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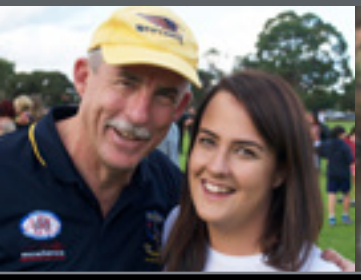

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# FROM THE EDITOR

MR FRANK MULLIGAN

**Welcome** to Issue 30 of *Norbertus*, the magazine for the alumni of St Norbert College.

Guest columnist Mr Paul Kelly commenced a very long and enduring relationship with the College when he started as a Year 6 student in 1971. A stalwart of St Joseph's Parish and long-time St Norbert College committee member and volunteer, Paul's six children followed in their father's footsteps and are all alumni of the College. In his column Paul takes a stroll down memory lane and reminisces about his association with St Norbert's over 46 years.

Next year is the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the SNESA Football Club and on a cold, dark night in August *Norbertus* met up with the club's founding fathers at Queens Park Oval to learn about the history of this great club. SNESA legend and former Deputy Principal Mick Devine's article kicks off an extensive footy coverage which includes SNESA's valiant effort to secure a long-awaited grand final victory and concludes with a look at the role played by St Norbert College alumni in the Queens Park Football Club's grand final victory in September.

*Norbertus* attended a variety of functions, events and reunions to interview and photograph a large number of alumni, including a new section featuring engagements, marriages and births, and we also tracked down some former staff members to see what they have been up to since leaving Treasure Road. A look at the College every 10 years from 1967 reflects a College striving towards continual improvement.

In the last edition of *Norbertus* we farewelled Mrs Annette Morey after five and a half years of outstanding service and in this edition we welcome new Principal, Mr Simon Harvey. Mr Harvey (Class of 1988) is an alumnus of St Norbert College whose appointment as Principal in July this year was received very warmly by the St Norbert College community. During his time as a student, Simon immersed himself in a wide range of sporting, cultural and academic pursuits including being president of the Student Representative Council in 1988.

After graduating, Simon commenced work in the banking sector but his positive experiences at St Norbert College made him contemplate pursuing a career in education. Upon completion of a physical education degree, Simon commenced his teaching career at Kolbe Catholic College in Rockingham before returning to Treasure Road as an outdoor education teacher, Head of Prémontré House and Acting Deputy Principal on several occasions. In 2007 Simon received the inaugural Br Patrick Doolan Medal which is awarded to a staff member who has most exemplified the College motto of "prepared for all good works". This award was particularly poignant given Simon's close relationship with Br Pat, for whom he delivered a moving eulogy in 2006, and the Norbertines over many years.

In 2008 Simon was appointed Deputy Principal at Emmanuel Catholic College, and went on to deputy principal roles at Trinity College and Chisholm Catholic College, before a brief stint as Acting Principal at St Luke's College, Karratha. Married to Maria with three daughters, Jenna, Eva and Lucy, Simon is very pleased to return to St Norbert College and generously accepted *Norbertus'* invitation to make a contribution to this edition.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of *Norbertus*, especially Mr Matthew Biddle.

As always, if you have any news about St Norbert College alumni, please contact fmulligan@norbert.wa.edu.au.

*Mr Simon Harvey in 2007 pictured with Patrick Stapleton and Jeremy Truong at the College ball. Guest columnist Mr Paul Kelly as a Year 12 student in 1977.*

MR SIMON HARVEY

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with a great sense of pride and pleasure that I write my first welcome for *Norbertus*. I feel enormously proud of the fact that I have the opportunity to express my thoughts not only as the Principal, but also as a fellow ex-student of this wonderful College. I'm sure I speak for many who have walked the path as a student here when I say that my heart definitely beats to a different rhythm when I think about St Norbert College. Any community is only as strong as those who support it and it is always enjoyable to read the positive impact that the St Norbert College community has had on those who contribute to this wonderful publication.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work of Mrs Annette Morey, as the Principal of St Norbert College for the past five and a half years. Annette has now taken up Principalship at Mater Dei College in Edgewater, but in her time here she was always very supportive of our ex-students and the *Norbertus* publication. We wish Annette well at Mater Dei and warmly welcome her return to St Norbert College and any associated events in the future.

In my time working away from the College, I have always held a keen interest in the adventures, exploits and achievements of so many ex-students and staff, and *Norbertus* has been a wonderful way that we all maintain our connection with the College. I would like then to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Maureen Tavani who was so pivotal in the development of this publication from its earliest inception, followed by Mr Frank Mulligan who has worked so creatively to bring *Norbertus* to life in its current form.

I'm sure you will all agree when you take some time to read through this publication. It is great to read the contributions and perceptions of Aaron McGoorty and Aaron D'Souza, two ex-students who like me, have returned to St Norbert College in a teaching capacity. I also had the pleasure of working closely with Jenneth Stibi for nine years, who is acknowledged in this edition. Jenneth was very influential in my pastoral leadership and development and I am very lucky to have her as a friend and confidante.

I also find it very enjoyable to read the articles and view the photos from the various reunions and am excited about the possibility of joining with my classmates from the Class of 1988 for our 30-year reunion next year!

I commend the work being done by so many to keep the connection with our College community alive and I especially look forward to the feats and deeds in future publications of *Norbertus*. I wish all members of our community well and invite you to avail yourself of all that this publication offers to members of our community, both past, present and into the future.

God bless you all,
Simon Harvey

*Stephen Mulvey and Simon Harvey in the play Charlie's Aunt in 1988.*

# Our Family AT ST NORBERT COLLEGE

MR PAUL KELLY (CLASS OF 1977) – GUEST COLUMNIST

My journey as a student at St Norbert College commenced in 1971 as a Year 6 student and finished when I graduated from Year 12 in 1977. We were the seventh class of students at the College, which started in 1966, but still considered ourselves pioneers of a sort. The co-educational impetus saw the arrival of girls in every other year but our own. To this day we have yearly reunions of the 17 students in our Year 12 class and marvel at never having shared a classroom with the "fairer sex".

As the last all-boys class, we have had many a tale to relive with teachers Mick Devine, Neville McManus and John Hulshoff at our annual gatherings – and we are in our 40th year of them now. In fact, we feel kind of special, smiles still break out at many of the adventures we had whilst at school in Queens Park. It was a far cry from the comparatively tame environs of "Nobbies" now!

There were only two main buildings, currently Prémontré and Kilnacrott, when we started in 1971 and the oval was three to four centimetres deep in water during winter which we relished sliding in during recess, lunch and footy games. In the classroom, one innovation I recall implementing and writing was the "Monthly Blab" - a one-page newspaper full of all the news of the time, promoted by veteran teacher Cyril Jones.

