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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to Issue 39 of *Norbertus*, the magazine dedicated to reporting on the lives, times and achievements of the alumni of St Norbert College.

Once again, our most recent graduates – members of the Class of 2021 – performed admirably in last year's WACE examinations and we catch up with some of them to see what study and career paths they have chosen after leaving school.

The Class of 2012 celebrated their 10th anniversary of graduating from school and a dedicated group gathered for a reunion at the Broken Hill Hotel in May where our *Norbertus* photographer was there to greet them. We chat with several of them to see what they are up to as well as look back at what the College was like when they were in Year 12, including a browse through the three issues of *Norbertus* released in 2012. There are also snapshots of the College in 1972 and 1982.

The Class of 2011 decided to wait until this year to catch up, and *Norbertus* is happy to announce that two members of that cohort recently tied the knot to become yet another St Norbert College couple to commit to a life together!

Dr Ken Spillman, author of "In the Right Spirit", the history of ACC sport in Western Australia, gave *Norbertus* permission to publish some excerpts from the book featuring St Norbert's staff and students and the school's overall contribution to interschool, state and national sport.

There are two stories in our "Where Are They Now?" series with Ms Marriann O'Neill and Dr Robert Craig sharing their memories of the College and what they have been doing since leaving Treasure Road. Marriann was renowned for her sharp wit and intellect in the Social Studies Department and Robert has continued to expand his scientific knowledge and qualifications – even in retirement in England. Class of 1982 alumnus John Wojdylo, who says Robert was "pivotal" in shaping his academic career, has kindly sent an article from Nagoya in Japan to mark the 40th anniversary of his graduation from St Norbert College.

We catch up with St Norbert College alumna Mrs Michelle Lucas who has returned to St Norbert's to run the VET program at the College and – speaking of careers – we meet a remarkable alumnus, Adam Di Placido of the Class of 1997 who is group managing director of ADCO, a very successful business which he started as a young man and now employs well over 400 people.

Adam is very keen to support young, aspiring tradies and accepts many St Norbert College students in a variety of work placements on a regular basis. For such a busy businessman, his generosity in giving back to the community is inspiring and his willingness to support the efforts of Mr Trevor Saunders, St Norbert's work placement coordinator, is greatly appreciated.

Another alumnus who has been very busy since leaving St Norbert College in 2018 is Mickey Tkacz. Mickey has moved to the United States, got married, had a son and graduated boot camp to qualify as a member of the US marine Corps – all before his 21st birthday! He gives *Norbertus* readers an insight into life in the US military.

In our "Family Ties" series we meet the Devereux and Halse families and drop in to Parkland Mazda Oval to see how the might Saints are faring in the Perth Football League.

All this and more in Issue 39 of *Norbertus*! If you have any news or feedback about alumni or *Norbertus*, please drop a line to fmulligan@norbert.wa.edu.au

Frank Mulligan
Editor

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A Unique Sense of Identity

MRS HELEN LEAHY – GUEST COLUMNIST

Despite only spending three years at St Norbert College, I cherish my memories from this time. In my opinion, people who work at the College and students who attend share a unique bond. The students are special, and having taught at many schools in many different systems, I can say they have a unique sense of identity. As Head of Prémontré House, most of my joy came from the relationships I developed with the students; from daily visits from those facing challenges, to the visits from those who wanted to celebrate their successes with me. One very touching moment was when I received a message from a parent three years after I had left the College, thanking me for helping her son to "make it", to graduate. However, this is just one of many memories I treasure.

My relationship with Peter Bol began when I needed a runner for the inter-House athletics carnival; everyone has heard the story I'm sure. There is a young man out there somewhere saying, "That was me! I was the one who told her Peter can run miss!". Sadly, I don't remember who it was, and I wish I did. At that moment, when I met Peter, he was a shy young man who showed beautiful manners and respect. Having never run in an athletics meet before, he didn't know the distance and the laps, so he asked and I told him 800 metres is two laps around the oval. He set off to run the race and – with a beautiful style – won by a huge distance. As a former PE teacher, I had spent most of my career until then teaching and coaching students in a variety of sports. Even to the untrained eye, it was clear this young lad had talent.

Fast forward to the following year when Peter had run in another College carnival and interschool ACC athletics carnivals, in addition to competing in cross country. He had been beaten a couple of times and he came to my office one day and asked me why he was not winning! I replied facetiously that "There is this thing called training." I had told my father, Brian Moore about Peter the previous year. My dad was a very accomplished sportsman in his younger years, and an avid sports fan all his life who especially loved tennis, cricket and football. Dad was very interested when athletics season came around again and when I said Peter was really good with a beautiful style he asked me if he wanted to run. At that point, despite getting to know Peter more over the year and knowing a little about his personal circumstances, I wasn't sure of the answer. Dad said if he wanted to run, someone should help him and then promptly volunteered to be that person. It was an incredible moment with my father. A staunch Catholic, he had always been a charitable man and looked out for the marginalised members of society and on many occasions, I had met people who told me about the time my father had helped them, not necessarily in a monetary sense. He was rich in generosity of heart.

So, thus began our journey. The first discussion was with Peter in my office. We chatted about running and if it was something he wanted to do competitively. He was a little unsure at first. Being a brilliant basketballer, this was something he needed to factor in. He knew little about the world of competitive athletics, as did I! We talked, I told him my dad would like to help him get started if he wanted to run competitively and he decided he wanted to. I was fortunate to have the lovely Catley family in Prémontré, so I spoke with Ben Catley about getting Peter started. Ben was very helpful and we were so lucky to have his help. Ben's father Bernie, coach at the local athletics club, West Track, took Peter under his wing as his first running coach.

Peter Bol pictured with Helen Leahy, her husband Mark and son Harry.

Helen Leahy and her mother Colleen Moore with Peter Bol and his parents Abdullah and Hannan.

Peter Bol and his coach and mentor Brian Moore, Helen Leahy's father.

Helen's mother Colleen developed a real soft spot for Peter.

The next step was to meet Peter's family. My father was adamant that he would not go ahead working with Peter unless his family were happy about it. The meeting was joyous, as was Peter's dad with his huge beaming smile. As I had spent three years living in Egypt, there was common ground; I think I even attempted some Arabic – poorly! His family were very happy for us to all work together to help Peter run. It began with his first pair of spikes, bought by my Dad, which I know Peter still has today.

Over the next couple of years, Peter ran. He raced, he improved, he learnt so much. He reached the National Junior Championships in his second year of training, only to get disqualified because he was inexperienced with the crossover rules. We all attended his races as dad worked with Peter, keeping a file of all of his times at his meets and of the top runners, what times they were running. He did this for me during my swimming years. This was not about the money for dad; this was about helping a young man achieve the best he could. He told me once, "I wouldn't do this if he wasn't such a respectful young man; he is such a good person." Peter has shown this over and over again and now due to his success, he is able to be that wonderful role model for others. Maybe that was dad's intention all along ...

Possibly his first break came when we were successful in gaining an AMP scholarship. There were many discussions about going to America, moving over east ... Peter talked these over with me, with his family and with my dad. They used to meet for morning tea and coffee on a semi-regular basis. Dad was a mentor, a friend to Peter, who showed a keen interest in his life; he only wanted the best for Peter. Dad's health began to fail and he passed away in August of 2015. I'll never forget Peter coming to the hospital to see dad for his final visit; Dad was having a good day and they had a great chat I think. Dad requested Peter to be a pall bearer at his funeral, along with his grandsons. Mum was very happy for Peter to be involved; she knew the special relationship they had. I should point out that my entire family was supportive of the friendship dad and Peter shared. All of the family have invested time and energy in supporting Peter and watching his races. My husband Mark has carried on Dad's passion for record-keeping and he keeps track of Peter's races and times and what the other runners are doing. In fact, I think Mark and Peter keep in touch via Messenger maybe more than Peter and I!

There aren't the words to describe this journey, this journey that is still ongoing. It is emotional, as I miss my dad so much and I know how proud he would be of Peter. It's a great shame that he has not been here to see his success, to see him run at two Olympic Games! Peter and I both agree that dad is there running with him in every race; my mum thinks this is humorous, as she says dad "was not the best runner!" To say I am proud is an understatement. The pride is overwhelming, not just because of his success on the track, but because of the person he has become. Peter is an incredible young man, a role model to so many on so many different levels as shown by the world's response to him after his run in the Tokyo 800m final. The dedication and commitment he has demonstrated towards his life is outstanding and he clearly deserves each and every accolade he receives.

So, despite my almost daily moaning about Orrong Road, I have many reasons to be thankful for my time at St Norbert College. Kairos retreat is incredibly meaningful – a wonderful opportunity for students and staff. I personally gained a lot from that retreat, especially receiving the letter from my father, now he is no longer with us. But it is the people – always the people – that make somewhere memorable and significant, and the St Norbert's community should feel very proud of this.

CLASS OF 2021 *Academic Results Summary*

St Norbert College saw an increase in the number of School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) awards, resulting in 20 awards given out to 17 students, including for the following:
the *VET Exhibition: Community Services, Health and Education and VET Certficate of Excellence: Community Services, Health and Education* awarded to Chloe Hewitt; the *VET Certficate of Excellence: Tourism, Hospitality and Events* awarded to Sophia Lu and Lily McDonald, and; the *SCSA Certificate of Distinction* awarded to Matilda Seroney. Matilda, along with Keisha Desmond, have also been inducted into the St Norbert College "95 Club", having achieved an ATAR above 95.

A number of students were also awarded the *SCSA Certificate of Merit*, including Gigi Armenti, Rachel Bruyns, Arielle Chant, Keisha Desmond, Ethan Glassborrow, Chloe Hewitt, Anushka Kotia, Jennifer Lewis, Jacob Polette, Ella Reilly, Subeedha Rijal, Tiana Suckling; Alice (Ali) Tkacz, Nicole Vlahov and Annjui (Alyssa) Yang.

The College Median ATAR was 79.5, and the percentage of students who achieved the WACE was 95.42%. Of significance is that 78 students completed a Certificate II or higher, which was well above both the averages for the State (38th out of all schools based on aggregate) and for Catholic schools (5th out of all Catholic schools on aggregate). Furthermore, 61.7% of the Class of 2021 completed a Certificate III or higher at the completion of Year 12 (up from 52.9% in 2020).

The number of students with an ATAR was 48, although 63 students actually applied for a place at a public university, and of these, 74.6% received an offer of a place in the main round of offers.

Arielle Chant, right, who received a SCSA Certificate of Merit, pictured with her fellow Class of 2021 Magdeburg House graduates about to enter St Joseph's Church at last year's graduation ceremony.

STUDENTS FROM 2021

Alice "Ali" Tkacz enjoying a night market in Oceanside, California, in March this year.

Alice Tkacz: *SCSA Certificate of Merit, Student Ministry Award*

I am currently working at the Coffee Club Livingston where I completed my school-based traineeship in Year 12. Here I undertake waitress, cashier and barista duties.

In 2022, along with working, I have been travelling, getting back into my hobbies such as writing and language learning and completing a Diploma of Business.

My online Diploma of Business has provided me flexibility, rejuvenation and leeway in my studying prior to entering the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program at Murdoch's Business School in 2023. The diploma will earn me credits which can transfer across to my degree so I will be graduating alongside my peers who began university in Semester 1 this year.

My plans for the future include becoming self-employed through a business in creative arts, fashion and/or e-commerce, becoming fluent in the French and Japanese languages and travelling the world!

I'm beyond grateful that I was able to attend St Norbert College as our College introduced and nurtured values and skills within me that I will carry throughout the journey of life.

From my House of Magdeburg, Student Ministry, Climate Canons, my courses, teachers, peers and those in our Church – community, kindness to others and our Earth, loyalty, commitment, resilience, perseverance and love of your neighbour were taught to me.
I can't wait to come back for a visit!

Rachel Bruyns: *SCSA Certificate of Merit, Norbertine Canon's Award*

Rachel Bruyns

I am currently working at Granada Medical Practice as an MPA (medical practice assistant) while completing my Tertiary Pathway Program at Notre Dame University. Upon completion (midway through this year) I am hoping to enrol in a Bachelor of Nursing degree with a view to qualifying as a registered nurse and possibly then specialising in either trauma or paediatric nursing.

I really did enjoy my time at St Norbert's. The most enduring outcome would be the lasting friendships I made. Many of these were forged through the amazing performing arts program I was so privileged to be a part of. The hard work and challenges of the school plays and performances showed us what we were truly capable of and provided a deep sense of satisfaction when we achieved a result we could all be proud of. I always felt supported and encouraged by the staff. The opportunities that were made available to me have helped me be more confident about the choice of career path I have made and provided me with a solid foundation for the future.

Keisha Desmond: Inducted into the St Norbert College "95 Club", *SCSA Certificate of Merit*

Keisha Desmond

I am currently studying a Bachelor in Environmental Science under an academic scholarship (Curtin Excellence Scholarship) at Curtin University. In the future I hope to pursue a career in conservation or rehabilitation.

