Reflecting upon the year, I cannot help but feel an immense sense of pride and gratitude for the team I have had the privilege of working with. Leadership at Whitefriars is more diverse than ever, with roles being offered from as early as Year 8, encouraging the growth and development of the people on track to lead our community in future years. The enthusiasm, commitment, passion and vulnerability of every single one of the 50 plus boys on the team gives me great belief in the power of giving back, and the importance of leadership. With this incredible team at hand, we have been able to host a multitude of events, activities and summits to give back to the community we are so grateful for. Thank you again to everyone who has made this year so wonderful. I have all the confidence that the Class of 2022 is leaving the College in very capable hands for many years to come.



### *The Kairos experience*

**Harry Evans – Lisieux Vice Captain**

The Kairos retreat has been a great experience for us as young men during some of the biggest times in our school life. Without giving anything away for future boys, Kairos is a great way to escape from the busyness of life. You learn more about your mates, teachers and most importantly, yourself. The boys who go on Kairos may begin nervous or excited, but it is safe to say we all return as better people. My personal experience at Kairos was certainly one to remember as we were the only 'K4' Whitefriars has had. Our tight friendships made through school footy were only strengthened as we developed a greater appreciation for everything going on in life. Kairos is certainly a life-changing experience and I would implore any students who may be sitting on the fence about attending, to take a leap of faith and experience this amazing retreat.



*Living service at Whitefriars*

**Evan O'Connor – College Captain**

At the pinnacle of Whitefriars is our Carmelite charisms – **community, contemplation** and **service**. This is our ethos, our identity, our distinction. This year, we have focused on these core values through our acts of community service. Led by Mr Joshua Chia, this year saw involvement with **Rosie's Street Mission**, where our student volunteers joined 1,300 volunteers nationwide on Wednesday and Friday evenings, becoming "friends of the street". They served hospitality and friendship to less fortunate individuals, chatting and listening whilst forging new connections. Moreover, alongside the support of Mrs Maria Ciavarella and Ms Jane Molloy, I joined a selection of boys, who sacrificed their Sunday evening to cook for **Mitcham Community Meals**, making and serving 60 plates of food for those in need. These experiences have proved pivotal – transforming the way I see service entirely - through the lens of *tangibility*. These small acts ripple in the lives of many, sparking a personal commitment to give and serve. In these contributions, we have embraced our *community* and *served* others– pillars that embody Whitefriars at its core, forming incredible gentle men.

*Chess opportunities*

**David Dunlop – Chess Captain**

Chess at Whitefriars is one of the most friendly and vibrant groups that our College has to offer. Being involved in many activities at Whitefriars including academic, music and sport-based, I have found the Chess team to be extremely tight knit, with students of all year levels being welcome and well-regarded members of the team. The Chess Club challenges our students, providing them opportunities for problem-solving and strategic thinking. Chess at Whitefriars isn't restricted to the Chess Club as there is an extremely large number of students who play chess in the Library or online against each other. Chess is universal and I have found myself having an enjoyable game with teachers and students alike.



*A world of Music*

**Ethan Oppy – Music Captain**

Whitefriars has shaped my experience as a young performer, and finding my community in the Performing Arts space at the College has been especially rewarding. Sharing a passion for music with other students my age has offered me many great opportunities, most notably the chance to collaborate. Recently, a number of Whitefriars students participated in the ACC **ACCent on Music**, a combined schools music spectacular that features the collective musical talent of the 13 Associated Catholic Colleges. We had boys in a wide variety of ensembles from the Concert Bands to the Drumline, through to the Choir, all performing high calibre works at the world-class Hamer Hall. In addition to being offered the chance to perform for the public after a few years of going without, **ACCent on Music** also allowed us to collaborate with other young creatives; working together to put on a fantastic show, which I personally find the most fulfilling aspect of Performing Arts in the Whitefriars community.



*The Whitefriars Day experience*

**Ashley White – Middle Years Captain**

What a way to celebrate our first Whitefriars Day since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic!