The new swimming pool was constructed in the mid-70s and the St Norbert College Swimming Club was born. I can still feel the deep chill through my body, remembering the time when four teams relayed over 24 hours to raise money, with 50-odd soaked towels draped over the glass fence all through the night, chilled to the bone, sleeping in a classroom in the current Kilnacrott block. Funds were so tight in those days, my father Frank Kelly and Jeff Tillemans and others sold raffle tickets in every pub along the railway line in 1971 and 1972 to raise money to pay the teachers' salaries. They were the real pioneers!

Later in the mid-70s the NI & LM Dawkins (Tongerlo), AR & MT Connell (Magdeburg) and the V. McMullen Centre (Xanten) blocks were constructed. The original names were many of the pioneers of the early harsher times of the College and gave it the base from which it has grown today. Not many remember the people behind the names.

Year 10 camp involved canoeing at Moore River. That was a fair journey in those times of the horse and cart. No, only joking! The school bus drove all us boys up there to stay in an old Christian Brothers camp where we had a whale of a time, in and out of the canoes. Surviving without a weekly telephone call to your parents was novel!

The Norbertines had a farm called Kerry Downs near York and in 1975 as part of our work experience I spent a week there as a rousabout. A rousabout, for the younger students reading this article, was a sheep farm labourer, pulling dags (look that up) off the freshly shorn fleeces and raking up the floor amidst the whirl of half a dozen shearers. It was a shock the first day, but the lanolin did wonders for my hands!

*Paul Kelly (Class of 1977) pictured with his daughter Kiara Knight (Class of 2007) at the SNESA Grand Final at Wyong Reserve in September this year. Paul Kelly assists Archbishop L.J. Goody and Fr Peter O'Reilly during the blessing of the V. McMullan Centre in 1977. The swimming pool in 1974.*

Father William O.Praem., the first Australian Norbertine, was my mentor and we did some memorable things, like lead processions through the streets of Perth which, for me as a Catholic, was a proud moment. Such events were just part of the tradition I am so proud to have been a part of over the last 47 years. I feel fortunate that Robyn, my wife, and our six children: Tyson, Kiara, Caius, Blayn, Aurea and Siena have been able to share in that tradition. The Norbertine tradition has contributed to them becoming the solid citizens they are today!

I have seen the College expand greatly to all facilities it has now, with the refurbishment of the administration building, Cappenburg Centre, Xanten Performing Arts Centre and Brother Pat Centre all coming to fruition during my time on the St Norbert College Financial Advisory Board. It's very important to give back and I am glad I have had the opportunity to be a part of this expansion and stay true to the motto "ad omnia paratus".

# Making a CONTRIBUTION

**Sarah-Jane** Wood commenced as a Year 8 student at St Norbert College in 2005, graduated in 2009 and has gone on to carve out a successful and extremely satisfying career in nursing. After completing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Edith Cowan University in 2012, Sarah-Jane commenced a Post-Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing at Notre Dame University and moved to the United Kingdom for a three-month working stint. Both before and after this trip Sarah-Jane had to contend with several family emergencies including nursing her sick grandparents every day for extended periods of time, but she also found time to work at a hospice comforting dying people while also being an active member of Alzheimer's Australia WA. Sarah-Jane is now a senior nurse and is partly responsible for the education and training of the next generation of Western Australia's nurses. While she has made such a significant contribution to nursing, Sarah-Jane believes she has been the main beneficiary – being blessed to be part of a vocation she loves and making a contribution that helps the lives of people every day. *Norbertus* was lucky enough to catch up with Sarah-Jane during a rare bit of downtime during her maternity leave after giving birth to baby Serena Lorin Nazroo in early October this year.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Congratulations to you and partner Daniel Nazroo on the recent birth of your daughter Serena. You must be busy as a first-time mother.

**Sarah-Jane (S-J):** Yes, the arrival of Serena has opened up a wonderful new and incredibly rewarding dimension in our lives. A couple of months ago work was very important, but we also found time for other interests such as creating music and writing lyrics, spending time with my family and our animals - rescue puppy Chester and cat Romeo - and travelling. Just over a year ago we were in Germany. Now a couple of those pursuits have been pushed into the background!

***N*:** Thinking back 10 or 15 years ago to your time at St Norbert College, what are a couple of your most memorable, significant or happy recollections?

**S-J:** During my first year at St Norbert College I played the lead in the annual play. I played Queen Lottie. This was probably my first memorable experience at St Norbert's. It gave me an opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and explore the creative side of myself. I originally decided to attend St Norbert's because of the performing arts program, however, ended up taking a different path toward the end of my education.

Another memorable experience at St Norbert College was when I was given the opportunity to represent the College in a State-wide student parliament. I met and collaborated with local members of parliament in my area and compiled an argument for a mock question time. Over the course of a few days different schools from across the State debated different issues facing society at that time. I was very proud to be representing St Norbert College and my local area. Needless to say, this experience sparked a passion for debating and I later joined the debating team at the College.

***N*:** Did you have a particular teacher, or a particular year or time period that helped you decide on your career path or aspects of your life in general?

*Sarah-Jane Wood (third from left) with some of her nursing colleagues.*

**S-J:** During my time at St Norbert College I always had a passion for helping others and wanted my life to mean something. I think I always wanted to explore a career in medicine in some form. This was crystalised through the Christian Service Learning program at the College when I volunteered at Work Power in Belmont. This organisation allowed people living with disabilities in the community to work and socialise in a structured and caring environment. I loved working with the staff and clients and even went back while at university. This experience allowed me to give back and understand a different area of the community I had little to do with previously. Volunteering made me think more about nursing and led me on a path to the career I am in today.

During most of my early years at St Norbert I became involved in religious education, which I find interesting considering I was never very interested in religion, but more spirituality and kindness. I remember my Year 9 religious education teacher Mr Ken O'Neil explaining religion as more about love and being a good person, than the Bible and its stories. He was one of the reasons I ended up being so involved in the Student Ministry and Norbie Care Bear program while at the College. That year I ended up receiving an award for religion, and society and environment.

***N:*** Has there ever been an occasion when the Norbertine spirit or ethos, or the College motto of 'prepared for all good works' has come to mind since you left school?

**S-J:** I understand that the Norbertine spirit encompasses many values and is about giving back to others and putting 100 per cent into everything you do. After finishing my degree I wanted to work for a company that believed in spirituality and giving back to others in a healthcare setting. St John of God Health Care has helped me give back to the community and it funds numerous health and volunteering initiatives both domestically and internationally.

The nursing profession is about self-sacrifice, sleepless nights and sore feet. Nursing is more than just a job. A nurse is a person who embodies empathy, takes his or her profession seriously, and, with patients' precious lives in their hands, double-checks their work, and delivers safe, professional, and holistic care. I view nursing, not as a job or a task, but as a service to others to ensure the patient has the best quality of life possible. I believe that my years at St Norbert College introduced me to those qualities of self-sacrifice, empathy and caring for others. I try to encompass the Norbertine spirit in all areas of my life. I have no regrets and feel so blessed to have had the experiences, and to have met the people that I have.