STUDENTS FROM 2021

Matilda Seroney: *2021 St Norbert College Dux, Tongerlo House Dennis Drake Award, Principal's Medallion, inducted into the St Norbert College "95 Club", SCSA Certificate of Distinction*

I will always appreciate my time at St Norbert College as I'm so grateful for the lifelong friends and the incredible bonds I made during my time at the College. I felt St Norbert's always provided opportunities to grow as a person as there was always something for students to get involved in to feel like they belong. The vast opportunities to engage in College life helped contribute to my later involvement in school leadership as Tongerlo House Captain, one of my proudest accomplishments at the College and an experience I thoroughly enjoyed in my last year of school.

A major part of my ambitions at St Norbert's was to achieve high academic success with the hope of being accepted into medicine in my final year. I was heavily driven by my career aspiration and thus I tried my very best to apply myself in ATAR. ATAR was a huge challenge as the demand for consistently high performance with short time frames made the academic side of Year 12 very challenging. I pride my success in those final two years on those around me – family, friends and teachers who were constantly encouraging me when I became discouraged. I'm extremely grateful for my friends, both those I've kept from Year 7 and those I've grown closer to as we progressed to our senior years at the College. Part of the reason behind my success I believe is because of my resilience. It takes a lot of determination to continue to demand the best from yourself and it's even harder not to be disheartened by your setbacks. But my teachers were always supportive and were eager for me to reach my full potential.

The teachers and the overall community were other key parts of St Norbert College that made my experience so memorable. The relationships you build with your teachers at St Norbert's is unique as you become genuinely close, especially in your senior years. I always felt it was special to have teachers that care about your well-being and your happiness just as much as your education. One teacher who had a particular influence on my time at the College was Mrs Miranda. She constantly motivates her students to strive for their very best and believes anybody can achieve success. Despite not having her as a teacher in my final year, she continued to support me by always offering me help when I needed it.

My achievements and success in my final two years at the College were great recognition for all my hard work and dedication to my studies. I was recipient of the St Norbert College 2021 Dux Award as well as Certificate of Distinction for my efforts, something I'm extremely proud of. Unfortunately, my goal and aspiration to enter medicine post-school didn't come to fruition. Despite this disappointing result, I haven't become fully discouraged in my aspirations and I believe that down the road, the opportunity to accomplish my dream of becoming a doctor will arise. Therefore, with medicine no longer an option, I chose to pursue a physiotherapy degree at Curtin University which I am currently enjoying – being challenged by something I hadn't anticipated doing at university. Along with this, I was lucky enough to receive a full scholarship to study at Curtin University which assured me that my success in year 12 was rewarded despite not being accepted into medicine.

Overall, I'm incredibly grateful for having attended St Norbert College and all I was able to achieve, and for the people I was able to meet during my time there.

Matilda Seroney, St Norbert College 2021 Dux, is studying physiotherapy at Curtin University.

Matilda, left, centre row, catches up with a group of students from the Class of 2021 over summer.

Ms Marriann O'Neill

A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND COMMUNITY

Ms Marriann O'Neill joined the staff of St Norbert College in 1989 and made a big impression at Treasure Road until 12 years later when she accepted the Head of Society and Environment position at Servite College, before moving on to CBC Fremantle where she still works today. During her time at St Norbert's, Marriann immersed herself in a variety of roles such as Head of Kilnacrott House, retreat leader, netball coach, Koinonia editor and Tournament of Minds convenor. An avid traveller, Marriann is renowned for her limitless amount of general knowledge and is always in big demand during quiz night season. Norbertus recently caught up with Marriann on the cappuccino strip in Fremantle ...

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Ms Marriann O'Neill, thank you very much for your time, and welcome to Issue 39 of *Norbertus*

Ms Marriann O'Neill (M.O.): Thank you for inviting me.

***N*:** Before we get to your St Norbert College years, do you mind if we ask what was your early life like – home life, your schooling, where you were raised?

M.O.: I grew up in Thornlie for most of my childhood, going to Sacred Heart Primary and was enrolled in Mercedes before I was born. When St Norbert's went co-ed I was in Year 6 and I started a campaign to go there and avoid wearing the dreaded green uniform. Despite my consistent nagging, my mum stayed firm, so off to Mercedes I went. I quite enjoyed it, despite the horrid uniform.

***N*:** If *Norbertus's* memory is correct, despite having an Irish surname you have some Italian ancestry, including a grandmother who featured a lot in your life.

M.O.: My father always said I was the great Catholic blend – Irish and Italian. While my dad's relatives remained in England, my nonna came to Australia. As anyone with a nonna can tell you they are in equal parts amazing and frightening. There is the great food, lavish celebrations, wild stories and hugs, but there were also violent sounding threats like chili if you swore and being demoted in the tomato sauce production line if you were goofing off. She made the best lasagna – yes I know we all say that – and she was the best advocate for her six grand-daughters.

***N*:** Was there any reason why you decided to pursue a teaching career, specialising in economics?

M.O.: Although I was a two maths and science student at high school, my great love was English literature so a BA in literature and psychology at UWA seemed like a good idea, including units in history and politics. When faced with the need to earn a living, teaching seemed like a good fit. I trained as an English major, HASS minor and was set to make students love Shakespeare as much as I did. Yes I was a true literature nerd.

***N*:** Was St Norbert College your first teaching position? How did you come to secure a position there?

M.O.: I had taught in the country for a year and wanted to come back to Perth. I had applied for quite a few jobs, but hadn't snagged an interview when part way through Term 1, 1989 St Norbert's called. In the interview I found out it was an economics position and the load would be two Year 12 classes. I had not taught economics before and with a sinking heart told the Prinicpal, Tom Corcoran, and Father Peter Joseph I didn't believe that was the best

Ms Marriann O'Neill pictured with Olivia Alonzo (nee Palermo, Class of 2009) at the 2021 St Norbert Day celebrations.

thing for the students. I left thinking I had shot myself in the foot. Twenty minutes later the principal phoned and said, "What if it was two Year 11 classes?" I jumped at the chance and have always been thankful for the opportunity. I love teaching economics and I loved my time at St Norbert's. I was so fortunate to be mentored by an outstanding economics teacher in John Pollaers who was amazing to work with.

N: Apart from teaching humanities and economics, what other positions did you fill at the College. You were Head of Kilnacrott House for several years and were also editor-at-large for *Koinonia*, were you not?

M.O.: That's right. I was very fortunate to be given many opportunities at the College. I was in Kilnacrott for my whole twelve years ancd was delighted to be Head for five of those years working with a great collection of students and staff. We also had some great success during that time, which is always handy when you take over.
Koinonia in my time was just before some of the newer technology and great publishing software we have now. We were still physical cutting photos and pasting onto plastic for scanning. Our first attempt at Pagemaker saw a lengthy delay when the whole document crashed and had to rebuilt. By the time I was doing it for the fifth time, we were having the printers do the text and image layout – so much easier. I could spell every student and staff name perfectly!

N: Apart from these positions, what other co-curricular involvement did you have at the College?

M.O.: I coached netball (thanks for the bottles of Cointreau ladies), and helped out with rugby league with Paul McAllister – even though I knew *nothing* about either form of rugby. I have always loved seeing students participating in their sporting, artistic and academic pursuits.

N: Did you attend any Year 8 or Year 9 House camps? What were they like?

M.O.: Back when Year 8s were the first year of high school, the Year 8 camp was a great deal of fun with the newbies and the House Captains. There was lots of fun, especially down at the old Point Peron site on the beach, including the crocodile sand sculpture competition and the nightly lantern stalk. The videos for the film night always include Ferris Bueller's Day Off, primarily because it was Miss Melissa Anthony's favourite. I will admit to trying to avoid any camp that required camping, having decided that the basics of life included a proper mattress, a flushing toilet and hot and cold running water. That said, Mr Tony Hillas, outdoor ed legend, did talk me into a few camps.

N: What are some of the more memorable occasions, incidents and memories that stand out in your mind from the years you spent at St Norbert College?

M.O.: There are so many, including a few that probably shouldn't be mentioned here. I am the same age as the College (1965 babies) and I remember the 25th anniversary very well. There were many celebrations, a fabulous 25th specially bottled port and I believe I still have a few of the special glasses. The staff retreats were also memorable, as the staff were always a great bunch of people. I still catch up with many ex-staff and current staff and have made lifelong friends from that time.
And then there are the students. Friendly, funny, kind and helpful, the students are my most favourite memories. From my K2 Homeroom, to my classes and the Kilnacrott students, I always loved my days with them and love it when I bump into them

N: *Norbertus* has been around the traps for several decades but recalls the Social Studies Department at St Norbert College in the late 1990s as being unique. Would you concur?

M.O.: Absolutely and populated by some titans. I have already mentioned John Pollaers, economics teacher extraordinaire, but we were also blessed to have Br Patrick in the department. He was an amazing curriculum developer, an outstanding history teacher, developer of retreats and how he could quell a rambunctious class

"I have very fond memories of Ms Marriann O'Neill, who was instrumental in making me feel valued in those early years of high school."

Leah Dawson (nee Ware, Class of 2001), *Norbertus*, Issue 38.

'What's another word for 'aardvark'?" If you ever wish to know this, or any other piece of puzzling trivia ask **MARRIANN O'NEILL.** She is the ultimate "full bottle" on everything. This is the result of an academic career which began at Mercedes College, continued in Melbourne and was finalised at U.W.A. '87 with a B.A. and Dip.Ed. She probably picked up more information teaching at Brookton Senior High for a year. Perhaps it's because her father is Irish and mother Italian. Whatever the reason, we are pleased to have Marriann at St. Norbert where she teaches, not trivia, but Economics and Social Studies.

Mr Brian Rogan's welcome to Marriann in the 1989 Koinonia.

Ms Marriann O'Neill

Last term we farewelled Ms Marriann O'Neill who is leaving St Norbert College to become Head of Society & Environment Department at Servite College. Before commencing at Servite, Marriann will be enjoying her Term 4 long service leave touring Canada, Ireland, England and Italy. Marriann joined the College's teaching staff in 1989 and some of us never expected her to leave. She will be sadly missed.

Marriann's contributions to the College are many including Kilnacrott House Coordinator, Tournament of Minds, retreat leader, netball Coach, annual editor – the list is too exhaustive to publish here. Marriann's exceptional teaching, her witty remarks and dry sense of humour will long be remembered. Her generous offers of help to anyone, staff or student, in their time of need, her loyalty to the Norbertines and the College community is an inspiration for all of us.

We wish Mariann success and happiness in her position at Servite College. St Norbert College will not forget you.

Megan Wride

Ms Megan Wride's farewell to Marriann in the 2000 Koinonia.

with a raised eyebrow was amazing. We were often the first to a social occasion and always the last to leave as a department.

N: In terms of fellow St Norbert College staff members, who else stands out in your memory?

M.O.: Tony HIllas who wrote the most lovely report comments and always managed to get female staff on the outdoor ed camps. Molly McPartland, Principal's Secretary, who mothered all of us. The list goes on.

N: You are renowned for your quick wit, intelligence, steel-trap memory and an incredible knowledge of history, current events and general knowledge. How did you manage to develop these traits?

M.O.: Lead an otherwise boring life so there is plenty of storage space left in the old noggin!

N: *Norbertus* recalls some quiz nights organised by the St Norbert College Parents and Friends' Association and you were in huge demand to join various teams or tables because with you in the line-up, a podium finish was virtually assured!

M.O.: I can be useful as long it isn't sport dominated. I believe it is an S&E or H&SS quirk. I recall others being quite useful too!

N: After a wonderful contribution to St Norbert College, in 2001 you decided to take up the position of Head of Humanities at Servite. What was it like leaving St Norbert College after 12 years?

M.O.: It was like leaving home; scary, sad and exciting, but I knew my friends and the St Norbert College community would still be my family and another home. And they have been.

N: In 2009 you leave Servite for a Deputy Principal's position at CBC Fremantle. How did you adapt to this role?

M.O.: I modelled myself on the St Norbert College department leaders I had worked with, and on Mrs Carole Hayes who had been a deputy and principal during my time at St Norbert's. Carole especially taught me about the value of personal and specific acknowledgement of people and their contributions.

N: You took on a different role at CBC in 2009 Can you describe this role for our readers?

M.O.: I became Deputy Principal – Teaching Learning, under another former SNC teacher Rob Henderson. I didn't realise it when I applied, but I became the first female in leadership at CBC.

N: You would have worked with some former St Norbert's staff at Servite and CBC. Who did you come across in your travels?

M.O.: Besides Rob Henderson, others include Shaun Kenny, Chris Houlihan, Anthony Byrne, Silvio Lombardi, Vera Moura. And then there are those who have become deputies and principals who you meet in your professional circles. And so many I get to call friends.

N: Prior to COVID-19 you were a fairly frequent traveller to Europe and beyond. Are you missing the chance to get away?

M.O.: Totally, but if that is my biggest problem I count myself fortunate. That said, I plan and replan in my head my next long service when I can go.

N: Speaking of overseas there was that terrible time when you were injured in a fall in Italy during a Servite exchange trip. You were admitted to hospital while the touring party returned to Perth, weren't you?