Whitefriars Day was a day of excitement, energy and humble reflection. As we gathered as a community to support our brothers and sisters in Timor-Leste, we reflected on what it means to be part of the Whitefriars family. We had the opportunity to partake in activities that symbolised the friendship, camaraderie and community spirit that we foster at the College. For many, this was their first Whitefriars Day experience. As music blasted from both Whitefriars music bands and our very own DJ Sweeny, students celebrated with rides and food which was rounded out by two crowd favourites: the Staff vs Students soccer match, showing the students sporting prowess, and the ever-favourable teacher 'dunk-tank'. Underpinning the festivities of the day, students supported 'Carmel Impact' as a fundraising event to better the lives and education of the Timorese.



*Reconnection on the sporting field*

**Alex Macrokanis - Sports Captain**

We have had some substantial success throughout the year at Whitefriars in all areas of sport. Whitefriars records were broken at our House Athletics Carnival with Avila taking first place in the overall House competition. We finished a commendable third overall in ACC Athletics and our Senior Football team won the ACC Premiership and the Herald Shield Cup. How wonderful it has been to watch all the seniors compete in their last year of College sports, with teams from Whitefriars making semi-finals in volleyball, cricket, and tennis.

It is fantastic to see the College back as the active school we are after the pandemic and students reconnecting with one another back on the sporting fields.

We would like to thank all the teachers, the ACC and everyone else who works behind the scenes to make Whitefriars College sports run so seamlessly.



# Whitefriars Masterplan

With a focus on our long-term planning, the College is currently undergoing a Masterplan development process that should be completed by mid-2023.



COX Architecture, Geelong's new civic precinct

The aim is for a dynamic long-term planning document that provides a conceptual layout to guide future growth and development. These plans provide certainty for community members and developers about what change is expected in an area and how we can respond to matters including but not limited to land use and development, transport and parking, building and urban design, heritage, character, employment and open spaces.

Post a successful tender process earlier this year, the contract has been awarded to COX Architecture. COX Architecture is one of Australia's largest multidisciplinary practices for architecture, planning, urban design and interior design, with offices in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Canberra, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Cox Architecture will soon begin their information gathering process, which includes design workshops that engage various community stakeholders including staff, students and parents. For a time, the architects will reside "in residence" for an intimate and authentic understanding of our environment, how it is used daily and the possibilities. In effect, the plan will unlock the full potential of our College.



COX Architecture, Sir Zelman Cowen Centre for Science

We hope that by May 2023, we will have a developed plan that we can share with the community.

# Whitefriars Day

On Friday 2 September, Whitefriars College celebrated Whitefriars Day.

Whitefriars Day is celebrated annually through prayer and activities at the College in recognition of our amazing community and unique identity. Our students look forward to this day and it is a time when we as a College, have an opportunity to stand in solidarity with our broader community in Timor-Leste.

Whitefriars College has a special relationship with the people of Timor-Leste. We know that education can transform lives, yet poverty stops young Timorese from being able to pursue an education. The Whitefriars College community has a long and proud association with Timor-Leste, supporting its young people to aspire and work towards a future filled with possibilities. In 2020, the Carmelites launched their charity, Carmel Impact, with the specific purpose of raising funds to support students in Timor-Leste to access basic education and develop skills for their future livelihoods. Carmel Impact is the College's charity partner.

As an important part of Whitefriars Day, students gained awareness and were able to advocate for the young people of Timor-Leste through our annual 'Walk in Their Shoes.' Students and staff walked around the College and local area for 40 minutes in solidarity with young people in Timor-Leste. The 40 minutes spent walking as a College community provided a little perspective, as it is the average walking time it takes a young Timorese to walk to school.

Students and their families raised \$2,242 on Whitefriars Day through donations, activities and food purchases, and these funds will go directly to help young Timorese continue their education and create a better future by providing educational scholarships.



## A little bit about Carmel Impact

In 2020, the Carmelites of Australia and Timor-Leste began operating their recently established Public Benevolent Institution (PBI), Carmel Impact Ltd, with the specific purpose of raising funds to support the development of people in impoverished circumstances, especially in Timor-Leste. The Carmelites, as an 800+ year old international Religious Order of the Catholic Church, have a long history of service to people in need. Over the last 20 years, that service has extended from Australia to Timor-Leste where we recognise that quality education is key to people having more opportunities to build sustainable, meaningful, and happy lives for themselves and their children.

Their focus has been on supporting young people to access both formal and informal educational and other life skill opportunities. They have done this by developing schools; by opening a boarding house for children who would not otherwise be able to attend a local school; by offering scholarships at secondary and tertiary levels; and by supporting community building and leadership opportunities for young people.