***N:*** What advice would you give to the students at St Norbert College today?

**S-J:** There have been many times in my life when I have needed to remind myself not to give up, and to put 100 per cent into what I am doing. There were times at university when I was confronted with situations beyond my understanding and wanted to give up or change my career. There have also been times in my career where I have questioned if this was the career for me. During these times I have to reflect on my goals and the motivation behind my decisions. There are going to be days that are hard and there are going to be times when you fail. I have failed. Learn from your failings. Know that you are only human and we all make mistakes. Give yourself a break, let yourself fail and know that it's all right.

Know that there will be disappointing days, but there will also be days where you will be so happy and full of achievement that all those failures seem insignificant. Be the best version of you and be kind to people.

***N:*** Thank you for talking to *Norbertus*, Sarah-Jane. You say that you have been blessed in your life's journey, however I'm sure our readers would agree that you have indeed been 'prepared for all good works' and your story will serve as an inspiration to all St Norbert College students. Best wishes for the years that lie ahead.

**S-J:** Thank you very much, it has been my pleasure.

*Sarah-Jane Wood (left) with junior debating teammates Isabel Cullen, Brooke Verren and Jade Thomson in 2007.*

# Pleased to be BACK

**Aaron** D'Souza (Class of 1995) is a former St Norbert College student who has returned this year to teach science and look after M4 Homeroom in Magdeburg. Aaron is pleased to be back at Treasure Road and has many fond memories of his time as a member of Br Pat's Homeroom in Kilnacrott.

In fact Br Pat, and science teacher Mr Harry Muller, may have had an influence on Aaron's choice of career. "Harry Muller taught me Year 12 human biology and I got the award that year for it. He was a knowledgeable, funny and approachable teacher who taught us well and allowed us to flourish," Aaron said. "Br Pat was also a great teacher and an equally great homeroom teacher of mine, who really showed that how you relate to students goes a lot further than the knowledge you impart." As well as gaining some inspiration from these teachers, Aaron thought teaching would be a satisfying career because it basically comes down to helping people. "It might be only a small influence but teaching gives you the chance to have a positive influence on young people's lives," Aaron said.

Aaron also recalls Multicultural Day and St Norbert Day as wonderful occasions when the students could come together to celebrate the many positives of St Norbert College. "Multicultural Day was a great atmosphere and lots of families brought and made different food and it was a very festive vibe. I was glad to see the tradition is still going strong today," he said. "The other great memory was St Norbert Day as the activities on offer that you could choose to do in the afternoon were infinite! Every year I always did something different - It was great fun!"

The motto "prepared for all good works" is often mentioned around St Norbert College but Aaron firmly believes it has played a defining role in his life. "The motto has always been something that I have lived by in everything I put my mind to. Whether it was working towards my degree, stepping in front of students for my day of teaching or looking after and providing for my family. The motto is a driving force behind ensuring I give my all when interacting with other people," Aaron said.

Aaron's previous teaching experience includes a one-year stint at Servite College in Tuart Hill (where he worked with his former influential St Norbert's teacher Marriann O'Neil) and 11 years at Prendiville Catholic College, Ocean Reef. He has been impressed by the new facilities at St Norbert College including the Cappenburg building and the Brother Pat Centre, and says it has been nice to return as a teacher. "It has made me feel very much at home and it has been nice to see some familiar faces such as Kerri Hilton and Sharon Rainford with the memories they bring back," Aaron said.

"Sharon gave me a huge hug and asked me about my mum and sisters because we were a family that left her with strong memories. It feels as if I have been here longer due to the warm welcome from the Science Department."

Aaron takes the view that dedication, integrity and hard work are the keys to approaching life and work but "you have to do everything with love in your heart". When *Norbertus* asked Aaron what advice he would give to current students he said he would encourage them to give their best in all they do. "In life, all that is ever asked of you is your best," Aaron said. "Always give it no matter what."

Married with two children, Aaron's interests include motorsports, soccer, cooking and cars, and he hopes to start travelling more with his family in the next few years.

*St Norbert College alumnus Mr Aaron D'Souza (Class of 1995) has returned to teach science.*

*Aaron in 1994.*

# GOING WITH *the Flow*

St Norbert College alumnus Cameron Jones (Class of 2015) is a talented golfer who, as a result of an enormous amount of hard work, dedication and success was recently awarded a full academic and sports scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the state of Nebraska, USA. Recently *Norbertus* caught up with Cameron for 18 holes at the Tatanka Golf Club in Lincoln where *Norbertus* comfortably outscored the business administration student 132 to 74. At the 19th hole Cameron was kind enough to answer a few questions about his life as a college student in the USA.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** You were in Ms Fisher's M6 Magdeburg Homeroom at St Norbert College. What were one or two of your happy, memorable and/or significant experiences at the College?

**Cameron Jones (C.J.):** I can't really remember any major significant events that I could go into detail about here, but I do remember Dr O'Reilly demonstrating a lot of pastoral care for me and my friends. He would speak to us daily and encourage us to do our best!

***N*:** Do you still keep in touch with any of your former St Norbert College friends?

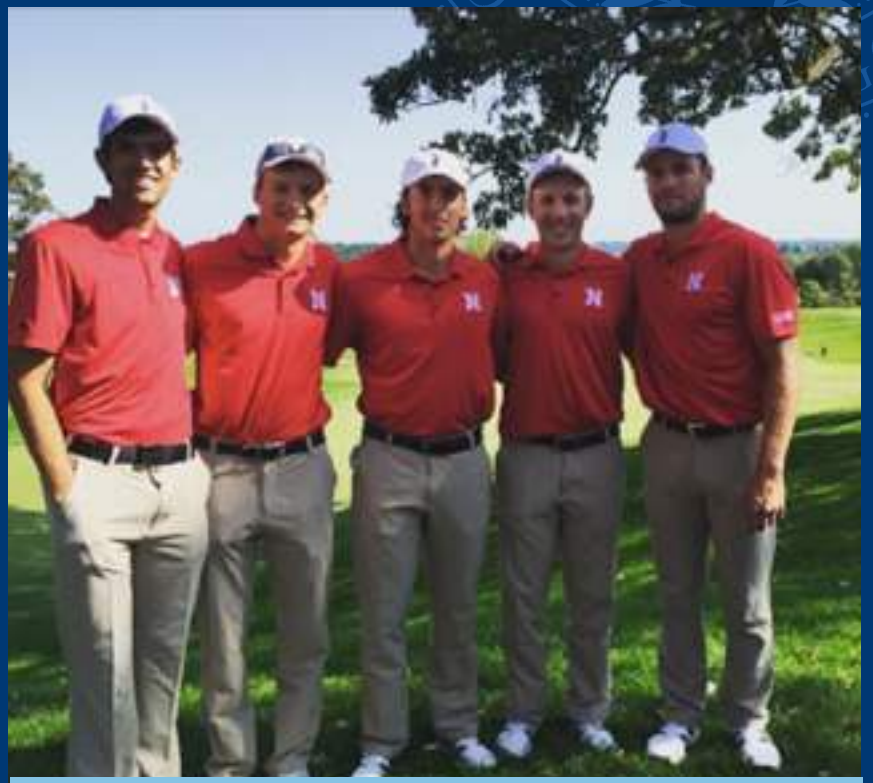
**C.J.:** Yes, all the usual crew. Usually through Facebook and social media.