M.O.: Second-last day on the school trip, I slipped on a step in Pompeii and spent ten days in a Naples hospital! Not my best Christmas. While I have turned it into an amusing story it made me very grateful for the Australian health system and I am still haunted by a throw away comment that I was injured after dancing on a table!

Marriann in her first year at St Norbert College in 1989, with Mr John Pollaers, Mr Damien Flanagan and Ms Melissa Anthony, right.

2000 Kilnacrott House Captains Ryan Gielingh, Narelle Nieman and Kylie Cooper farewell Ms Marriann O'Neill in 2000.

N: Do you still catch up with any of the old-timers from your time at St Norbert College? *Norbertus* was pleased to spy you at the St Norbert Day staff gathering in June.

M.O.: I made life long friends at St Norbert's and I catch-up with many staff from those years and we have shared our lives – ladies' lunches, Japanese dinner with Fr Peter Joseph, weddings, babies, funerals, grandchildren. I have been blessed and I love making it back to St Norbert Day drinks, though I know fewer and fewer people each time.

N: *Norbertus* was actually looking forward to stirring you up about Carlton's usual timid performance in the AFL but the joke is on us because your team is very close to the top of the ladder! Apart from keeping an eye on the Blues, how are you passing your spare time!

M.O.: No-one is more surprised than me, I can tell you! Besides travel, I love the arts, reading, good food, wine and friends. And of course my family.

N: So, Marriann, after so many years have elapsed since you left Treasure Road, what general thoughts, feelings memories do you hold of St Norbert College and its community?

M.O.: It always had an authentic sense of purpose and community. It taught me how important an ethos is as the skeleton on which you build a community in a meaningful and Christ-centred way. It is no accident that my next two schools after St Norbert's have both been order-run schools. The Norbertine, Servite and Christian Brother ethos or charism is a gift to their schools that we should work to keep alive and present in those schools

N: What does the future hold for Marriann O'Neill?

M.O.: While I plan my travel slightly, I rarely plan my career. I will know when I know. It has always worked for me.

N: Marriann O'Neill, thank you for your magnificent contribution to St Norbert College over the years you spent there, and congratulations on your very significant contribution to Catholic education in Western Australia. Best wishes for the future and thank you for being part of Issue 39 of *Norbertus*.

M.O.: It has been a pleasure, thank you for including me. Best wishes to everyone in the St Norbert College community.

Marriann in 1992, and with her good friend and Kilnacrott stalwart, Br Patrick Doolan in 1991, right.

Marriann (front centre) with fellow Kilnacrott House staff members in 1997.

SNC IN 1972 *Snapshot*

Wayne Dawkins receiving a Certificate of Merit in 1972.

The construction of the College pool was completed in late 1971.

Stirling Dawkins receives an award from Fr O'Donohoe at the 1972 Presentation of Awards afternoon.

PRINCIPAL: Fr Joseph O'Donohoe

PRIOR: Fr Peter O'Reilly

ENROLMENT: 202 boys

ST NORBERT COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS, INNOVATIONS and ACHIEVEMENTS:

- The Management Advisory Board was established to oversee administration, finance, promotion and expansion
- A 25m swimming pool was finished in December, 1971 and the St Norbert Amateur Swimming Club was established in March, 1972
- A canteen was added to the St Joseph's Centre (now Kilnacrott block)
- The College was a member of the Metropolitan Catholic Colleges sports association
- The Year 10s were the first class at St Norbert's to graduate with a Year 10 Achievement Certificate
- William Fitzgerald joins the Norbertine community of Queens Park

This photograph of some St Norbert's boys on camp is believed to have been taken in either 1972 or 1973.

SNC IN 1972 *Snapshot*

1972 St Norbert College Principal Fr Joe O'Donohoe.

1972 Principal Fr Joseph O'Donohoe

Fr Joseph O'Donohoe arrived in Western Australia from Ireland in 1965 with limited experience in running an educational institution but had to learn quickly when he became Principal of St Norbert College after the death of Fr Laurence Anderson in 1971. In an article in the St Norbert College Silver Jubilee 1965-1990 book, Fr O'Donohoe said he "was as green as the fields of Ireland" and often needed spiritual help, saying he thought of "himself as the Headmaster and Our Lady the Principal".

Fr O'Donohoe brought his trusty strap with him to Australia and was prepared to use it. "We had to set lines for the boys and when they stepped outside those lines, they were punished. We didn't use the strap so often, we roared at them instead. But when it was necessary, we used the strap and it was very highly respected."

Following the concern caused by the 1968 Meckering earthquake, Fr O'Donohoe introduced earthquake and fire drills. On one occasion, after telling the boys that a door could quite easily be jammed during an earthquake, he was surprised when the boys showed some initiative and climbed through windows to jump over the first-floor railings and drop to the ground below. "I dreaded to think what people would say if they were walking along Treasure Road and saw these boys bursting out of the classroom and dropping to the ground, but I commended them highly anyway, for it would be the thing to do in an emergency."

Fr O'Donohoe played an important role at the College during his Principalship from 1971 to 1974 by streamlining the College's financial, accounting and administrative systems, creating handbooks to formalise structures and procedures for staff, parents and students, and keeping abreast of government funding and loans plans in order to ensure St Norbert College could benefit from any that became available.

SNC IN 1982 *Snapshot*

St Norbert College Principal Mr Des O'Sullivan.

Br Patrick Doolan commenced his life as a Norbertine in the Queens Park community.

Year 12 student Andrew Williams was awarded a prestigious Royal Australian Navy Scholarship which required him to be screened by ASIO.

PRIOR: Fr Peter O'Reilly O.Praem

PRINCIPAL: Mr Des O'Sullivan

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Mick Devine

ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Carole Hayes

HEADS of DEPARTMENTS:

- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Mr Jim Elliot
- ENGLISH and LANGUAGES: Mr John Price
- MATHEMATICS: Mr Dudley Pinto
- SCIENCE: Mr Robert Craig
- SOCIAL SCIENCES: Mr Peter Murray
- GENERAL STUDIES: Mr Brian Rogan
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Mr John Hammond

ST NORBERT COLLEGE EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS, INNOVATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Fr Peter Joseph Stiglich was ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop L.J. Goody in St Joseph's Church on 6th February
- Br Patrick Doolan commenced his vocation to Norbertine life at Queens Park
- Work commenced on the construction of the Prémontré Library, and renovations included the creation of a new staffroom and accounts office, and expansion of changeroom and shower facilities
- The inaugural Year 10 survival camp was held
- A group of senior students attended a ski trip to Victoria in August

Blazing a trail on the inaugural Year 10 camp in June.

The Prémontré Library under construction in 1982.

St Norbert College victory in the ACC "B" Division swimming carnival at the Beatty Park Aquatic Centre in March.

SNC IN 1982 *Snapshot*

PARENTS' & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION: Jack Pudney (President), Bernie Kerwin (Vice President), Marie Jones (Secretary), Ray Carroll (Treasurer), Des O'Sullivan, Graham McLevie, Vi Roberts, Verna Williams, Kath Winsor, Frances Glasson, Ron Pryce, Lorraine McLevie, Dorothy Pollaers, Leni Beerkens, Sylvia Alberts, Mary Wieman, Robert Tavani, Maria Park and Peter Miller who organised the College fete, ran the College shop and raised funds for the benefit of the College

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD: N. Dawkins (Chairperson) and committee members:

- Monitored the College development program and the performance of the College in delivering the best education opportunities for its students
- Helped secure a grant for $138,000 from the Schools Commission for the College building program
- Reported favourably on SNC's sporting achievements – particularly victory in the ACC "B" Division swimming carnival, the College camp program and the inaugural Japanese student exchange visit
- Welcomed increased levels of career advice available to students

LADIES' AUXILIARY: M. Park (President) contributed to the running of the College shop, the canteen, major fundraising pursuits and organising social functions

ENROLMENT: 637 students (354 boys, 283 girls)

DUX: John Wojdylo

PROXIME: Sharon Bailey

ARCHBISHOP GOODY'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP: C. van der Mey

SNC IN 1982 *Snapshot*

1982 Student Representative Council. Anthony Clancy, seated centre, was President.

Mrs Alberts and Mrs Dorothy Pollaers prepare the canteen for the lunchtime rush.

Sharon Bailey receives the Proxime award from Archbishop Sir Lancelot Goody.

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

- ST ANNE: Catherine Boyce and Victor Anderson
- ST ELIZABETH: Irmgard Gehrmann and David Fairbairn
- ST LAWRENCE: Margaret Pollaers and David Oakden
- ST STEPHEN: Kaye Sims

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL: Anthony Clancy (President), Kathryn McLennan (Junior Council President), Daniel Bianchini (Treasurer), Wendy Smith (Secretary) and committee members:

- Arrange in partnership with the Parents' & Friends' Association to purchase a water cooler
- Organised a variety of functions including a quiz night, disco and Year 8 and 9 film night, and the College ball which benefitted from the work of an SRC decorating committee
- Raised funds for the College fete and the Foster Parent Planning Scheme
- Declared 1982 to be the "year of the trees" and a tree planting program was undertaken as well as organised busy-bee days

WINNERS OF SPORTS CARNIVALS:

- SWIMMING: St Lawrence
- ATHLETICS: St Lawrence

Dr Robert Craig
DEAR TO MY HEART

Dr Robert Craig worked at St Norbert College in a variety of roles between 1976 and 1983 and was renowned for the enthusiastic way he embraced all aspects of College life and the Norbertine ethos. Now retired and living in his native England, Robert was kind enough to speak to Norbertus recently. This is his story ...

I was born in Folkestone, Kent, England in 1950. My parents brought me to Australia in 1952 and we settled in Belmont, Western Australia. I went to Belmay Primary School and Belmont High School. I was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to complete my secondary education at Governor Stirling Senior High. On completion I was awarded a teacher's bursary and went to the Western Australian Institute of Technology (now Curtin University) and completed a Bachelor of Applied Science (Chemistry). I then completed a Diploma of Education at the University of Western Australia.

Originally, having served five years in the Air Training Corps, I intended to join the air force. However, they discovered I had problems with my sinuses so I could not become a pilot. Having enjoyed the opportunity to lecture fellow cadets in the ATC, I decided to take up teaching as a career. I met my wife to be, Zenobia, whilst at university and we were married in 1972, my first year of teaching – yes, we have been married 50 years in January. Unfortunately, we have never had children, so this encouraged us to put all our energy into the schools in which I taught.

I began teaching in the state system at Kalumunda Senior High School teaching general science, chemistry and physics. In 1973 I was baptised and confirmed into the Roman Catholic faith and moved to Trinity College for a year, again teaching science. In 1975 I worked with the Catholic Education Commission delivering seminars and running weekend and holiday camps for government school children with Fr Ronan Kilgannon. Zenny assisted us on the camps. I moved to St Norbert College in 1976 after the mission to high schools closed.

Since St Norbert's I have taught at Lumen Christi College and St Brigid's College. I have also been a lecturer in biology at Edith Cowan University and Midland TAFE. Whilst at St Brigid's, I became a voluntary research associate at the Western Australian Museum on weekends and holidays.

I was able to get into a postgraduate course in applied geology at Curtin which I took part-time. I was awarded a distinction and a scholarship to do my PhD in palaeontology and discovered and named over 30 species of fossil brachiopod as well as using their distribution to propose a timeline for the separation of Australia from Antarctica.

We moved to the UK in 2001 and I taught within greater London area for four years before moving north to Lincolnshire where I retired due to health issues in 2018. I have never stopped wanting to know more, so one of my hobbies is reading both fiction and non-fiction. I have always been interested in nature particularly after a visit to Kalbarri National Park after a stint as Deputy Principal at St Norbert College. We travelled halfway around Australia from North West Cape to Rainbow Beach as well as all around Tasmania.

In Europe we have visited Italy, France, the Netherlands, and Belgium. Here in the UK, we have visited numerous areas in all the four nations. Currently my wife and I walk along the River Witham most mornings and we record the plant and animal life. It has been particularly life-enhancing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I taught general science and chemistry at St Norbert's from 1976 to the end of 1983.

Fifty years of marriage: Zenobia and Robert Craig.

Robert Craig (standing, centre) in 1976, his first year at St Norbert College.

Coaching Saturday morning soccer.

Robert Craig (standing, second from left) with fellow staff members.

Robert pictured with Nola Smith (nee Roberts) at his farewell party in 2001.

Relaxing at home in England.

I became Head of Science when Dudley Pinto became Head of Mathematics. In 1983 I took over from Mick Devine for six months as Deputy Principal when he went on sabbatical.

There were so many memorable events that they would fill a book. Once staff asked to participate in a fashion parade for the Mothers' Auxiliary and most of us had more "spiritual" support than what was best for a polished performance on the catwalk! In the early days staff dinners were held at senior staff members' homes with our spouses and children present. At the end of year, the whole teaching and auxiliary staff attended dinners at various hotels; one chosen by Fr Cusack had waitresses with see-through tops and Fr O'Reilly was not amused.

Both Zenny and I ran a Young Christian Students group within the school that included a camp once a year. I remember one where Des O'Sullivan the Principal was asked to umpire a softball match but not to be fair. It was a true learning experience as all knew him to be a kind and most generous man.