Their programs help young Timorese to cultivate the confidence and capacity to manage and develop their own lives productively and to live and work effectively as a community. They are focused on facilitating young people to manage their own lives and to develop the skills to live and work together peacefully, creatively, and productively for the creation of a better future for their whole community. As a company that has DGR status, Carmel Impact can offer people and organisations in Australia tax deductibility for their donations in support of this humanitarian work.





# 60th Anniversary Gala Ball

On Friday 15 July, our College community came together at the Vogue Ballroom in Burwood to celebrate 60 years of Catholic Carmelite education.

Over 250 current parents, past students, teachers, friends and families attended this joyful celebration. Amongst them, we were pleased to acknowledge our Provincial, Fr Paul Cahill, O.Carm, and Board Chair, Margaret McKenna.

For over 60 years Whitefriars College has given our community inspiring, faith-filled, passionate people, and exciting, challenging, poignant and life-changing experiences which have assisted in the development of well over 14,000 students to grow to become fine gentle men.

Fr Frank Shortis, O.Carm, made a diary entry recounting 14 February, 1961 – the day thirty-two 12-year-old boys with new uniforms were to arrive at the top of a dirt driveway – read:

*“On that warm February morning a lone Year 7 boy walked down the unmade dusty driveway toward a school that still resembled a building site. A couple of Carmelite Brothers were busily polishing floors and clearing away building debris when they noticed the young student struggling with a school bag bigger than himself. Seeing the boy in the distance the Brothers immediately dropped everything and ran to greet the boy. In that one action these young Brothers exemplified what educating young people in the Catholic Carmelite tradition is all about. Seeing a need they dropped everything to attend to it.”*

As well as connection, dancing, decadent food, a historical gallery and archives area, the evening included a tribute to the legendary Principals who were fundamental in laying the foundations of who we are today.

As we near the end of 2022, may our College continue to thrive and grow as a Catholic School for Boys in the Carmelite tradition under the care and protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Thank you again to all of those who shared this special occasion with us, and in fact, any of the time during the last 60 wonderful years.

## Almae In Fide Parentis



## Reflections

We have come full circle with our son Ollie and his journey at Whitefriars. At the 60th Gala, it was very apparent that the ongoing connections to the College remain, with wonderful stories shared and mates reunited in the Carmelite spirit. Whitefriars has allowed Ollie to be his own person, enjoy his sporting passions and develop his confidence. Nothing makes us prouder than hearing he is a respectful, caring, committed and honest gentleman to his peers and teachers. Whitefriars has helped to shape the young man he has become. Thank you!

### Sam and Simon Clifford (Current Parents)

It was fantastic to get together as a community and have a laugh, lots of dancing with a great band and a few drinks to celebrate a milestone of the fabulous education and nurturing Whitefriars has offered students over the years. Such a great family to be part of and a huge thank you to all the staff for their efforts and dedication with these young men. My son continues to develop and grow, just as we knew he would at Whitefriars.

### Irene Ceppi (Current Parent)

My favourite thing about the Gala was the opportunity to dance, laugh and share a meal with all the wonderful friends who I had the privilege of working alongside at the Whitefriars canteen.

### Marnie Kruyer (Past Parent)



# Family Connections

We can never underestimate the importance of family and the time we spend with our loved ones.

Our Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfasts are a wonderful opportunity to gather, away from the usual morning rush, to share a meal, (parent to child, student to peer, friend to friend), to be inspired and to give thanks for the bonds and experiences we share.

Our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast, (touted as "harder to get tickets than a Robbie Williams concert!"), hosted some 580 mothers and sons, providing a wonderful opportunity for some special mother and son time. While enjoying tea, coffee, croissants and muffins, our attendees heard from Sally Freeman, mother and Non-Executive Director of the Melbourne Football Club, who spoke personally and eloquently of her life experiences. She emphasised the importance of authentic collaboration in all aspects of life.

Our Fathers' Day Breakfast was a huge success with over 600 attendees. Our guest speaker addressing the boys and their fathers/ guardians was our new local member for the seat of Menzies, Keith Wolahan MP. Keith gave an inspiring and reflective speech addressing fatherhood, leadership, community and his life to date as a father, student, veteran and barrister.