***N*:** Do any teachers stand out in your memory?

**C.J.:** I think Mr Gherardi and Mr Ah Fong stand out to me the most just because they care a lot about their students' success but can also handle a good joke really well. And, of course my Homeroom teacher Ms Fisher as well, just because she cared so much. Also, Mrs Rogers because she took no nonsense but you could also have a good laugh with her as well.

***N*:** Please give *Norbertus* readers a brief background about your interest and achievements in golf.

**C.J.:** Well I started in primary school and have been going ever since. Plugging away at it over the years and now it's paying for my degree so that's pretty sweet. Biggest achievements would be representing my state and my country and also getting a scholarship to play for a Division One college.



*Cameron Jones (centre) with his University of Nebraska-Lincoln golf teammates.*

***N:*** You certainly started young. In 2008 you came second in the Under 10 Junior World Golf Championships in Jakarta and third in the 2010 Under 12 Junior World Golf Championships. As an Australian representative you have obviously gained some prominence in the golfing world, but how did you come to the attention of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln?

**C.J.:** A former player lived in Perth and he approached me and told me about the university and I just said yes. I was talking to other schools earlier but they didn't work out so I grabbed this opportunity straight away because I knew I wanted to play Division One golf and wasn't sure if I would be able to, if I didn't take this chance.

***N:*** What course are you studying? Could you give *Norbertus* readers a brief overview of your typical week – your studies, practice, tournaments and travel?

**C.J.:** I'm studying business administration at the moment. Usually a week would consist of study, gym and golf pretty much. Wake up, gym at 6am, breakfast, classes, practice, dinner, study. That's a pretty normal day here. We usually fly out on a Friday or Thursday depending on when the tournament starts. We then play a practice round on Saturday and Sunday is 36 holes and Monday is 18. Then we would fly home that night.

***N:*** What are some of the benefits of living and studying in a foreign country?

**C.J.:** The benefits would have to be just seeing the world, and experiencing how others think and view things. The culture is pretty different over here compared to what it is back home so it's just good to open your mind up to different things.

***N:*** What are some of the drawbacks?

**C.J.:** Obviously being so far away from family is pretty tough. That's all I can really think of right now because there's not much of a downside to it.

***N:*** How do you see the next five or 10 years panning out for you?

**C.J.:** I honestly have no idea what the next five to 10 years hold for me. I don't know if I'll be living back home or in the US, if I'll go pro or not. Just taking each year as it comes and hope for the best.

***N:*** What advice would you give to the students at St Norbert College today?

**C.J.:** I know people say this all the time and the kids won't believe me because I never believed

anyone who said it to me, but just enjoy high school because once you're gone you're never going to be back and it's probably the easiest part of your life.

***N:*** In a few words only, how would you sum up your approach to your career or your approach to life in general?

**C.J.:** Go with the flow.

***N:*** Thank you very much Cameron. Best of luck in the future.

**C.J.:** It's been my pleasure. Thank you.

# NOT JUST A School

St Norbert College alumnus Aaron McGoorty (Class of 2001) returned to St Norbert College in April last year as a humanities teacher after spending 10 years as a humanities, geography and religious education teacher at Mater Dei College, including 2014 as the acting Head of Humanities Department. Married to Jo, with two young boys, Keegan (four) and Riley (two), Aaron has a busy family and work life, but still finds time to pursue a range of hobbies including woodwork and boating, which also accommodates his scuba-diving and fishing pursuits.

Aaron was in Kilnacrott House at St Norbert College from Year 8 to Year 12 and recalls that the Year 10 camp and Year 12 retreat had quite a big impact on his development as a person. He says the camp was a great opportunity to build upon existing friendships and make new friends while being challenged physically and mentally, while the retreat gave him a chance to address relationships on a deeper level. "It was great to take time out from school and daily routines to reflect upon our relationships with those around us. It was also great to focus on helping us think about our personal relationship with God," Aaron recalled.

Aaron always enjoyed working with his hands and while at St Norbert College he particularly enjoyed both woodwork and metalwork. "Under the guidance of teachers Don Cencic and Paul Van Vliet I was able to learn new skills in these areas. But I also enjoyed society and environment (now humanities), and teachers such as Chris Reimers provided great insights into topics ranging from the workings of parliament to the industrial revolution," Aaron said. Having such teachers led Aaron to consider education as a career choice. He studied all these subjects through to Year 12 before deciding to pursue a career teaching humanities. "This choice has allowed me to strive to make a meaningful contribution to our current students and their learning, just as my teachers did for me," Aaron said.

*Mr Aaron McGoorty with his Year 11 geography class on an excursion in the Swan Valley.*

Aaron believes the nurturing environment provided to students at St Norbert College, along with the strong sense of community, instills the Norbertine ethos and spirit in the graduates of the College. "It challenges us to be better people and it challenges us to be prepared for all good works in both our personal and professional lives," Aaron said. "In my own case, as a St Norbert College graduate, I take the approach that if you are going to do something, do it properly. I take pride in my work as a teacher and always strive to make a meaningful contribution to students and their learning, all the while treating others as I would want to be treated."

Aaron considers himself lucky to have secured a teaching position at his old school, which has seen a dramatic enhancement of its teaching and learning facilities since Aaron was a student at Treasure Road. While Aaron acknowledges that the Br Patrick Doolan Learning Centre, the Trade Training Centre, the Cappenburg building and the new canteen are all wonderful, modern facilities that provide a positive atmosphere and enhance student learning, he says St Norbert College means much more than having new buildings; people are what make the school.

"The students of St Norbert College are open and honest which makes teaching them a pleasure. In fact, when I arrived at the College to sign my employment contract I was greeted by a student who gave me a friendly 'hello' and asked if she could direct me where I needed to go," Aaron said. "This typifies the down-to-earth, friendly and polite St Norbert student. I knew at that point the decision to return to St Norbert's had been the right one."