I was involved with the Year 12 soccer team, throwing the team in the back of the Kombi for Saturday morning matches. I also played in goals for a short period in the College's staff Gaelic football team.

St Norbert was a wholistic educational institution providing a wide range of inhouse and extracurricular experiences for the students and the staff. The Norbertines were the backbone of everything we endeavoured to do, and their leadership can not be over-emphasised. The administration was the best I experienced in my 46 years of teaching with the two front men, Des O'Sullivan and Mick Devine exemplary as both mentors and administrators. They, with the Norbertines, believed in a collegiate approach rather than a hierarchy and I tried to employ a similar regime wherever I was given a leadership role.

The students were wonderful, and I still have the privilege to remain in contact with many of them, as I do with Mick Devine. The fact that so many have gone on to take up major leadership roles throughout Australia and the world is testament to the education they received and their own capacity to serve.

St Norbert College will always be dear to my heart.

STUDENT FROM 1982

Mr John Wojdylo STILL A PART OF ME

Mr John Wojdylo attended St Norbert College from 1978 until 1982, when he received the Dux Award in year 12. John is currently one of 22 tenured professors out of a total of 90 faculty staff at the Department of Physics, Nagoya University, Japan, where his main role is teaching international undergraduate physics students in English. Norbertus recently received the following article which John was kind enough to write on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of his graduation from St Norbert College.

It's now been 40 years since that St Norbert College Presentation Night when Roy Martinus, Helier Nicholls and I went out on the stage at a full Perth Concert Hall dressed in white lab coats, swimming goggles and marker cone domes on our heads and played a medley of Devo tunes. Helier was on bass guitar, Roy on lead and I was on a Casio keyboard that had a small rhythm box. I could hardly play at all, but I had – and have – always wished I'd learned to. It was a lot of fun and a great thrill to be out on stage in front of so many people. The performance seemed to work out; our swimming goggles had fogged up, though, and as we slowly shuffled off stage in a line led by Helier, he walked into the wall beside the stage exit door and, unable to see, Roy and I piled into the back of him. People might have thought it was part of the act – crazy scientist types — but it was just serendipity.

I'd wanted to have balloons filled with hydrogen floating above the stage that I'd have ignited with a long torch to create a few small explosions, but chemistry teacher Robert Craig – "Mr Craig" – was adamant he was against that.

I remember, too, very hot summer days spent in classrooms with no air conditioning; winter days with heavy rain, after which we played soccer at lunch time splashing in giant puddles on the playing field … other lunch times spent hanging around in the quadrangle.

At the end of the day in Homeroom, in one of the far-flung classrooms where you couldn't hear the siren, one student (who shall remain nameless) used to mimic the siren and we'd consistently get out a few minutes early.

When I recall those days at St Norbert College, among the clearest memories is of a sense of community in the small group of around 40 Year 12s. Even if others weren't in my inner circle, I still felt that we were all in the same small boat. I felt respect for the life experience of a lot of my peers, whose lives seemed so different to mine.

Through no fault of anyone else, I also felt a deep solitude and frustration that it would take years before I could express what I knew or imagined – in physics, mathematics, as well as in life. I'd wanted to be a physicist from around Grade 7, but my psychology prevented my mastering the necessary skills for many years. I think I've got there now.

The most important memory of St. Norbert's is the people, and I wrote at length about this in Norbertus Issue 34 in 2019. Of all the teachers, Mr Craig was the most pivotal for me. We spent many mornings before school talking in his lab prep room, about how I could improve my work; about many other things on a personal level too, random thoughts, congealing philosophies. He demanded high standards, but you always knew what was required, the level you needed to strive for. The task was clear-cut. He's one of the teachers I model my teaching on.

John Wojdylo in Koinonia, 1982.

John receives the 1982 St Norbert College Dux award from Most Reverend Sir Lancelot Goody, Archbishop of Perth.

STUDENT FROM 1982

"In numerous ways St Norbert's of 1982 is still a part of me right now."

Sandro Sandri in 1978 was the first who gave me the feeling of mastering mathematics, and moreover, that possessing that fleeting clarity can make you feel great. His personal concern for you and encouragement was key; I didn't feel alone in my struggle to understand. I felt deflated when he moved to St. Brigid's in 1979.

Mark Carroll introduced me to Shakespeare, performing in public and the electric guitar. I never learned how to play it but still love the sound. Years later I bumped into Mark at UWA – he was doing a physics degree. Cool!

Shane Glass got me hooked on Japanese – which ended up changing my life.

Ms Cox had a mellow, ethereal voice that trailed away into the aether and made you think about the emotions being expressed in whatever literary piece we were reading. She'd play tapes of pop songs and ask us what we thought the lyrics meant. She made us see that multiple interpretations were possible, that some conclusion we fixate on as "obvious" might just be a symptom of our misplaced certitude. One day she played Cold Chisel's "Choir Girl". *"She's my connection..."* I didn't understand that line until many years later; it's important in life to understand "connection", I feel.

I live in Japan now, and our son has graduated from junior to senior high school. What he had to go through after a long and exhaustive curriculum over three years, the cut-throat competition, is unimaginable in Australia. He spent a year preparing for it. From his teachers here, he received nothing like the personalised concern that I did at St Norbert's from a few key teachers – which is probably influenced by the school ethos, but it's also due to their special personalities.

That was 40 years ago and now a string of vivid but episodic memories interspersed with haze. In numerous ways St Norbert's of 1982 is still a part of me right now.

I taught general science and chemistry at St Norbert's from 1976 to the end of 1983.

Professor John Wojdylo teaching at Nagoya University in Japan.

John's most important memories of St Norbert's are of the people. Teachers such as (from left) Rob Craig, Mark Carroll, Shane Glass and Sandro Sandri made lasting impressions.

Mrs Annette Morey commenced her position as St Norbert College Principal in 2012.

Yared Berhane was Dux of the College in 2012.

Fourteen students participated in a dance excursion to Singapore in March, coordinated by dance teacher Miss Chrystelle Decotter.

SNC IN 2012 *Snapshot*

PRIOR: Fr Peter Stiglich O. Praem

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Annette Morey

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

- Years 7, 9, 12: Mrs Franca Coutts
- Years 8, 10, 11: Mr Donald Nield

DEAN OF STUDIES, Year 10: Ms Sharon Rainford

HEADS of LEARNING AREAS:

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Ms Michelle Ronchi
- ENGLISH, LOTE & DRAMA: Ms Su-Fen Chung
- MATHEMATICS: Mrs Joan Davies
- SCIENCE: Mrs Kylee Chung
- SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT: Mr Bronson Gherardi
- ARTS/TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE: Mrs Samantha Mark
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Mr Mark Pavy
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mr Bruce Culver (Term 1), Ms Alicia Walter (Term 2-4)

COORDINATORS:

- VET: Mr Michael Openshaw
- KERN: Mrs Kim Walker
- YEAR 7: Ms Carrol Abel (Term 1), Miss Emma Stevenson (Terms 2-4)

BUSINESS MANAGER: Mr Michael Papali (Semester 1), Mr Tim McIntye (Semester 2)

BR PATRICK DOOLAN MEDAL: Ms Margaret Kyd

ST NORBERT COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS INNOVATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Br Christopher was ordained to the Diaconate (the first step to priesthood) on March 19
- Fr Peter Stiglich attended the General Chapter of the Norbertine Order in Wisconsin from July 19 to August 4
- The 2012-14 College Strategic Plan was implemented, a key point being encouraging students to strive for excellence while building resilience
- A College psychologist was appointed to strengthen the pastoral care program at the College

The SRC organised an interhouse Olympics competition.

Tarryn Bradshaw and Lori Ashworth celebrate their graduation.

SNC IN 2012 *Snapshot*

- Two Chaplains, Fr Shajee Puthanenpurayil O. Praem and Fr Joshy Chako O. Praem were appointed in late 2011 to the Student Ministry team
- The inaugural Indian pilgrimage was conducted at the end of Term 3 with three staff and ten Year 11 students
- A dance tour to Singapore departed on 29 March.

HEADS OF HOUSE:

- KILNACROTT: Mrs Lyndsey Cardenia
- MAGDEBURG: Dr Killian O'Reilly (Terms 1,2 and 4), Miss Stacey Fairhead (Acting,Term 3)
- PRÉMONTRÉ: Miss Alesha Haynes
- TONGERLO: Miss Erica Bursey
- XANTEN: Mr Scott Hodgen

ST NORBERT COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD: Mrs Annette McRae (Chairperson), Fr Peter Stiglich, Mrs Annette Morey, Mrs Diane Begg, Mr Tim McIntyre, Mr Paul Kelly, Mr Bernard Kerwin, Mr Carl Pallier, Mr Keith George and Mrs Gloria White who:

- Work towards promoting excellence in Catholic education at St Norbert College true to the mission of the Church and faithful to the Nobertine traditions
- Oversee financial accountability and advise the Principal on strategic decision-making concerning finances, accountability, buildings and resources

PARENT COMMITTEE: Mr Peter Palermo (Chairperson), Mr Dave Denver (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs Tracey Burgoyne (Treasurer) Mrs Jenny Morrison, Mrs Annette Morey and fellow committee members who:

- Continued to strive to meet their four main goals: fundraising for specific projects; providing social and "friend-raising" activities; providing pastoral care through the Norbertcare program; and engaging the parent body in contributing to the College's future
- Provide, with the assistance of some SNESA players, a sausage sizzle at the College Community Mass
- Present a laptop computer seminar for interested parents
- Provide funding for air conditioning in Tongerlo block
- Arrange various forums, including: study skill techniques for parents; cyberbullying; social media networks and their impacts; and managing teenage parties

Xanten House was crowned Champion House for 2012.

Lauchlan Hontor and Shenali Perera (both Class of 2011) were inducted into the 95 Club for their outstanding ATAR results.

SNC IN 2012 *Snapshot*

ENROLMENT: 804 students
DUX: Yared Berhane
PROXIME ACCESSIT: Patricia Matias
NORBERTINE CANONS' AWARD: Sarah Radley
95 TER CLUB INDUCTEES: Lauchlan Honter and Shenali Perera (Class of 2011)
STUDENT MINISTRY AWARD: Isaac Taylor
PRINCIPAL'S MEDALLIONS: Daniella Palermo, Mary-Anne Leotta, Tarryn Bradshaw, Saranya Rajan and Luke Jones
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL: Pauline Ontiveros (President), who, with fellow councillors:

- Lobby to have the College student diary changed to the version supported by the majority of students
- Investigate the possibility of facilitating blood donations at the College
- Participate in organising a range of social activities such as the lower school socials, the Year 10 river cruise and the Year 11 dinner dance
- Organise and conduct the SRC Olympics which saw Houses compete in a variety of novelty events in a relay format

HOUSE and COLLEGE CAPTAINS:

- KILNACROTT: Gael Vaughan and Alex King (House Captains), and Ben Taylor (College Captain)
- MAGDEBURG: Courtney Arrow and Billie-Jane Fincher (House Captains), and Saranya Rajan (College Captain)
- PRÉMONTRÉ: Hannah Connolly and Kellie Greaves (House Captains), and Peter Bol (College Captain)
- TONGERLO: Lori Ashworth and Mary-Anne Leotta (House Captains), and Cameron McCrae (College Captain)
- XANTEN: Claire Kakande and Jaimi Baldwin (House Captains), and Daniella Palermo (College Captain)

WINNERS OF SPORTS CARNIVALS:

- SWIMMING: Prémontré
- ATHLETICS: Magdeburg

CHAMPION HOUSE: Xanten

STUDENTS FROM 2012

Tamara pictured in the 2012 Koinonia.

MRS TAMARA TAWO

Congratulations to Tamara (nee Loo, Class of 2012) and John Tawo who were married this year on March 17 at Moana Hall, before enjoying a relaxing honeymoon touring the southwest wine region around Margaret River.

Tamara was in Ms Amanda Marsh's Xanten Homeroom and has gone on to establish a career in the fashion industry, working as a fashion designer for Rusty Australia and establishing her own business called Palm Tree Designs.

Mr Mick Italiano's digital and graphic design classes at St Norbert College were instrumental in shaping Tamara's career path. "Mr Italiano was one of my favourite teachers because his classes really helped me prepare for my studies at fashion school and were a source of inspiration for me to work in my current occupation," Tamara said.

Tamara still keeps in touch with Ancille Kashaba, Grace Girsang, Isaac Taylor and Gael Vaughan from the Class of 2012 and recalls special memories with friends on the Year 10 adventure camp – "out in the bush which is totally out of my nature!" – and living a carefree existence as a student at St Norbert College. Tamara is a bit of a foodie and loves exploring new cuisines, but the College's Canteen 135@Treasure still holds a special place in her heart. "Cheap canteen food is life!" she laughed.

Norbertus wishes Tamara and John many years of happiness together.

John and Tamara Tawo were married in March this year.

Norbertus's favourite Tamara Loo design.