Sally Freeman



Keith Wolahan







# Year 11 Formal

It's time to celebrate!

The Year 11 formal was a huge night for our cohort, especially after two years stuck in lockdown.



It was great to see the boys outside of school looking sharp (shirts tucked in and all!). My favourite part of the evening would have to be toward the end of the night when everybody was out of their shell, dancing on the floor and singing their hearts out. It was also amazing to see our teachers dressing up and experiencing the night with us.

The formal was an awesome success. On behalf of everyone a huge thank you to the Whitefriars staff for all their hard work behind the scenes!

**Harry Evans**  
Year 11







# Year 12 Formal

Celebrating friendships

The strongest communities are not confined, but are instead a continuous state of membership, no matter your location.



Adjoined by stretch hummers, fresh haircuts and blue suits, our Year 12 Formal at Leonda by the Yarra saw a new branch of community for us 'Friars boys – where we celebrated our friendships, our achievements, and our development as the Class of 2022 with the peers, partners and teachers who guided us to this point. An incredible array of awards and our formal video complemented this night of commemoration. Yet, this experience was one of mixed emotions. Elation – a feeling of exhilaration and joy at all that we have become at the College, in a location where we could celebrate that. Reflective – as we catalogue all our precious memories throughout our time at the College. Comfort – the fact that these relationships that made the formal so enjoyable; remain our new definition of community. And the knowledge that no matter the stage in our lives, our locations, or challenges, we are all life members of the Whitefriars community and the cohort of 2022. Thanks to Mrs Claire Allemand and Mrs Janelle Tallis for their efforts in creating an incredible memory for all students, staff and guests who attended.

**Evan O'Connor**

Year 12



# Herald Sun Shield

## Champions revisited

For Lachlan (Lochie) Reidy, 2022 Whitefriars Football Captain, sport was crucial during school because it helped him build lifelong relationships. Most of his friendships are based around his love of sport; where he can have fun in a team environment, not only developing his skills in football, but in collaboration, coordination, accountability and resilience.

Lochie can remember almost every little detail about the day his team won the Herald Sun Shield, from arriving at school to the crowd going crazy whenever a goal was kicked. While it was a little bittersweet being the last game he would play for Whitefriars, some of his best mates were also playing, so it will be a time they will always remember.

*"Winning was an unbelievable feeling."* One of pure elation for Lochie. All season he felt the relationships within the team strengthening and, on this day, after they won, it solidified a bond that they will always have.

But this is not the first Herald Sun Shield win for Whitefriars. Back in 2004, Michael Prendergast was in the same position, Captain of the 'Friars, Herald Sun Shield Winners 2004. We asked him to reflect on this time.

### What do you remember about that day?

I remember the drive into the MCG with my dad and how surreal it was entering the change rooms. The game itself felt like it went very quickly and every contest was so intense, and the hits to the body were hard. It wasn't until there was 10 seconds to go on the clock, that I thought we were going to win. As soon as the siren went, we all ran to the Whitefriars supporter section which was full of our school mates and family. Andrew Gilham's family kindly hosted post-game celebrations and we sang the school footy song close to 50 times.

### Who were you with and are you still friends with any of them?

I was very lucky that my a large portion of my friendship circle were playing in the Grand Final and we still maintain contact today. They include, Matt Migliore, Aaron Brosolo, Stuart Hill, Andrew Gilham, Michael Mirabella, Rob Petracca and Daniel Yore.

### What did it feel like to win?

It felt like pure relief. We had gone through the season undefeated, but had only beaten St Bernard's in the ACC final by five points. So we knew it was going to be a close game. I remember saying to the team pre-game how we are representing something bigger than ourselves and it really felt like our supporters and community took as much joy out of the win as we did. That's what really sticks in my mind.



Lochie Reidy (2022 Football Captain) and Michael Prendergast (2004 Football Captain)

### How was the team prepared to take a loss, if that happened?

Our coaches (Brad Bird and Andy Dalrymple) had always been encouraging us to enjoy the moment and that a loss wouldn't take away from what we had achieved. As it was our last game for the year and as a team, there was some solace in having won the ACC title a month earlier.