On a personal level, St Norbert College was not just a school for Aaron. "My brother, father and uncle are all ex-students. Long-serving teacher John Hulshoff taught my dad, my brother and me, and my grandfather Eddie also worked at the school for many years in grounds and maintenance," Aaron said.

Aaron has settled in well at St Norbert College and the Humanities and Social Sciences Department. "From the outset the staff of the HASS department have been friendly and supportive with a great work ethic and sense of humour," Aaron said, adding that it has been great working with staff like Kerri Hilton, Killian O'Reilly, Sharon Rainford, Maureen Smith, Sam Mark and Frank Mulligan who were teaching when Aaron was a student. "Their professionalism, energy and devotion to our students is unwavering and I am looking forward to further opportunities to continue 'learning' from them in the future," he said.

Aaron also tells a story from the late 1990s when Frank Mulligan put his rather rowdy Year 10 humanities class into a seating plan in an effort to curb some over-enthusiastic behaviour.

*2001 graduation: Aaron McGoorty, Anthony Miller, Paul Swanson and Paul Cvejic.*

"Although I wasn't pleased at the time, I have subsequently thanked Frank because he sat me next to Paul Swanson who became one of my very good friends - so good that our children now play together," Aaron said. Whenever Aaron uses a seating plan he tells the students this story and the importance of talking to others outside their friendship groups, as they never know where it might lead.

In terms of any advice Aaron can offer current students, he believes secondary school students - particulary in the senior years - face a lot of big decisions and sometimes can be left feeling as if they need to have their entire career path figured out. "Rather than attempting to plan your future today, keep your options open and learn as much as you can about what's available to you," he said.

Aaron's return to St Norbert College has been mutually beneficial for Aaron and the College, and *Norbertus* looks forward to this relationship flourishing in the future.

# 1967-1997 St Norbert College

In the last edition of *Norbertus* we looked back 10 years to what St Norbert College was like in 2007. In this edition we look back several decades to 1967, 1977, 1987 and 1997.

## 1967

**PRIOR:** Fr Peter O'Reilly O. Praem.
**PRINCIPAL:** Fr Laurence Anderson O. Praem.
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Fr Peter O'Reilly O. Praem.
**ENROLMENT:** 80 boys
Fr John Reynolds O. Praem. appointed librarian and bursar.
Four classrooms were added to the original block.
Annual school fees $75.

## 1977

**PRIOR:** Fr Peter O'Reilly O Praem.
**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Des O'Sullivan
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mr Michael Devine
**MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr N. Dawkins (Chairman), Fr Peter O'Reilly, Fr Gerald Cusack, Mr Des O'Sullivan, Mr Mick Devine, Mr N.Rees, Mr R. Tavani, Mrs Kathy Jones, Mr A. O'Connell
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION:** Mr R. Tavani (President), Fr Peter O'Reilly, Mr Des O'Sullivan, Mrs M. Jones, Mrs Dorothy Pollaers, Mrs C. Manchee, Mr J. McQuillan, Mrs J. Szczepanik, Mr P. Manchee,
**ENROLMENT:** 359 students – 258 boys and 101 girls

**ST NORBERT COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS AND INNOVATIONS:**

- VS & C McMullen Centre (D Block, now Freden) blessed by Archbishop Goody and opened by Senator P. Durack.
- AR & MT Connell Centre (Magdeburg Block) was erected
- The inaugural Ladies Auxiliary was convened
- Maintenance Planning Committee was established
- Primary school classes were discontinued
- St Norbert College team entered for "It's Academic" a quiz show on Channel 7
- Inaugural careers night was held
- Work experience program commenced
- An oratory was established within the College

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Peter Celotti (President), J. Pontre (Vice President), R. Hoes (Secretary), S. Camarri (Treasurer) who oversee:

- The maintenance of a foster child adoption plan
- Purchasing sports equipment for the school
- Financial assistance for the St Norbert Hostel in East Perth
- The purchase of 400 trees, clocks and art pieces for the College
- The auction of a modern digital watch

**ST NORBERT COLLEGE DUX:** Peter Cox
**WINNERS OF SPORTING EVENTS:**

- Swimming - St George's House
- Athletics - St George's House

*1967 Neil McPherson.*

*1977 Year 12 class.*

*Mr Brian Rogan and students in the VS & C McMullen (D Block, now Freden) Centre.*

# 1967-1997
## St Norbert College

*Class of 1987.*

*1987 History trip.*

## 1987

**PRIOR:** Fr Tom McNulty O. Praem.
**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Tom Corcoran
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mrs Carole Hayes
**ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mr Peter Glasson
**MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr B. Kerwin, Chairperson
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION:** Mr R. Albonico (President), Mrs B. Hardingham (Secretary), Mr B. Cutjar (Treasurer), Mrs J. Albonico, Mrs R. Candeloro, Mrs G.Dwyer
**ENROLMENT:** 723 students
**ST NORBERT COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS AND INNOVATIONS:**

- The House and vertical homeroom systems were introduced
- Science laboratories were refurbished
- All teaching areas equipped with ceiling fans
- Fr Peter Stiglich O.Praem. appointed Religious Education Coordinator

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:** Nicole Beardmore (President), Simon Harvey (Vice President), Beverley Jackson (Secretary), Anthony Sciorilli (Treasurer)
**ST NORBERT COLLEGE DUX:** Rosemary Lai
**WINNERS OF SPORTING EVENTS:**

- Swimming – Tongerlo
- Athletics – Tongerlo

*1997 Catholic Education Week: Mr Robert Henderson and Mr John Pollaers dressed in their school uniforms.*

*Mr Silvio Lombardi.*

*Miss Christine Bean, Miss Alice Alibrandi and Mr John Pollaers.*

## 1997

**PRIOR:** Rt. Rev. Peter Joseph O. Praem.
**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Peter Hayes
**DEPUTY PRICIPAL:** Miss Desirée Grzenda
**ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:**

- Mr Christopher Houlihan (Curriculum)
- Mr Robert Henderson (Pastoral Care)

**HOUSE COORDINATORS:**

- Kilnacrott - Miss Marriann O'Neill
- Magdeburg - Mrs Sue Dyer
- Prémontré - Mrs Simone Tomic
- Tongerlo - Mr Anthony Byrne (Term 1), Mr Joseph Sciorilli (Terms 2, 3), Miss Amanda Morris (Term 4)
- Xanten - Mrs Joanna Goldsmid (Semester 1), Miss Alice Alibrandi (Semester 2)

**MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD:** Rt. Rev. Fr Peter Joseph O. Praem., Br Patrick Doolan O. Praem., Mr Bryan Lewis, Miss Desirée Grzenda, Mr Mike Gooch, Mr Carl Wieman, Mr Peter Hayes, Mr Robert Tavani.
**ST NORBERT COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS AND INNOVATIONS:**