Tamara and John after their marriage, on what Tamara happily described as "such a fun day". (Image courtesy of Stefanie Buma Weddings)

STUDENTS FROM 2012

MISS GAEL VAUGHAN

Miss Gael Vaughan (Class of 2012) was a Kilnacrott House Captain and member of Mrs Megan Silva's K2 Homeroom. Currently working as a licensing clerk and administration assistant for Volkswagen Melville, Gael is in a relationship with partner Bradley Dusting and enjoys concerts, coastal road trips and participating at Kingdomcity Church as a Connect Group Leader. Prior to COVID, Gael enjoyed a trip to Italy and was a frequent visitor to the eastern states of Australia.

Gael has happy memories of her time at St Norbert College, especially meeting the good friends she still has to this day, including Emma Burt, Grace Girsang, Tamara Tawo, Isaac Taylor and Connor McGrath. Drama was Gael's favourite subject and Miss Kerri Hilton was her "favourite teacher of all time for bringing so much sharp wit and a different approach to teaching". Gael also enjoyed attending College productions, participating in swimming and athletics carnivals, and all the celebratory occasions such as Kilnacrott House's St Patrick's Days and St Norbert Days.

Thinking about her high school years, Gael believes her experiences at Treasure Road had a significant effect on her as a person. "St Norbert College really did shape my life," Gael said.

The Vaughan family: Gael (Class of 2012), Fionn (2014) and Frances (2016), with parents Janet and Ian.

Miss Gael Vaughan and her partner Bradley Dusting.

STUDENTS FROM 2012

Isaac's Year 12 photograph in 2012's Koinonia.

MR ISAAC TAYLOR

What were some of your happy, memorable or significant experiences at St Norbert College?
Some of the memorable experiences I had at St Norbert College include music class band sessions with Mr Culver, the KAIROS retreats in Years 11 and 12 and also the opportunities to get out of my comfort zone and embrace leadership as a College Captain through helping with open day, orientation day and helping to organise and implement Student Ministry events with Ms Kyd.

Did you have any favourite subjects or teachers?
No surprise my favourite subjects were human biology and chemistry with Ms Fairhead and Dr O'Reilly. The support and guidance they gave me in these subjects really prepared me to find a passion in science and prepare for my future studies as it reflected the love they had for their subjects. I also really enjoyed geography with Ms Pisconeri – especially the excursions!

Do you still keep in touch with any of the friends you made at St Norbert College?
I still keep in touch with Tamara Tawo, Gael Vaughan, Chris Watts and Grace Girsang, as well as Sophia Aguasa and Michael and Alexis Maguang (nee Woodford) from the Class of 2011.

If you could sum up your time at St Norbert College in a handful of words, what would you say?
Looking back, my time at SNC was rewarding and practical in preparing me to be world ready and the adult I am today, through developing skills in confidence, communication, teamwork, leadership and academic discipline. This was definitely positively enhanced with mentorship by motivated and driven teachers and being part of a supportive and friendly peer cohort.

Did you have a particular subject or a particular year or time period which helped you decide on your career path or aspects of your life in general?
I remember in Year 10 we all had a careers counselling session with Ms Rainford to discuss which subjects to choose to study for Year 11 and 12. Although for many this time is quite overwhelming, I knew I had an interest in science and to be able to have the conversation with a teacher to guide me through the decision was an experience I valued to help edify the decision to pursue tertiary studies in science. The teachers at St Norbert's were very approachable regarding the needs and feedback to students.

Mr Isaac Taylor in Ljubljana, Slovenia during a trip to Europe.

STUDENTS FROM 2012

Could you please give an overview of your studies and career path since you left St Norbert College?
When I left SNC I completed a bachelor's degree in biomedical science and anatomy and human biology at the University of Western Australia. Whilst completing my tertiary studies I worked at Hungry Jack's where I rose into a leadership role as a manager. After university I landed a job in an analytical chemistry lab as a laboratory technician. The leadership skills I learnt during uni and working as a manager in the fast food industry led me to become a supervisor of the organic chemistry department of the laboratory. After two years of supervising the production lab I have now shifted into a more analytical role as an organic chemist.

Do you enjoy working as an organic chemist and what does the role entail?
I work in an environmental laboratory testing domestic, mining and industrial samples for concentrations of hydrocarbons, pesticides and volatile compounds. As a graduate scientist with fewer than five years in the industry I enjoy this work as it is an innovative and progressive industry. It allows me to make a difference in our community by promoting safety and encouraging mining and metropolitan sites to report environmental contamination and eliminate human exposure to carcinogens.

Any interests outside work? Any travel?
I've been fortunate to do some great trips overseas such as backpacking through Europe, as well as New Zealand and Asia. I still enjoy the hobbies I had in high school such as surfing, outdoor recreation activities and playing piano poorly.

Any advice you would now give yourself as a 17-year-old leaving school back in 2012, or perhaps any advice you would give to senior students at St Norbert College today?
I would encourage senior students to "go with the flow" and to not be intimidated by failure. Working hard now is advantageous in getting a head start in the path you wish to take in the future. However – it is natural for things to go off the track we set ourselves in our adolescent years and there is no rush to settle into a career or life you first initially planned if you come to find it's not rewarding. Take time after high school and throughout your next steps to take up interests in many fields to find what fuels your passions. Ask your teachers questions and seek advice from people who inspire you. Travel abroad to obtain a sense of gratitude and cultural understanding a textbook won't provide. Take big risks and even bigger setbacks to encourage your growth and maturity to find the purpose you have in life.
If I was asked ten years ago where I see myself today It is very far from what I imagined and I think that supports the testimony that your life after high school will take you on so many different paths. Embrace every opportunity life throws at you and don't become anxious when some doors close.

Hard at work as a laboratory technician.

STUDENTS FROM 2012

Brandon's Year 12 photograph in 2012's Koinonia.

MR BRANDON MCEVOY

Brandon McEvoy (Class of 2012) was in Mr Anton Schirripa's Prémontré Homeroom and went on to obtain honours in law at Curtin University. He currently works as a commercial litigation lawyer with global law firm Ashurst. Brandon says he struggled a little at school in his younger years, but *Norbertus* remembers he became an enthusiastic, inquisitive and successful student who particularly enjoyed drama with Miss Kerri Hilton, chemistry with Ms Stacey Fairhead and modern history with Mr Frank Mulligan. "I was a bit of a problem child, but I had some very supportive teachers that saw me through and to whom I am very grateful," Brandon said.

Competing for Prémontré House at the 2012 athletics carnival.

Mr Brandon McEvoy and his brother Logan McEvoy pictured at Logan's graduation ceremony in 2021.

Brandon delivers an address at the Class of 2012's graduation ceremony.

CLASS OF 2012 Reunion

Broken Hill Hotel, May 28, 2022

Jaimi (nee Baldwin) and Ben Taylor.

Ashleigh Biddlestone and Emma Burt.

Members of the Class of 2012 celebrate at the Broken Hill Hotel, on May 28, 2022.

Billie-Jane Hayward (nee Fincher) and Aurea Kelly.

Stefan Yeoh, Brandon McEvoy and Daniel Tu.

Isaac Taylor and Brandon West.

Stefan Yeoh and James La Fontaine.

Tarryn Bradshaw and Lucas Phillips.

Daniella Palermo and Hannah Connolly.

Bradley Dusting and Gael Vaughan.

Catching up on the news.

Connor McGrath and Courtney Watson.

Emily (Class of 2016) and dad Peter Palermo and Olivia Alonzo (nee Palermo, Class of 2009).

Norbertus in 2012

There were two issues of *Norbertus* in 2012.

In **May**, in Issue 19, new Principal Annette Morey introduced herself to *Norbertus* readers and commented on the strong sense of community she experienced on different levels and at different functions and occasions during her first term at St Norbert College. Annette acknowledged the strong foundations laid by former principals – particularly previous Principal Desirée Grzenda-Day – and encouraged all St Norbert College students to strive for personal academic excellence in the 2012 scholastic year.

Class of 2011 students Dux Lachlan Honter and Shenali Perera were featured in recognition of their excellent ATAR scores and their induction into the St Norbert College 95 Club, while Alex Cody and Luke Pallier were congratulated for earning scholarship offers at Curtin University.

In 2011 the College's very own Miss Kerri Hilton wrote, produced and directed *"E": The Musical* which was a great hit with audiences who adored the performance. The musical was recognised more broadly when it won "Best Youth Production 2011" award, earned an Adjudicator's Certificate for "Technical Expertise and Wizardry in Creation of the Epad" and student Richard Kalukal was awarded "Best Youth Performer 2011" at the Independent Theatre Association's Robert Finlay Awards in January.

Issue 19 looked back at what the College was like in 2002 and caught up with graduates including Aimee Tolomei (Head Girl 2002, Bachelor of Commerce from Curtin University, working at HBF); Clint Francis (Head Boy 2002, Bachelor of Business from Edith Cowan University, manager at Pacific Optics); Jonathon Gimondo (OHS qualifications from TAFE and Curtin University, working as

Principal Mrs Annette Morey meets some students.

Richard Kalukal won a "Best Youth Performer 2011" award.

Alex Cody and Luke Pallier: Curtin University scholarship offers.

Knitting Club: blankets for India.

a WorkSafe inspector); Lorissa Kelly (scholarship winner and honours student at Curtin University, chief of staff for Minister John Day) and Jared Whitehouse who has carved out an impressive IT career in the mining industry.

In **August** St Norbert College Principal Mrs Annette Morey commented on the comprehensive co-curricular range on offer at the College, unveiled a whole school study program that was to be led by Dean of Studies, Ms Sharon Rainford and highlighted the focus on the benefits of information technology in the College's desire to maximise students' learning potential. Commenting on the College's core value of community, Mrs Morey conveyed appreciation for the wonderful people who make up St Norbert College and wished business manager, Mr Michael Papali, well as he took up a new position at Penrhos College.

The St Norbert College Knitting Club reported strong numbers and was busy knitting blankets to send with students on their pilgrimage to India in October. Singapore featured in this issue – Miss Chrystelle Decotter reported on the inaugural dance tour to Singapore in March, and the College welcomed a touring party of staff and 18 students from St Francis Methodist School in Singapore.

Class of 1992 alumna Darlene Min reported on that year's successful 20th anniversary reunion at the Mt Henry Tavern and several of that group provided articles on what they had been up to since leaving Treasure Road. Erica Martin, 1992 SRC President, was working as a lawyer in an investment bank in London, running marathons and living life to the full; Peter McNally, 1992 College dux (and 2000 Cleo Bachelor contender!) was a senior legal counsel with Chevron Australia; Christine Devereux was working in local government as an environmental health officer and Mish Iskra was working as a police sergeant in Fremantle but soon moving to the forensics division.

The Class of 1980 had also caught the reunion bug, catching up in 2011, again in June 2012 and planning another one for Christmas, 2012, where the goal was 40 attendees. Mark Hoes and Peter O'Sullivan commented on the great spirit of the group and commended Dr Mathew Trinca (Canberra) and Richard Malacari (Geraldton) for their attendance.

Fr Joshy introduced a new column to *Norbertus* – Norbertine News – which covered priory events such as the visit by Abbot Noyens to Queens Park and the activities of the Nobertine tertiaries.

1992 SRC President Erica Martin, London-based lawyer and marathon runner.

Class of 1992 reunion at the Mt Henry Tavern.

1992 Dux Peter McNally, senior counsel with Chevron Australia and 2000 Cleo Bachelor of the Year contender.

A great turn-out at the Class of 1980 reunion in South Perth.

Mr Benedict and Lillian Halse

FAMILY-FOCUSED AND FRIENDLY

Mr Benedict Halse (Class of 1996) was in Mrs Simone Tomic's Prémontré Homeroom class and this year his daughter Lillian commenced her journey at St Norbert College as a member of Miss May Dao's Prémontré Homeroom.

Ben has happy memories of his time at the College, especially competing with his mates in football, swimming and athletics, and enjoyed his role as a Prémontré House Captain, alongside his brother Sam who was also a Captain. "Even back in my day the facilities, open space and Homeroom system were good and the teachers were effective. It was good going to the same school as some of my extended family and I still keep in touch with the Roberts and Hulshoff families," Ben said.

Like a lot of St Norbert College alumni, drama with Miss Hilton was one of Ben's favourite subjects and he is pleased that Miss Hilton is still teaching and that Lillian is in her class.

Lillian has settled in to St Norbert College smoothly, meeting a lot of new people and enjoying her studies, especially mathematics with Ms Greene, coding with Mr Hulshoff and science and sport – both with Miss Woodford. "The College and its teachers are great, the other students are nice and I just like how the school runs. I also love the classrooms," Lillian said.

Ben is glad Lillian is going to the same school as him and has enjoyed comparing a few notes with his daughter. "St Norbert College has always been family-focused and friendly and was always supportive when issues such as bulling arose. I am glad to see Lillian connecting with some of the things I did at her age and hope she has a happy, safe and fun experience at the College."

Norbertus is grateful for the Halse family's participation in this issue and wishes Lillian success and happiness during her time at St Norbert College.

Lillian and her father Mr Benedict Halse (Class of 1996).

Ben's 1996 Koinonia Year 12 photograph.