### Why is sport important to participate in during school years?

Sport was very important to my development of relationships and understanding how to work together as a team. I explored playing hockey, cricket and footy and across all those sports I was able to socialise with different groups of students. As I progressed through school, the bonds I shared with teammates only grew stronger on a personal level and set a great foundation for when we left school. As Captain, there were many traits and skills that I had to learn when leading a young group of men which I am grateful for. I believe I was able to carry that into my personal life outside of Whitefriars through the guidance of the coaches and teachers.

### How do you think sport is different at a boy's school?

There is a certain amount of pride when it comes to playing sport at a boy's school. First, there is pride in making the team. Secondly, there is pride in performing as a team. Sport can help develop strong bonds with friends but it's also very healthy to have interests outside of sport, which can sometimes get lost in the desire to play and win at all costs in a boy's school.

**Do you think the stereotype of footballers has changed, is changing or needs to change?**

Yes, and I think it has changed and changed for the better. There are still instances when aggression or stepping over a line can occur. These are teachable moments which can positively impact someone's own development and awareness of what they are feeling. In my experience, being part of a team that plays 'Aussie Rules' at local level as an adult, we have been encouraged to have conversations and check in with our teammates to understand how they are going. Being able to listen or be there for someone is such a great trait that you can learn through sport.

**Michael Prendergast**

Football Captain (Class of 2004)



2004 Herald Sun Shield winners



ACC Football 1st XVIII - 2004

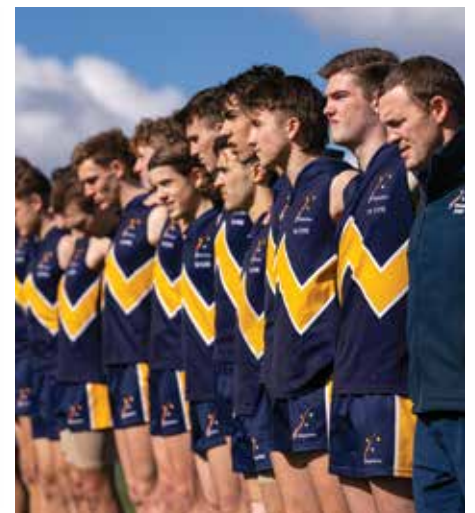


**Sport Report**

**Senior ACC Football**

**Round 6 vs. De La Salle**  
 On a windy day at De La Salle the 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII qualified for the ACC Grand Final and The Semi Finals of the Herald Sun Shield with a strong 37 point win.  
 We again started the game well, which has been a feature of our play. Kicking with the strong breeze, we had plenty of the ball in the first quarter. Matt Tumbiello made a great start in his 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII debut in the rock and Michael Prendergast and Aaron Brosolo were in everything around the packs and were showing great skill in their use of the ball. Up forward Shannon Malone and David Hill finished off the good work from up the field with 3 goals between them for the quarter.  
 Kicking into the gale in the second quarter we outscored De La Salle by keeping the forward line open. We capped off some excellent running play from the backline and with Mark Cullane and Adam Wilson excelling on their wings we were looking solid. Grant Hill was retaining a run on the ball while Michael Mirabella was marking strongly up forward. Stephen Keogh and Glen Brine were playing their usual strong games in defence and Daniel Mendes, Mark Stafford and Hayden Dillon were clearing the ball superbly. With the game in our favour at half time we led by 33 points De La Salle bottled up the game in the third quarter putting many players behind the ball. We still managed to win the quarter 3 goals to 2. The final quarter saw us take a 42 point lead. Josh O'Connor, Daniel Yore and David Seagley all made contributions as we were able to run the ball consistently out of our backline and finish with a well earned 37 point win. In the end it was a good finish as De La Salle had threatened early in the last. Captain Michael Prendergast finished the game with our final 2 goals to really steady the ship. With the exams next week we'll be training on the Wednesday after the GAT at Elsternwick Park, before we look forward to our Grand Final against St Bernards on the 16<sup>th</sup> June at Elsternwick Park.  
 The boys would like to see any parents and old boys there to support them.  
 Game 1:30 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June Elsternwick Park Vs St Bernards ACC Final