- An anti-bullying policy was formally adopted.
- A homework policy was formulated to enhance the three-way learning partnership between students, teachers and parents.
- Construction commences on the O'Reilly Centre, a multi-purpose recreational centre.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:** Jackie Sherlock (President), Melissa Palermo (Vice President), Karmen Grzetic (Treasurer) and Jasmine Wheaton (Secretary) who oversee:

- New earring and long hair policies for male students.
- Pants and black shoe policies for female students.
- Charity work including sponsoring a foster child, donating coloured pencils to children in China and providing food and money to the St Vincent de Paul Society.
- Social events including discos, river cruises, basketball competitions and the Year 11-12 Ball.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:**

- Kilnacrott – Judan Aburman, Belinda Bently, Rebecca Healy, James O'Dea
- Magdeburg – Theresa Carruthers, Stephanie Cooney, Michael Janiec, Daniel Rangitoheriri
- Prémontré – Thi Chung, Robert Halse, Sebastian Walenzyk, Imogen Webster
- Tongerlo – Vahe Hagobian, Simon Salgado, Rebecca Thompson, Nicole Wain
- Xanten – Ryan Hosken, Melody Jardine, Deanna Pugliese, Ryan Hosken

**ST NORBERT COLLEGE DUX:** Loc Le
**PRINCIPAL'S MEDALLIONS:** Stephanie Cooney, Jacqueline Sherlock
**CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** Natasha Abreu
**WINNERS OF SPORTING EVENTS:**

- Swimming – Kilnacrott
- Athletics – Kilnacrott

**HOUSE CHAMPIONS:** Magdeburg

# Congratulations

## Massimo AND ALYCE TASSONE

Congratulations to St Norbert College IT Support Officer Massimo Tassone and his wife Alyce who recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. The couple were married at Sacred Heart Church in Highgate before enjoying a beautiful reception with family and friends at Oakover Grounds in the Swan Valley.

## Jonathon AND RENAE PULLELLA

Congratulations to Jonathon (Class of 2005) and Renae (nee Bonini) Pullella who were married by Fr Peter Stiglich in March this year at St Joseph's Church in Subiaco. After photographs were taken at Como The Treasury in Perth by Erica Serena Photography, Jonathon and Renae enjoyed a beautiful reception in the Astral Ballroom at Crown before enjoying a fabulous honeymoon at the Six Senses Resort on Laamu Atoll in the Maldives.

# Congratulations

*Bec Fergie, Andrea Fairbotham, Hannah Preston, Katie Howard, Amy Poniatowski, Lee Cherry and Madeleine Macoboy. (Vincent Anthony Photography).*

## Katie Cherry AND SHANE HOWARD

Congratulations to Katie Howard (nee Cherry, Class of 2007) who married Shane Howard on March 26, 2016 at Caversham House. The wedding was a St Norbert affair with the bridal party including Amy Poniatowski (Class of 2007), Hannah Preston (Class of 2008), Lee Cherry (Class of 2002) and Madeleine Macoboy (current teacher at St Norbert College).

Katie is a qualified occupational therapist, passionate about dementia care, currently working with Dementia Support Australia as a consultant team leader for WA. She and Shane are enjoying married life with their dogs Jet and Zach in their new home.

# Congratulations

## Jacinta Foley AND ALEXANDER MITCHELL

Congratulations to Jacinta Foley and Alexander Mitchell (both Class of 2013) who became engaged in December last year after being together for six years. Alex proposed to Jacinta in Amsterdam, presenting her with a ring that he asked recently qualified jeweller, and St Norbert College alumna, Renee Turbett (Class of 2013) to create. Jacinta's mother Adrienne (nee Rampant, Class of 1988) said the presence of Alex's newly-married brother and sister-in-law made the proposal all the more exciting, and mentioned that both the Foley and Mitchell families could not be happier for the couple.

## Jade Robinson AND BEREND BOER

Congratulations to Jade Robinson (Class of 2005) who married Berend Boer in a beautiful ceremony in Port Douglas in July this year. Jade originally met Berend in Canada eight years ago and they have been together for six years. Music has always been an important part of Jade's life and now she is enjoying teaching singing at St Monica's College in Cairns, as well as giving private lessons. Berend runs his own electrical contracting business in Cairns, where the couple has made their home for the past four years. Jade's mum Maxine is well-known to hundreds of former St Norbert College students in her previous role as the cheerful manager of Café 135@Treasure from 2004 to 2015.
Best wishes for the years that lie ahead, Jade and Berend.

# Congratulations

Congratulations to Lorissa Kelly (Class of 2002) and husband Andrew Mann on the birth of their first child, Georgia Elizabeth Mann, on October 19 at St John of God Hospital in Subiaco.

Congratulations to Ryan (Class of 2004) and Bianca Edmunds who welcomed Luca Alessio Edmunds into the world on June 14 this year.

# CLASS OF 2007 Reunion

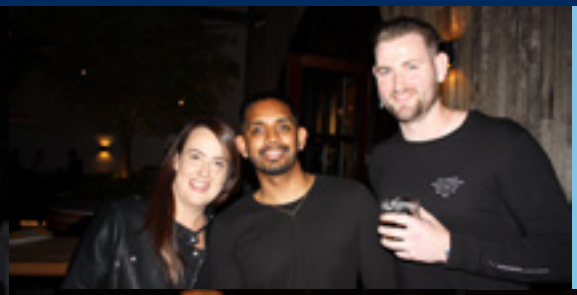
A fairly small but enthusiastic group of past students from the Class of 2007 braved some wintry weather conditions to gather at the Merrywell on Saturday, 28 October for a get-together to catch up on all the news and also to reminisce about the good old days we spent together at St Norbert College. It may have been 10 years since we last saw each other but soon it felt like no time had passed at all. Everyone filled each other in on their current situation and their life stories to date, and the 2007 edition of *Koinonia* was the cause of much laughter and prompted a lot of memories, and a number of questions starting with the phrase: "Who was the teacher we had who...?" It was obvious that the strong bond we formed at St Norbert's is still as strong today.

Special mention must be made of Chris Daniel and Paul Booth who made the journey from Melbourne to attend the evening, and one of the other notables was the number of alumni from the Class of 2007 who have married fellow St Norbert College students!

Thanks to Mr Mulligan for organising the occasion and the Class of 2007 looks forward to catching up again soon.