1996 Prémontré House Captains: Benedict Halse, Melanie Bruyer, Fleur Mortimer and Ben's brother, Sam Halse.

The Devereux Family

ALIGNED VALUES

Year 7 student Merrick Devereux of Xanten House is the son of two former St Norbert College alumni, John Devereux (Class of 1996) and Kirsten Devereux (nee Simons, Class of 1998), who each attended the College for five years but did not officially meet until a couple of years after Kirsten left school.

"It was uncanny that we had probably crossed paths so many times at school," John said, "but we did not meet until the year 2001."

As well as marrying fellow St Norbert's students and enrolling Merrick at Treasure Road, the couple still keep in touch with a large group of their school friends. "Merrick is surprised at how many of our family friends are all ex-students, and are now married to each other with families of their own, some of whom attend St Norbert's with Merrick. Plus, some of our peers from our own classes are now employed at St Norbert's," the couple said.

John and Kirsten both have great memories of their time at St Norbert College despite the facilities not being as extensive and advanced as those that Merrick enjoys today. "We were excited to have the Xanten Centre and the pool back then, but to see the facilities the children have access to now is wonderful – they are very lucky!"

John was in Mrs Fleur Cason-Dorisio's Xanten's Homeroom and made his mark on the College by being on the Student Representative Council in Years 11 and 12, receiving the Excellence in Industrial Workshop Award in Year 12 and earning a prestigious Principal's Medallion in his final year at school. "I enjoyed manual arts with Mr Cencic, touch typing with Mrs Tavani and photography with Mr McAllister and was sometimes the unofficial photographer at school events," John recalled. Indeed, the editor's acknowledgement page in the 1996 Koinonia thanked John for "Photography at every College function". After leaving St Norbert's, John completed a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning at Curtin University and is currently completing an applied technology undergraduate certificate at the University of Tasmania.

Kirsten was a member of Mrs Linda Meney's Magdeburg Homeroom and was a House Captain in 1998 as well as an SRC representative in 1996, one of the years John was also on the council. "The Year 10 survival camp was memorable experience for me as it was enjoyable but also provided an opportunity for self-discovery and learning resilience," she said. Kirsten completed a Bachelor of Nursing at Edith Cowan University, a Master's in Nursing at Curtin University and has additional post-graduate certificates from both Curtin and Notre Dame Universities.

John and Kirsten have shared many stories of their time at St Norbert's with Merrick and are glad he is following in their footsteps. "The St Norbert College community is one that aligns with our values and we hope that Merrick takes advantage of the opportunities that arise and makes meaningful relationships that take him into adulthood as we have."

And how has Merrick settled into his new school? Fortunately, two of his close primary school friends started with him this year and the orientation day was a great way to meet some new people. Merrick has been impressed with the overall transition to high school. "I have made lots of new friendships in the first few weeks at St Norbert's and the College has done a lot of things for the Year 7s to make sure they fit in. It is a really nice environment to learn in," Merrick said. "As far as subjects go, I am enjoying media arts with Ms Marsh, but I have to say Mrs Michelle Lucas is my favourite teacher because she is my aunty!" In his spare time, Merrick enjoys playing the bass guitar and hockey and likes to dabble in some additional mathematics.

Norbertus welcomes the Devereux family back to the St Norbert's fold and wishes Merrick all the best as he pursues his high school studies at St Norbert College.

The Devereux family: Kirsten, John and their son Merrick.

Kirsten (standing, right) with fellow 1998 Magdeburg House Captains Jason Murray, Elisa McKenna and Luke Pollaart.

John, centre, with some of his Homeroom classmates in 1996.

MRS MICHELLE LUCAS

Working Together

Mrs Michelle Lucas (nee Devereux, Class of 1988) was a student at St Norbert College from 1984 to 1988 and happily remembers the positive influence of teachers such as Miss Kerri Hilton (Homeroom and drama), Mrs Maureen Tavani (typing), Mr Kevin Tutt (economics) and Mr Kevin O'Brien. A Xanten House Captain in Year 12, Michelle immersed herself fully in College life and really thrived during her time in high school.

"Memories such as winning Champion Girl in swimming, the Year 8 camp and the Year 10 survival camp, the Year 12 retreat, going on safari to Northern Territory and the Year 10, 11 and 12 dances all made my time at school very interesting and enjoyable," Michelle recalled.

Michelle particularly loved her time on stage at St Norbert's. "Being in the College production, going on excursions to different plays, and touring with our production to Bunbury with Miss Hilton were all great highlights. I am still best friends with Joanne Keep (nee Wardle) from school."
This year Michelle has returned to St Norbert's to oversee the College work experience program and she is also a Xanten Homeroom teacher.
"I am the Director of Vocational Education and Training, responsible for the placement and monitoring of students out on work experience. I also complete all the administration of vocational courses enrolment and resulting placements."

Originally a business, religious education and social studies teacher, Michelle was working at Kearnan College in Manjimup when she was offered the opportunity to join a steering committee to develop vocational education in the southwest which she readily embraced. "This was an amazing and exciting time and the beginning of my career in the VET field. I was appointed Head of VET at Mandurah Catholic College in 2007 and stayed there for 15 years. I love working with students to create a pathway for their future career," Michelle said.

Michelle lives in Mandurah with her husband Aaron, twin daughters Rachael and Melanie, and two dogs, Kath and Arnie. "I enjoy going out with my friends, going for walks, and going on their boats. I climbed Bluff Knoll late last year so I would like to do more walks like that."

Mrs Michelle Lucas, left, pictured with close friend Mrs Joanne Keep (both Class of 1988), accepted the position of Director of Vocational Education and Training at St Norbert College this year.

WELCOME BACK TO ST NORBERT COLLEGE

One logistical detail Michelle had to consider this year was the commute from Mandurah to Queens Park but the relaxed coastal living south of Perth makes up for the drive. "Living in Mandurah could be seen as a disadvantage, but I have enjoyed the peace and quiet. Friday afternoon is annoying – stop going south Perth people! Mandurah is a great place to live and I feel like I am on holidays every weekend."

Michelle has enjoyed the return to her old school and has already experienced the sense of community for which the College is renowned. "It has been like coming home. It is quite surreal coming back as a staff member. In February it was quite special to be back here as my mum was diagnosed with leukemia and the support given to me by staff and students has been amazing. It is like being welcomed back into the family. Working with my 'old' teachers has been brilliant."

Michelle also has some special connections with members of the St Norbert College community. "One bonus is that I get to come to school with my nephew Merrick Devereux in Year 7, that is a bit special. Working with an old school friend and 1988 Student Council President Simon Harvey is also nice. Realising that Fr Peter is actually a very funny and kind man – he scared me a little at school – has also been great!"

When asked if she made the right decision to come back to St Norbert College, Michelle is very positive and is looking forward to a rewarding and satisfying stay at Treasure Road.

"I love being back and St Norbert College is a wonderful place to work with a strong sense of community that embraces and caters for all students. I would like to develop good relationships with students, parents and employers. Working together is very important so we can provide the best service for our students. The world of work is constantly changing, and I want to be able to give as many opportunities as I can to the students at St Nobert College."

Norbertus is glad Michelle has brought her expertise and enthusiasm back "home" and wishes her a every success and happiness in her role.

Michelle during her school days.

Made it! The final day of Year 12 in 1988.

Spot the Principal at the 1988 College Ball ... Michelle was in the same year at St Norbert College as Mr Simon Harvey and is pleased to be working alongside him this year.

CLASS OF 2011 Reunion

The Camfield,
February 12, 2022

Kieran Dally, Vinnie Paparone and Connor Ramsay.

Stephanie Carlsson, baby Ellie and Lee White (Class of 2015).

Tiffany Tremeer and Emily Rozario.

Gabby and Dermott Carr.

Jessica Owen and Sophia Aguasa.

Former Kilnacrott K4 Homeroom classmates George Dessipris and Dermott Carr.

CLASS OF 2011 Wedding

Gabby Subhas and Dermott Carr

St Augustines's Church, Rivervale

Two members of the Class of 2011, Dermott Carr and Gabby Subhas, commenced a courtship after graduating from St Norbert College which culminated in their marriage at St Augustine's Church, Rivervale, in November last year. The wedding party consisted entirely of St Norbert College alumni, including Dermott's brother Peter (Class of 2009) who was best man and Class of 2011 classmates Tiffany Tremeer, Emily Rozario, Kyle Norton and Daniel Boase.

A wedding reception for friends and family was held at Fraser's Restaurant in Kings Park, before the couple spent a relaxing weekend away at Margaret River. A European honeymoon is being planned once travel restrictions have eased enough to the couple's liking. Dermott is currently an economic advisor at the Treasury Department and Gabby is a manager in finance advisory at Deloitte.

Norbertus wishes Dermott and Gabby a happy, healthy and successful future together.

Dermott and Gabby Carr (both Class of 2011) and their bridal party after their wedding at St Augustine's, Rivervale, on November 6, 2021: Kyle Norton (2011), Tiffany Tremeer (2011), best man Peter Carr (2009), Emily Rozario (2011) and Daniel Boase (2011).

Dermott and Gabby enter their wedding reception celebrations at Fraser's Restaurant in Kings Park.

LCPL MICKEY TKACZ, USMC

The Best of the Best

Mr Mickey Tkacz (Class of 2018) was a member of Ms Donna Bunyan's Magdeburg Homeroom for six years, and since leaving St Norbert College, has been living a very full life. Mickey moved to the United States, became a Lance Corporal in the US Marine Corps, married his wife Elise and recently became a father, with the birth of his son Arlo, six months ago. Mickey recently took time out of his very busy schedule to chat with Norbertus about his life in the US military ...

What led you to decide to pursue a career in the US military?
My decision to join the United States Marine Corps was based on the stories I heard of my father's time in the military and a desire to be a part of the best of the best, the USMC.
I decided not to join the Australian Defence Force for two main reasons. I wanted to be able to utilise my American citizenship, and for a while and I had also felt a longing to be in a place other than Australia. You could say I wanted to begin a fresh, new chapter in my life.

What does it take to become a member of the USMC?
Prior to boot-camp, it took about six months of preparation, getting into very good shape, quite a bit of administrative paperwork and attending Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS), where they would evaluate you for military service.
If you pass the MEPS for your military branch, you are then validated as meeting all the requirements to be able to leave for boot-camp and complete the gruelling three months of training to earn the title of Marine.
Once that is over you are then sent to School of Infantry (SOI) where you train on everything combat related. After SOI, I was then taken to my schoolhouse where I was for quite some time. There is where you learn and earn whatever military occupational speciality (MOS) you applied for. Once that is over, you hit the fleet Marine Corps, something young buck Marines think they'll never see after being stuck on "student status" (boot-camp, SOI, and the schoolhouse) for so long. Once you hit the fleet, it's game on. You have to prove yourself every day to not only your peers, but your "highers" – higher ranking officers – and most importantly, yourself.
Motivation comes and goes in the fleet but if you make it through one day, you can make it through the next.
Keeping the initial motivation you had before joining throughout boot-camp and training was key to me. What drove me the most was the option to quit whenever you wanted to was always there. Coming home a failure was more daunting than however many more weeks I had to spend at Marine Recruit Depot San Diego boot-camp.

What is your current position in the USMC and what does it involve?
I am a Lance Corporal in 7th ESB, 1st EOD (Explosives Ordnance Disposal) Company. My native MOS is a 3531, Motor T Operator. We're the guys who drive the tactical vehicles for the needs of the Marine Corps – vehicles such

The Tkacz family: Elise, Mickey and baby Arlo.

as HMMWV (Humvees), JLTV, MTVR and LVSR. Right now, I'm in the billet – or service – of the Motor T Operations Chief for my company. As I'm in the billet of a higher-ranking officer, there's a lot more of a paperwork aspect to my job now, as opposed to when I was with my old company, ESC (Engineer Services Company). It's nice being able to come into work and sit at a desk after being boots on the ground for so long.

The Marine Corps' EOD (Explosives Ordnance Disposal) mission is to support the marine, air and ground task forces, homeland defence, special operations forces, and other government agencies by detecting and rendering safe hazards from foreign and domestic sources, unexploded explosive ordnance, improvised explosive device (IEDs), and weapons of mass destruction that present a threat to operations, installations or personnel.
If you've ever seen the movie "The Hurt Locker", that is exactly what EOD does, except in the USMC.

What opportunities and experiences has this position provided you?
I have had the chance to work with a lot of higher-ranking individuals in my present company, as EOD only accepts anyone that is Sergeant or above, and only after passing selection as well as different schools. All the guys in my platoon are hard-core, seasoned veterans of combat, mostly dating from the years of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. They share a lot of knowledge, experience and skills. To be a Lance Corporal working with a bunch of such staff is a very privileged opportunity.

What does the future hold for you and your family?
I hope to continue my job in the same way I am doing now and gain as much knowledge as I can until the end of my contract. I have about a year left and am still undecided about whether I am going to re-enlist. My main focus is on my wife, Elise, who is also a marine – and a much more badass one than I am! – and my son, Arlo. First and foremost is to make sure they're being looked after and then I suppose I will see where the military takes me.