<b>Scores:</b>	<b>Whitefriars</b>	4:4	8:6	11:8	13:10: 88
	<b>De La Salle</b>	0:1	3:1	5:2	8: 3: 51
<b>Best:</b>	Aaron Brosolo (WOCFC Award), Mark Cullane (WOCFC Award), Michael Prendergast, Daniel Mendes, Matthew Tumbiello, Glenn Brine, Grant Hill, Adam Wilson				
<b>Goals:</b>	Shannon Malone 3, Michael Prendergast 3, David Hill 2, Michael Mirabella 2, Adam Wilson 2, Aaron Brosolo 1.				
	<i>Nr Brad Bird/Nr Andy Dalrymple Senior Coaches</i>				



# What's Cooking @ Whitefriars

## Liam Jones

Commis Pastry Chef, MCG

**Class of 2019**



### What was your plan?

I planned to undergo a three-year pastry apprenticeship at the MCG, to finish in January 2023.

### How did COVID change that?

COVID cancelled all the events that we normally prep for - we had two footy seasons struck off the calendar. It affected the volume of production I managed, and the hours I worked, but thankfully my training continued throughout. COVID also meant my TAFE provider (William Angliss) needed to edit the training package I was studying, so I've qualified six months early.

### What does your workday look like?

This depends on whether we have a match on or not. On match days I work in the Member's Dining Room running the entree and dessert section, so that's more restaurant-style à la carte service. On non-match days I work in the pastry production kitchen, catering for the various functions and events we host in addition to footy or cricket games.

### How did you feel when you heard we recently came 2nd in the ACC Cooking Comp?

I felt really excited for the boys that competed - it's a fantastic feeling to put so much effort into your food and have it recognised like that. It's also a great experience to learn and be inspired by your peers. I hope their success is encouraging to other boys at Whitefriars who are developing a similar passion for food.

### How would having access to cooking/kitchen/food technology changed your experience as a student?

Food Technology at Whitefriars was first introduced to the year level below me, so it wasn't an option for my studies on campus. To complete Kitchen Operations Cert II in my VCE, I would travel to William Angliss Institute in the city. Having the opportunity to take this class or Food Technology at school would have certainly been more convenient, and it's definitely a privilege for current students to have access to these facilities. That said, I'd strongly recommend Angliss for further studies in hospitality after school - they offer some fantastic opportunities.

### Why is it important that boys' cook?

Cooking is an essential life skill to have - it gives you more independence. Studying Food Technology teaches fundamental techniques and dishes that you can build on, which increases confidence in the kitchen. In the long term, cooking also makes it much easier to control your diet, and save money.

### Does cooking teach other things like problem solving, resilience, failure etc.? If yes, what has been the most profound thing you've learnt?

One of the most important things I've learnt working in kitchens is the value of good organisation, alongside strong teamwork. Sometimes, things do go wrong - we might ruin a batch of something, or have a last-minute function to prepare for - so effective communication, efficiency, support and guidance are all necessary to overcome these challenges together as a team.

## James Palumbo

Year 10



### What is your plan for when you leave school?

I am looking to go into the field of aviation, either as an aeronautical engineering or a pilot. I have always been interested in planes and how they work.

### Prior to high school, did you cook a lot?

For as long as I can remember I have been cooking. From a young age I was involved in cooking, working up from peeling carrots to cooking whole dishes by myself.

### Tell us about the ACC Cooking Competition?

I was invited to participate in the ACC Culinary Competition during Term 1 this year. It started with our team gathering a few recipes each for main and dessert that utilised Victorian seasonal produce. We settled on two dishes for each and trialed all four recipes. After two nights staying back after school (one for main, one for dessert) we decided on our final menu. We cooked both meals again, this time under the timed conditions of the competition, to become more familiar with them. Before we knew it, it was time to compete!

We had a short brief from the judges and then we got into it. We knew what we were doing, so we breezed through the cooking process with no major problems. We were the only team to finish the dish within the allowed time limit. Once the judges had tasted our dishes, the presentations began. We were all pleasantly surprised when we were given second place and a silver culinary medal!

### Are your classmates in Food Technology, very different to those who share your other classes?

The Food Technology room is a very diverse one. You get all sorts of people doing the subject, from people that excel at sport, to those more academically-minded. It is a subject everybody enjoys, as it's more hands-on than some other subjects, but most importantly you get to eat your classwork and assessments!

### Does cooking teach other things like problem solving, resilience, failure etc.?

Yes, it does. Resilience and problem solving are very important in cooking. If something goes wrong, you must be able to fix it and not waste the ingredients used.