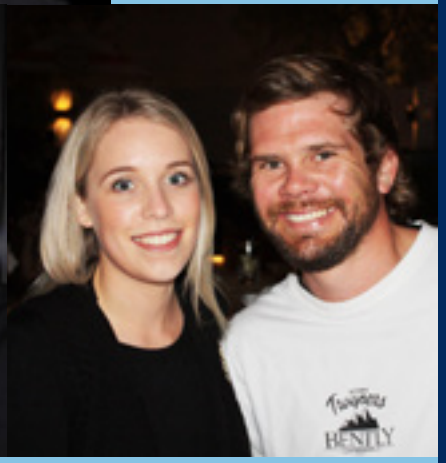
Kiara Knight, Class of 2007

*Kiara Knight (nee Kelly) , Lateasha Kohl (nee Watts) and Lauren Bei (nee Joseph). Kiara currently works as a medical centre receptionist and is also studying to become a social worker, Lateasha is a primary school teacher and Lauren, who is married to Luca Bei (Class of 2008), is a mining lease manager for Westgold Resources, a gold mining company.*



*Kiara Knight, Chris Daniels and Paul Booth. Chris recently resigned from his real estate job in Perth to take up a luxury car sales position in Melbourne and Paul recently relocated from Malaysia to Melbourne where he works in finance with the Bank of Melbourne.*

*Christine (nee Booth, Class of 2008) and husband Michael Dee. Christine is a disability support officer and Michael runs his own plumbing business.*



*Christie (nee Beerkens) and husband Joel Fiegert. Christie manages her own hairdressing salon and Joel is a heavy machinery operator who works all over Western Australia.*

Patrick Stapleton, Daniel Burton, Joel Fiegert and Blake Ashworth. Patrick is a heavy diesel mechanic in Kalgoorlie, Daniel is a quarantine officer and Blake is an electrician at Crown Casino.

Lauren Bei, Joelle Thiel (nee Akanni) and Blake Ashworth. Joelle is a social worker.

Candice Reed and Lauren Bei. Candice works as an accounts manager.

Excerpts and photographs from the 2007 Koinonia triggered some happy and some humorous memories and moments.

# CLASS OF 2016 Reunion

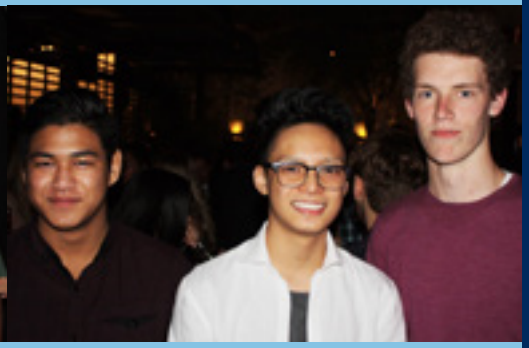
*Clarice Antero is studying pharmacy at the University of Western Australia, Ivan Nge is studying commerce at Curtin University, Rosemarie Ipapo is completing a double degree in biomedical science and clinical laboratory science at Murdoch University, and James Pascoe works in the leisure and tourism sector.*

*Shimona Surin is studying neuroscience and psychology at the University of Western Australia, and Gereleigh Mina is studying nursing at Curtin University with plans to pursue studies in midwifery in future.*

*Taylor Laine is an apprentice hairdresser, Gereleigh Mina, Shimona Surin, and Jackson Papas is an apprentice carpenter.*

*Morgan Doecke is working in retail sales, Clarice Antero, and Maddison Kelly is studying law at Curtin University.*

*Emily Raffaele is a flight attendant, Bella Butler is a receptionist, Mia Ballard is studying nursing, Jason Hemphill is studying criminology at Murdoch University, and Jack Rangitoheriri is an apprentice electrician.*



*Matt Hlaing (left St Norbert College in Year 9) is enjoying a gap year, Juno Paragas is studying film production and Joshua Park is an apprentice carpenter.*

**There** was a great turn-out from the Class of 2016 to catch up and find out what everyone has been up to, one year after graduating. Familiar faces emerged from the crowd in the city venue and the laughter and chat grew louder as everyone exchanged stories about work, study and making our way in the world! It was hard to believe that almost exactly a year ago we were attending our graduation ceremony – the time certainly has flown! Special thanks to Mr Brendan McGrath and former St Norbert College teacher Miss Josie Robinson for making the effort to attend, and thanks to Mr Mulligan for helping to organise the occasion and for taking some photographs. Looking forward to the next reunion to see where life takes us!

Shimona Surin (Class of 2016)

*Editor's note: Norbertus is grateful to Shimona for her efforts in organising this reunion!*

*Jay Anderson is studying piano at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, Rebecca McLevie is studying mathematics education at the University of Notre Dame, Jesse Clemesha is taking a gap year, and Jessica Phelps is studying primary education at Curtin University.*



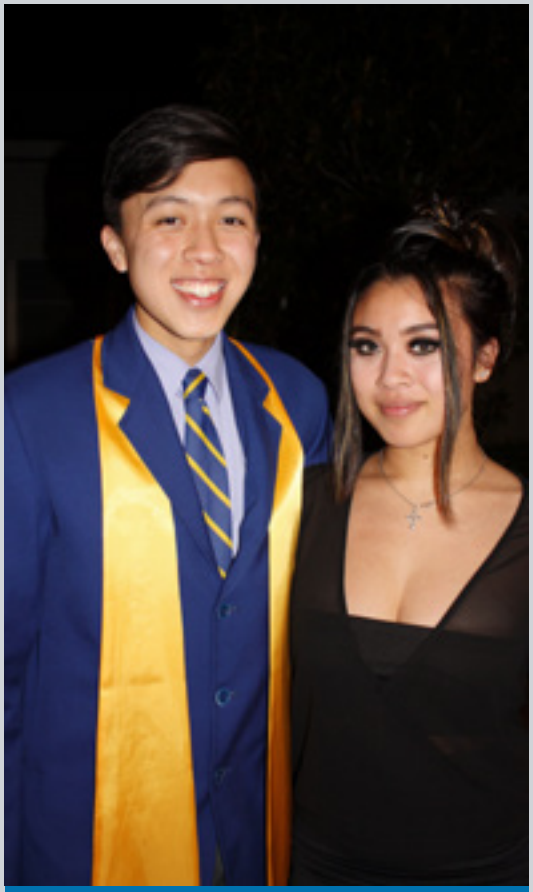
*Mats-Ingvar Niklasson is studying engineering at Curtin University.*

*Robert Phelps is studying policing at Joondalup TAFE and hopes to join the Western Australia Police Force. Nicholas Rowlands is studying health promotion at Curtin University.*

*Terrence Watkins is an apprentice carpenter, Nathan Embleton works in renovations and demolition, and Connor Maquire is a sales representative.*

# Alumni Scene

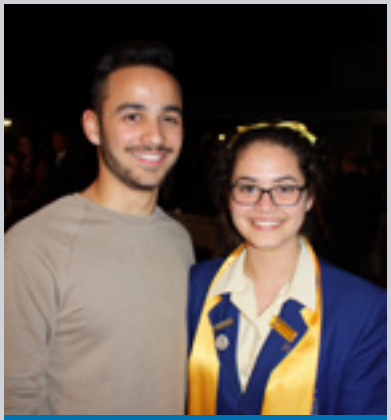
## AT THE CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATION



Shane Than of the graduating Class of 2017 is pictured with his sister Jasmine (Class of 2015) who hopes to study to become a paramedic at Curtin University.