What do you and Elise and Arlo do in your downtime to relax?
I am pretty occupied with life right now after just having my son six months ago. So, at the moment, we're still taking it day by day and working to find our groove with our new addition to the family!
For fun I go to the gym and spend time with Elise and Arlo. I also love to take my truck wheeling, as well as visiting national parks and small vacation towns such as Idyllwild – just generally being among wildlife, as my wife and I are avid adventure and nature-seekers.

Fulfilling a dream and following in his father Mike Tkacz's US military footsteps, LCpl Mickey Tkacz, USMC.

In September 2020, Mickey was one of 250 US military personnel who battled wildfires near Fresno, California.

Mickey in a variety of operational and training situations with the USMC.

MR ADAM DI PLACIDO

Making an Impact

Mr Adam Di Placido (Class of 1997) completed an electrical apprenticeship after leaving St Norbert College in 1996 and several years later commenced his business career working as a sole trader operating out of a single van in the Beckenham area.

Today, Adam is currently group managing director of the ADCO Group in Kenwick which employs 400 people and provides electrical, mechanical, integration and fire services to the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. He is also the founder of Kolbang Pty Ltd which is an Indigenous-owned enterprise which employs 50 people.

Adam appreciated his time as a student at St Norbert's but was one of those students who couldn't wait for school to be over so he could pursue his ambition of finding his ideal trade in the real world. "It was and is a great College, but I was one of those people that was ready to leave when I arrived.," Adam said. "I had it in my head I wanted to be a tradesman from a young age and could not wait to get on the tools, so to speak."

Adam has always been a hands-on person, so subjects like woodwork, metalwork and outdoor education were his favourites and helped determine his subsequent career path after leaving school. "I loved the camps and everything outdoors, and being practical – it's helped me a lot to build the business I have today. When I started off as an electrician, what I learned at St Norbert's inspired me to use my hands."

Realising an academic pathway was not an option, Adam knew he was destined to pursue an occupation that contributed to the construction industry and was glad the College recognised this. "At the time I wasn't sure what trade I wanted to do, but my passion was to become a tradesman and build a business. The College was very good about it and supported my aspirations."

A member of Mrs Maureen Loveland's Kilnacrott Homeroom, Adam left school in 1996 and – after completing stints of work experience at five different companies ranging from plumbing to cabinetmaking – qualified as an electrician after completing a four-year apprenticeship. After two years of working for a salary during the week and doing additional private jobs on the weekend, Adam was confident he could set up his own business and – at the young age of 21 – he started ADCO.

During the past two decades, Adam has grown the business into the large, successful, integrated construction industry

Adam Di Placido (rear, centre) as a Year 10 student in his Kilnacrott Homeroom in 1995.

Mr Adam Di Placido (front, centre) with some of his ADCO workforce and some Kolbang employees.

service provider it is today, employing apprentices, fully-qualified tradespeople, technicians, civil operators, estimators, project managers, health and safety managers and engineers. "I am incredibly proud that at ADCO, a lot of our people in these roles have come up via traineeships in our company, and they go on to more senior operational roles," Adam said. "Many of the people in ADCO, including three of my general managers, started as apprentices. They were my first three employees and now they are in leadership positions helping manage our day-to-day operations."

And while such a successful business brings financial and personal rewards, Adam gains most satisfaction from interacting with his co-workers, customers and the wider community. "For me, ADCO is not as much about the work we do, but the people who I work with and the impact we have not just in the work we do but across the community as well."

Adam and his staff at ADCO have been particularly generous in their support of the St Norbert College workplace learning program, giving many students exposure to a wide variety of trades and work contexts, but Adam sees this yet another perk of his work. "I've always loved giving people the opportunity to learn their own trade and start a similar journey to what I've had," he said. "When I started ADCO I was only 21 years old, so I understand the positive influence good leadership and training can have on a person's life. That's why I've always been a big supporter of traineeships, apprentices and work experience programs, so I think it's important to provide those opportunities for young men and women now so they too can go on to pursue their dreams."

Running such a large organisation is very demanding and time-consuming but Adam is a big believer in the adage that if you find a career you love, you'll never work a day in your life. "People that know me would say my hobby is working. I love my job and I love everything I do. I've been blessed to be able to mould my personal life into my business life and have family and friends that accept that."

On a personal level, Adam attributes a lot of his success to his parents who instilled strong core values in him which he has continued to build on during his life, and enjoys quality time with his family which is precious. "I have a beautiful wife and two young girls and enjoy all the challenges and memories that being a father brings."

When asked if he had any advice for St Norbert College students who would soon choosing subjects for upper school or those who were leaving school, Adam recommended students follow their passion. "I would tell any young person to continue to focus on what their passionate about, never stop learning along the way, be respectful, be committed, be focused, be driven, be ambitious and show up every day with all of your energy."

Norbertus fully endorses these sentiments and congratulates Adam on his success and willingness to give back to the wider community, especially accommodating aspiring tradespeople – such as those from St Norbert College – with a variety of work placement opportunities, advice and encouragement. Twenty-five years or so after leaving St Norbert's he is still living the College motto of "Prepared for All Good Works".

Mr Trevor Saunders, St Norbert College Work Placement Coordinator.

Fantastic Support from ADCO

Mr Trevor Saunders, St Norbert College Work Placement Coordinator

When I first spoke to Adam several years ago he spoke glowingly of his time at St Norbert College and encouraged me to get in touch whenever we needed help with work experience and workplace learning placements. In following up, I have found his support to be fantastic, whether with the one-week work experience placements for Year 10s in June and December, or the one day a week workplace learning placements for Year 11s and 12s in First and Second Semester.

Currently, we have four students undertaking workplace learning with ADCO, two of whom followed on from a week of work experience last December; these are prized placements and can often be hard to find.

Adam's willingness to help students explore their career interests and make their way in the world has contributed greatly to the success of our WorkPrep Program.

It is a pleasure to work with Adam and Katie Harrison (office support) as they are always good to speak with and ready to help whenever possible, as well as being very organised with rigid application procedures, inductions, safety protocols and communication standards.

Aspiring Sparkies Shine at ADCO

Year 11 Magdeburg House student **Nicholas Kelly** has his heart set on securing an electrical apprenticeship and is currently gaining valuable experience during his one-day-a-week work placement at ADCO. Nicholas is enjoying his time there and is grateful for the accommodating approach of the tradespeople who are mentoring him. "Adam was nice and welcoming to ADCO and the workers are also friendly and allow me to complete jobs," he said. Nicholas has been installing power outlets, lights and other electrical devices and looks forward to the day he qualifies as an electrician.

Year 12 Prémontré House student **Cameron Roch** is enjoying his time at ADCO, especially working on site with qualified electricians who get him to do a variety of jobs to lend a hand and pick up some practical experience. The work placement is helping Cameron to decide on his future options and at this stage an electrical apprenticeship is looking like a good career path for him to pursue.

Year 11 student **Cody Balazs**, also of Prémontré House, has been also working with an electrician, installing and removing power boxes on building sites, as well as spending time in the workshop helping count and replace electrical inventory. "I've enjoyed working at ADCO as it gives me opportunities to learn and find out more about being an electrician and what type of work they do on a day-to-day basis," Cody said. "I hope to pursue being an electrician in the future as I think it's a job I'd like to do and that I'd find interesting to do."

Year 11 student Nicholas Kelly at the ADCO yard, ready for a day's work during his work placement.

Cameron Roch.

Cody Balazs.

St Norbert Day *Celebrations,* FRIDAY JUNE 2, 2022

The crowd builds for the staff – student soccer game.

St Norbert Day College assembly.

CURRENT AND FORMER STAFF MEMBERS CONGREGATE FOR ST NORBERT DAY

Tracey Burgoyne and Samantha Mark. Tracey is currently teaching a range of subjects at Salvado Catholic College.

Katelyn Isard, Fiona Williams and Don Parnell. Fiona is soon to retire from La Salle College where she has held a variety of positions including Touching Hearts Coordinator, while Don is currently delivering a range of certificate courses at a private training college.

Mater Dei Principal Annette Morey catches up with Fr Peter Joseph.

Aaron McGoorty, and Susan Teo who commenced teaching mathematics at Fremantle Christian College this year.

Donna Bunyan, Aaron D'Souza and Alysia Gustafsson. Alysia commenced teaching science at Our Lady of Mercy College, Australind, this year.

Brendan McGrath and Lisa Quartermain. Brendan is currently Head of Middle School at Salvado Catholic College.

Michelle Barrow with Penny Mulley who is Head of English at Mater Dei College.

Maureen Tavani and Marriann O'Neill who is currently working at CBC Fremantle.

Evie Morris and Samantha Eloff. Evie is working as an education assistant at Chisholm Catholic College.

Cian O'Gradaigh and Luke Nuske with his daughter Florence. Luke is teaching mathematics at Chisholm Catholic College.

Lyndsey Cardenia and Melda Lim, pictured with Georgette Alliss who is working part-time at Christ Church Grammar School.

Alysia Gustafsson and Alexandra Muir.

Elisa White, Tracey Burgoyne and Evie Morris. Elisa is currently teaching Year 3 at St John Paul II Catholic Primary School.

Jenneth Stibi is Faith and Liturgy Coordinator at Mater Dei College and Chris Brehaut is Head of Design at Corpus Christi College.

Marie Johnson is teaching English at CBC Fremantle and is pictured with St Norbert College alumna and English teacher Kelsey Zampino.

Anne Spinks, Killian O'Reilly and Tania Harvey. Killian has stopped relief teaching and is now fully retired. Tania has changed roles at St Norbert College and now works as an administrative assistant in The Arts after many years' service in student reception.

The Right Spirit, A HISTORY OF ACC SPORT

Dr Ken Spillman is a prominent Perth author who has superbly captured the inspirational story of the Associated and Catholic Colleges of WA in his latest book The Right Spirit, A History of ACC Sport.

After many months of meticulous research, Perth author Dr Ken Spillman has written the definitive history of the Associated and Catholic Colleges of WA, the largest private school sporting association in Australia. The book, *The Right Spirit, A History of ACC Sport*, is packed with information, anecdotes, personal stories and team glory, and hundreds of images of ACC sport over the past 85 years.

The ACC Director of Sport and St Norbert College alumnus, Mr Kyle March (Class of 1979), is delighted with the book and enthusiastic about how Dr Spillman has captured the association's key element of inclusion. "Inclusion of all denominations, genders and abilities has been in our DNA since the Christian Brothers first started the association," Mr March said. "People often talk about how many schools we have and the systems we developed to manage all that sport, but for me the barometer of our success has been our 'sport for all' philosophy. Watching St Norbert's Peter Bol and Paralympian Rhiannon Clarke run at Tokyo was a very proud moment for everyone involved with ACC sport. Just knowing that the opportunities we provide helped them find their talent and live their dream makes it all worthwhile."

Dr Spillman has included many references to St Norbert College students, teachers and coaches in the book and remarked that the College has certainly "punched above its weight" in a wide variety of sports. Like many Australians, he was particularly inspired by the story behind the emergence of Peter Bol (Class of 2012) and rates Peter's journey to the Olympics as "a wonderful story".

Dr Spillman and the ACC have generously permitted *Norbertus* to reproduce the following excerpts from *The Right Spirit*. To order a copy of the book go online to accwa.square.site or visit the ACC office in the Newman Siena Centre in Doubleview (phone 92415201).

The Right Spirit, A History of ACC Sport features many stories and photographs of St Norbert College students, staff and sporting teams.

The Right Spirit, A HISTORY OF ACC SPORT

Top (football) players for St Norbert in the 1970s included Colin Bennett, David Bianchini, John Devitt, Martin Doyle, Danny Volaric and a burly lad named Stephen Camarri, who also starred in cricket and athletics throughout his school years. (Page 79)

St Norbert started strongly in ACC soccer in 1977, Alec O'Connell starring in a 5-nil defeat of Servite and a 4-nil triumph over St Brendan's. The following year, St Norbert's best player was Walter Aquino, the first-choice goalkeeper who liked a run on the pitch and made the most of limited opportunities by netting twelve goals. (Pages 84-5)

"Participating in the ACC athletics competition was an important part of my development. It taught me the importance of working hard to achieve a result, and that through hard work, it is possible to achieve what you thought was unobtainable." Daniel Bianchini, St Norbert College student 1980-1984. (Page 84)

For a majority of competitors, the pride of representing their college was no less than the pride Olympians feel in representing their country. ACC carnivals were never-to-be-forgotten experiences. St Norbert College student Daniel Bianchini, for example, would remember the B division carnival of 1984. Then in Year 12, he won selection in the interschool team for the first time. That year, teacher Mark Carroll formed a running group named the Dingoes, and members across all years became 'tight knit'. T-shirts were made up with 'Dingoes – Fast and Tough' emblazoned across them, and Carroll gave Bianchini belief that he could not only make the team for the 1500m, but finish in the first three at the ACC. "As someone who was accustomed to coming second last in most running races," Bianchini recalled, "this was a complete change of mindset for me." (Page 107)

The 1985 football season was one to remember for St Norbert College. After finishing sixth in 1983 and third in 1984, the First XVIII did not record a loss, bringing the championship to Queens Park after downing John XXIII by 49 points in the

St Norbert's First XVIII football team benefitted from the physical presence supplied by Stephen Camarri (front) in the late 1970s.