### Why is it important that boys' cook?

It's important for everybody to cook. To be able to live by yourself you need to know how to cook, and I don't think making two minute noodles counts! In Food Technology we learn about nutrition and various cuisines to gain the necessary skills to create our own recipes or follow someone else's.

# Shortis Library

## Infinity under a roof!

Libraries equip children with lifelong learning and literacy skills, enabling them to participate and contribute to the community.

Libraries have a special responsibility to support the process of learning to read and to give students access to all media. With the links between literacy and social and economic outcomes, libraries empower children and advocate for their freedom and safety, and encourage students to become confident and competent people.

For this reason, our library, where every resource is chosen FOR BOYS:

- Seeks to be a vital hub for learning and community at Whitefriars College
- Will play a key role in supporting innovative multimodal learning opportunities across the College and curriculum
- Will enable the Whitefriars community to question, inquire, create, and connect locally and globally.

Annually, we participate in House Competitions supporting and focussed on literacy including the Read a Million Words Challenge.

We also have visiting authors, relevant to the boys' study or visit the archives to enhance the classroom learning. In 2022, some examples include:

### **Much Ado about delving into Shakespeare**

Mr Finlay's Year 11 Literature students were able to delve into the idiosyncrasies of earlier editions of Shakespearean publications, with a focus on their set study comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*. We were fortunate to have access to a, c1870 copy of the 1623 First Folio *Shakespeare Comedies*, as well as several other rare and older editions. Prompting interesting discussions in terms of how and why the content was typeset and presented in certain ways, the session provided an opportunity to examine the language and elaborate image plates as well.

### **Robert Newton Author Incursion**

When the Year 7s studied *Runner* this term, we hosted author Robert Newton. From the word go Robert engaged students in his journey from sporty teenager to firefighter, and how he became inspired to be a writer along the way.

Based on weekly traffic, we see that the Shortis Library is a great place to:

- Catch up with friends
- Read a magazine, newspaper or book
- Sit back and enjoy a movie on the big TV
- Play chess, UNO, Connect 4, Cluedo and more
- Research assignments and complete work
- Hold discussions and group work or study quietly.

Some of the special weekly sessions held include:

### **Chill and Read – Tuesdays**

A opportunity for the students to experience a comfortable, calming atmosphere, a snack and time to disconnect and escape into the wondrous worlds inside books.

### **Book Share – Wednesdays**

In 2022, we have explored books that have impacted each of us. We have enjoyed very compelling and enthusiastic 30 second elevator pitches to convince others to read our favourite book (which may not be in everyone's preferred genre). We have also discussed, debated and selected those books we will enjoy as holiday reads.

### **LEGO Club – Thursdays**

This year, participants in LEGO Club have produced amazing results, tackling weekly challenges that included, beautiful cars, creative builds limited to the same LEGO, Mother's Day theme, Revenge of the 5th planes, faces, 'From Little Things, Big Things Grow' themed, recreating the swimming sports, as well as our first LEGO race and a MECH (library staff did need to research this) peer lead challenge! It has been wonderful to see the confidence and skills grow along with the developing friendships with their peers in such a supportive way.

### **Magic: The Gathering – Fridays**

Magic: The Gathering is a card game, where players use cards to summon creatures, use artifacts and cast spells in battle. Because a player's ability to attack and defend can depend heavily on the cards drawn through the match, it is vital that player decks are drafted with keen strategies in mind. Not for the faint-hearted, our lunchtime games draw a dedicated crowd.



A statement from the Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section (CHILD), International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) states, "Early childhood literacy is important: the earlier a person starts to access information, the more efficient and life-long this access will be. Libraries for Children are the key to equal possibilities for all to access information." With a true belief in equitable access to knowledge and learning, we are incredibly proud of our Library, our students' respect for it, and are grateful to the innovative and dedicated staff.



# Performing Arts

The perfect stage for connection

The focus of the Performing Arts this year was on re-establishing our students' connection to each other and the community through music and drama, with all the cognitive and social benefits they offer.

The long-awaited staging of the 2020 production William Shakespeare's *Land of the Dead* played to a packed house. Our wonderful music students were also featured in the *Believe in Music* Concert produced as part of our Experience Whitefriars Day. These were fantastic opportunities for our students across all year levels to participate in the shared, joyful experience of performance together.

We also held our inaugural Ensemble Bootcamp Day and saw the realisation of the student run, spine-chilling VCE Theatre Studies Production *The Woman in Black*. The Performing Arts Showcase for our jazz bands, choirs, rock bands and guitar ensembles was a hit before the younger drama students took to the stage in the Middle Years Production, Jonathan Rand's *Murder in the Knife Room*.

The Winter Soiree – an intimate evening of music from a variety of student ensembles and soloists – was a high point for students, an event which received strong support from our parent community. Several of our students also had the opportunity to perform in the Associated Catholic Colleges *ACCent on Music Concert*. In a spectacular display of interschool collaboration, our students rehearsed and performed with their peers throughout the year, culminating in a spectacular concert at Melbourne's iconic Hamer Hall.

Our passionate Performing Arts staff consistently invest their time, energy and innovative skills to respond to the needs of our students, while they also empower our students to take responsibility and develop their independence, all reflective of the valuable and authentic learning that occurs in Performing Arts.

## Mr Matthew Frampton

Learning Leader – Performing Arts





# Whitefriars Parents' Association

The energy around our community is fabulous



As we close the penultimate term of the year, the Whitefriars Parents' Association (WPA) has hosted or supported a number of events within the school community - these have been hugely successful.

Consistent positive feedback from you has been around being back on campus and the demand for the community wanting to come together - a huge thank you to all who have attended or supported these events!



On 1 August, the WPA and the school hosted an evening of conversation. It was fabulous to see the Year 7 parents and guardians join us at the Science and Technology Centre and to have WPA members host. They are wonderful evenings for parents to connect and for our Whitefriars community to continue to grow.



On 10 September, the WPA hosted - after a two year hiatus - our annual Trivia Night. A brilliant evening with close to 200 guests allowed parents and friends to connect, have a laugh, celebrate and have a few relaxing drinks. A great night was had by all who attended with over \$7,000 in prizes donated by our supporters - everyone who attended left a winner! A huge thank you to all of our guests, sponsors and supporters.

Every event this year has exceeded expectations with consistently strong feedback around the connection opportunities these provide to parents and guardians. The WPA looks forward to that continuing as we plan for 2023.



We are fortunate to have an active and committed WPA - thank you to the awesome committee members who make all this possible - Michelle Staplefeldt, Brian Lane, Greg Cheesman, Paul Virgona, Ildiko Ciocca, Marijke Daniels, Joanna Chen, Trish Virgona, Marjie King, Vince Ciocca, Kate Coombs, Ryan Chhaged, Sam Clifford, Ad Wolst, Davina Bate and Zarah Boyd, they are a group of amazing people. It has been a privilege to be a part of the team this year as President.

As always, feel free to contact us should you wish to join the WPA. All the best

**Mark Trajcevski**

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# Game On!



## Whitefriars Cricket Club

The Old Whitefriars Cricketers were delighted to be awarded the Melbourne Cricket Club's (MCC) Spirit of Cricket Award. This is the most prestigious award in the MCC Club XI competition and is voted on by umpires for the team that best upholds the spirit and traditions of the game. The award adds another trophy to the club's display cabinet following a premiership in the 2020/21 season. The team is looking to bring in more senior students, old collegians and their family members to the club next season. If you are interested in joining a fantastic group of men who play the game as it should be played, on some of the state's best grounds and with top-class umpires, then please contact David Larratt (coach) at [whitefriarscc@gmail.com](mailto:whitefriarscc@gmail.com)

## Sports Pavilion

The long-awaited courts and Sports Pavilion have opened. With a proud history focusing on sporting excellence, a new Sports Pavilion and hard-court Tennis Courts (hockey field) serves the College sports program and completes the sports precinct within the campus.

Construction includes:

- Hockey field overlaid with six tennis courts

The Pavilion comprises:

- Flexible change rooms and amenities - composed as two larger or four smaller change rooms
- Umpire change facilities
- Officials (umpire and timekeeper) boxes with direct view to the oval
- Flexible gymnasium / fitness space - doubles as tennis club room

Occupying a steep treed slope, the design takes advantage of the elevation over the playing courts and football and cricket oval, with change room facilities accessible off court level, and the gymnasium on an upper level which connects back to the College learning spaces.

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