Walter Aquino (front, centre) had a successful soccer season in 1978, bagging 12 goals.

Alec O'Connell (front) enjoyed a stand-out season in First XI soccer in 1977.

Principal Tom Corcoran and his all-conquering 1986 softball team. Tom described Nikki Tozer (seated, second from left) as possessing the opposite to a killer instinct: "She always apologises for getting one of them out," Tom said. In the 1986 Koinonia, Christine Bean (seated, left), who later taught at St Norbert's, had her season summarised as: "Smiles all the time. Very athletic but doesn't like to hit the ball too hard."

Mr John Pollaers (left), pictured with Mr Tom Corcoran and Ms Leilana Wilson in the 1985 Koinonia used "advanced psychological techniques" in his role as First XI soccer coach in 1984.

decider. Co-captained by Richard Harvey and Peter Robert, the team had other great servants in Adrian Egan, Dale Hamaguchi, Bill Pears and its fairest and best winner, Barry Cable jnr, whose "excellent reading of the play" was doubtless inherited from his famous father, a legendary Perth and North Melbourne champion. (Page 116)

St Norbert (softball) teams – under long-time coach (and college principal) Tom Corcoran – claimed the premierships of 1986 and 1987. According to Corcoran, his 1986 team included some great characters. Nikki Tozer was remarkable because she "always apologises to the opposition for getting one of them out", while Odette Samuels "has to be restrained after she arrives at home base". (Page 117)

"Our fine coach, Mr John Pollaers, used advanced psychological techniques to hone our minds to the framework necessary for success. Perhaps the most significant example of this came before the first match of the season against the Servite team. Upon sighting the opposition our team became despondent and pessimistic. Recognising this, the coach leapt to his feet, hit his head on the roof of the bus, decided to sit down again, and gave an emotive lecture on 'the will to win'. His confidence in our ability inspired us to a 2-0 win over our adversaries." Captain's report, St Norbert College 1984 First XI soccer team. (Page 120)

Athletes graduating from school in the 2010s still had plenty of time to shoot for the heavens in the 2020s. The most wonderful of all human stories in this decade of ACC history involved St Norbert College student Nagmeldin 'Peter' Bol. Bol's family had fled conflict in Sudan in 1998, when he was four; he had come to St Norbert College after being awarded a basketball scholarship. When teacher Helen Leahy (née Moore), a leading swimmer for John XXIII in the 1980s asked Bol to run his first 800m race at St Norbert College, he replied: "How many laps is that, Miss?" On hearing of Bol's talent, Helen's father Mr Brian Moore committed to paying coaching fees, track shoes, uniform costs and other expenses, while Leahy built a support network of athletes through St Norbert College. After representing Australia at the 2016 Olympic Games, Bol captured Australia's imagination with his performance at the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021, where he was fourth across the line in the 800m final. (Pages 208-9)

The St Norbert's 1985 First XVIII football team went through the season undefeated, coached by Mr Damien Flanagan and co-captained by Richard Harvey and Peter Robert.

Dual Olympian Peter Bol celebrates victory in a heat of the 800m men's race in Tokyo.

Daniel Bianchini improved his track performances in 1984, partly as a result of joining the Dingoes running club established by teacher Mr Mark Carroll (right).

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Then and Now

1990 St Norbert College Student Handbook

Following are some excerpts from the 1990 St Norbert College Student Handbook, including the unit description of Typewriting 5.1 which covers the use of carbon paper, and a College site map which does not reflect some of the more recently constructed buildings including the ORC, the Br Patrick Doolan Learning Centre, the Cappenburg Language Centre, the Trade Training Centre and the Xanten Performing Arts Centre.

Student Diary

Parents are asked to view each night's homework and then sign the Diary. It should be noted that Homework entails not only set written work, but revision, wider reading and test preparation.

Categories for Enrolment Preferences

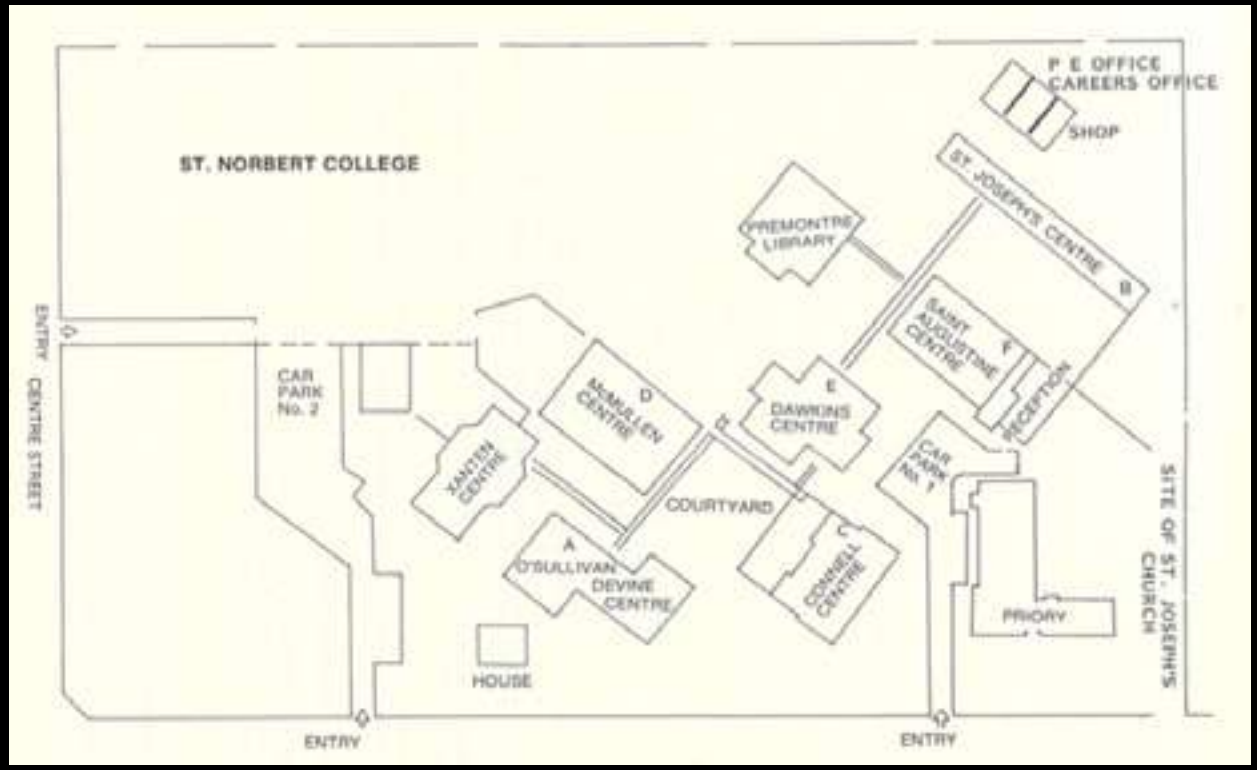
a) Siblings
b) Catholics in Catholic "feeder" primary schools
c) Catholics in Non-Catholic primary schools
d) Non-Catholics in Catholic primary schools
e) Non-Catholics in Non-Catholic primary schools

All parents who enrol students must complete the Parent Undertaking and supply a Parish or Christian reference with their deposit monies and the application form.

The College Library

In general terms, the College library seeks to reflect the principles outlined by the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia which uses both a moral and educational rationale as a basis for its policy statement. The College library is viewed as a major learning centre for "...the deepening of cultural heritage and faith" and also for "...the promotion of regard for literature, good reading and study habits, and the acquisition of information skills".

Site Plan of St Norbert College



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Letters
Parents should direct queries to staff members through letters addressed to the Principal who will direct them to the staff member concerned.

TYPEWRITING 4.1 Unit Description
This unit continues the development of typewriting techniques and associated skills to improve speed and accuracy. The skills of reading and understanding handwritten copy are taught. Also covered are the basic rules of word division, abbreviations, capitalisation and punctuation.

TYPEWRITING 5.1 Unit Description
This unit continues the development of typewriting skills, speed and accuracy. The skills of using carbon paper, addressing letters, pivoting, using leader dots and tabulating column headings are taught. The concept of "mailable copy" is encouraged throughout the unit.

Excerpts from the School Rules
- That they do not deny others the right to a fair share of the teacher's time
- On public transport common courtesy must be observed, particularly in avoiding all forms of noise, in offering seats to adults and in treating transport officers with courtesy and respect.
- All types of unruly behaviour are forbidden. Bullying and fighting are not permitted. Common law protects the peaceful person in the community and the school.

Study
- Ask questions – in school as in the Law, ignorance is no plea if a student does not ask for clarification or assistance when the opportunity arises.
- Preparation for class – ruling pages beforehand, having required textbooks, pre-reading where appropriate.
- Ensure that relaxation breaks during study are not excuses to avoid work.
- Parents should refuse to accept feeble excuses for consistent failure to study at home and contact the Principal should the question of home study present difficulties.

A student typist photographed in the late 1980s. "The skills of using carbon paper" was one component of a 1990 typing class.

SNESA'S 2022 *Season So Far*

Mr Laurie Catalano, SNESA President

Firstly, welcome to season 2022! The start of 2022 has been one of the best in the SNESA Football Club history. Some big off-season signings in AFL premiership players Chris Masten and Sharrod Wellingham brought some great fanfare and media attention to the club which is transferring nicely onto the ground.

Currently the club is preparing for Round 10 of the season, the League team is currently sitting on 8-1, the Reserves team record sits at 4-5 and our Thirds team are sitting on 4-1 after a COVID-affected season has seen three of their games abandoned.

The League team has had a bolter of a start to 2022. The inclusion of star players, master-minded by Coach Mark Lupica has seen a positive culture spread amongst the club and this is proven in the results. Apart from the ex-AFL players, SNESA stalwarts Ben Hall, Grant Dunn, Mark Colace, Ben Williams and Josh Dobbs are having breakout seasons in their own right. The League team sits on 8-1 for 2022 and are second on the ladder to Brentwood-Booragoon heading into Round 10.

Reserves have had a mixed start to the season. With COVID affecting the club on a few occasions the Reserves team has seen large interruptions to their list. However, the team still sit on 4-5 for the first seven rounds with a healthy percentage seeing them well in the fight for a finals spot come August. Coach Brendan Colkers is looking forward to getting a healthy and full-strength team back on the ground to bring back the domination his team is well capable of.

Thirds have really come of age in 2022. Unfortunately, with the new COVID rules though, when the club runs short of players, the highest grades are prioritised. This has seen the Thirds only compete for five games to date in 2022, however they remain third after those five fixtures. This is the best start the Thirds team have seen to a season and something coach Matt Thomas is really keen to build on.

After 15 years, Tim Williams notched up his 150th game for SNESA against Kwinana at Parkland Mazda Oval in May.

Congratulations to Walter "Hot Tradie" Julien, pictured during his 100th game for SNESA.

Deepest condolences to the Bianchini family, following the recent loss of Eugene Bianchini. pictured centre next to wife Mary, who was a well-respected, well-known and much-loved member of the Queens Park, St Norbert College and SNESA communities. SNESA teams wore black armbands on June 4th as a mark of respect to Eugene and his family.

Events have been slow to start off in 2022 with the majority of events occurring in the second half of the season. The Siren Session in round 4 was one of the biggest in club history and saw the Queens Park facility have a facelift for the day, drawing much attention from the local community of Queens Park. Upcoming in the month of July will be NAIDOC round, Brother Pat round and Mental Health round – all important rounds for the SNESA calendar. This year Family Day has been pushed back to the final round of the season on August 13. This is always a highlight of the SNESA year and all are welcome to attend.

New sponsors on board for 2022 include Parkland Mazda, Mow Master, United Equipment, Gym 8Q8, GBL Systems and Valentini Plumbing. Along with our carry-over sponsors from previous years, SNESA is in a strong position and always grateful of our sponsors' contributions. Many of the current sponsors are businesses owned and operated by former St Norbert's students, a huge testament to the community culture of our club.

SNESA are always on the lookout for more players and volunteers. If this interests you in any way please reach out to President Laurie Catalano for more information! Otherwise, see you around the club!

The sweet taste of victory!

A Queens Park local helped keep the boys' spirits up during summer pre-season training.

James Vidot and his friend were extremely popular on the Siren Session Saturday.

Blake Ashworth and Stephen Rigg remembered.

SNESA *Footy Action*

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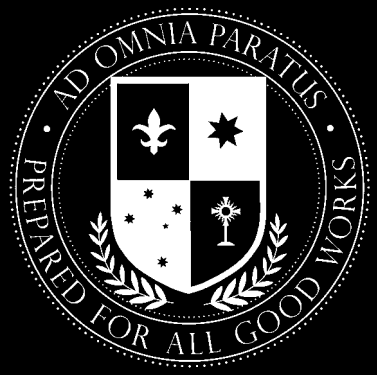
A DAY OUT

Watching The Saints at Parkland Mazda Oval



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