Therese (Class of 2013) and Ancille Kashaba (Class of 2012). Therese works in risk management at the Macquarie Group and Ancille is studying fashion design at Curtin University.

Craig Sweetapple (Class of 1989) is a company director and is pictured with his graduating daughter, Ella, of the Class of 2017.



Lewellyn Gressieux (Class of 2014) was a former Tongerlo House captain who came to support his cousin Gabrielle, of the Class of 2017, with whom he is pictured. Lewellyn is a mechanic.

Armadeep Jutla (Class of 2015) was in attendance to see her brother Jasdeep, of the Class of 2017, graduate. Armadeep is currently studying pharmacy.

Heidi Spark and Kate Lindner (both Class of 2015) are currently both studying health sciences at Curtin University.

Shannon Andersen and Kyle Hewitt (both Class of 2009). Shannon is a primary school teacher and Kyle is a logistics officer.

# Alumni Scene

## AT THE CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATION

*Kirstie Wedge (Class of 2008) is pictured with children Cayden (two) and Cooper (six months), and mother Jennifer.*

*Clarice Antero, Jessica Phelps, Rebecca McLevie and Clarence Nohilly (all Class of 2016). Jessica is studying primary education at Curtin University, Rebecca is studying mathematics teaching at the University of Notre Dame and Clarence is at the same institution studying health and physical education.*

*Clarice Antero (Class of 2016), pictured with Ms Sharon Rainford is studying pharmacy at the University of Western Australia.*

*Bryan Alegre (Class of 2015) is studying music production at Murdoch University.*

*Jeni Horrill (nee O'Grady, Class of 2002) and Hayley Cummane (Class of 2009). Jeni is busy raising her family and Hayley works as a flight attendant.*

*Rebekah Hill (Class of 2015) is currently working in retail sales but will shortly commence studies to become an education assistant.*

# SNESA V DIANELLA-MORLEY

## C3 GRADE GRAND FINAL

On the eve of this year's C3 Grade Grand Final between SNESA and Dianella-Morley, SNESA President, Mr Rafic Aoun, released the following stirring statement which inspired *Norbertus* to abandon plans to top-dress the lawn and get down to Wyong Reserve in Bentley to see if the call had been answered.

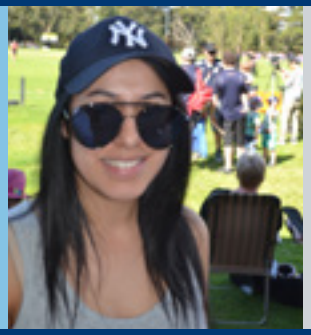
*Great people of the St Norbert Ex-Students' Association, past and present, the time has come for you all to get behind the boys at SNESA tomorrow, as we fight to achieve our first flag since 1997. Tomorrow isn't just about the 22 men that will take the field. It's about every man and woman who sacrificed countless hours over the last 20 years, for this football club to succeed. This isn't just a request. It's a call to arms. All family and friends of SNESA, members of the St Norbert College, Queens Park and Cannington community, I call upon you to get down to Wyong Reserve, Bentley. Support us, to achieve the ultimate victory. It's our time. Let's create history!*

Hundreds of the faithful responded positively, however - despite a valiant effort - the result did not go SNESA's way. The final score was Dianella-Morley 14.15 (99) - SNESA 11.10 (76).

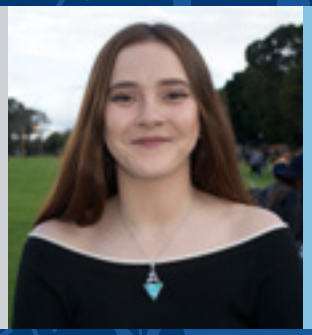
# *Alumni* AT SNESA GRAND FINAL

*Norbertus* caught up with a few of the SNESA supporters during the afternoon to see what they are currently up to.....

**Name:** Aleece Edmunds
**Class of:** 2006
**House:** Prémontré
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Reeves
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Harvey
**Occupation:** Physiotherapist
**Lives:** Joondanna
**Barracks for:** WCE
**SNESA:** Volunteer physiotherapist



**Name:** Alanna Smith
**Class of:** 2008
**House:** Magdeburg
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Stewart
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Gherardi
**Occupation:** Property manager
**Lives:** Morley
**Barracks for:** Dockers
**SNESA:** Here to support my fiancé, assistant coach Mark Lupica



**Name:** Bella Butler
**Class of:** 2016
**House:** Magdeburg
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Patterson
**Favourite teacher:** Ms S. Chung
**Occupation:** Receptionist
**Lives:** Forrestfield
**Barracks for:** North Melbourne

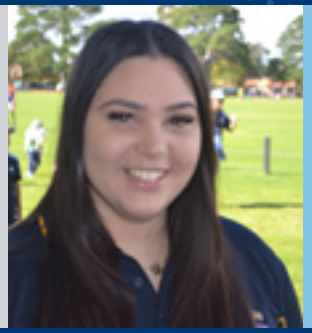
**Name:** Blake Ashworth
**Class of:** 2007 (left in Year 11)
**House:** Tongerlo
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Garton
**Occupation:** Plumber
**Lives:** Cannington
**Barracks for:** WCE
**Here to support:** All the SNESA boys, especially Ben Rigg

**Name:** Brenden Garner
**Class of:** 2015
**House:** Tongerlo
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Ferguson
**Occupation:** Locksmith
**Lives:** Belmont
**Barracks for:** WCE, SNESA!
**Birthday:** Today! I'd love a premiership for a present

**Name:** Claudio Di Prinzio
**Class of:** 1985
**House:** St Anne
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Papineau
**Favourite teacher:** Miss Vandeleur
**Occupation:** Engineer
**Lives:** Melville
**Barracks for:** Dockers
**Played:** First ever SNC 1st XVIII premiership in 1985, 75 games for SNESA

**Name:** Declan Butler
**Class of:** 2009
**House:** Magdeburg
**Homeroom teacher:** Ms S. Chung
**Favourite teacher:** Miss Hilton
**Occupation:** Electrician
**Lives:** Belmont
**Barracks for:** WCE
**Played:** 20 games for SNESA

**Name:** Dylan Bodycoat
**Class of:** 2015
**House:** Kilnacrott
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Mulligan
**Favourite teacher:** Miss Alliss
**Occupation:** Glazier
**Lives:** Wilson
**Barracks for:** Dockers
**Here to:** Cheer on SNESA and celebrate Brenden Garner's birthday

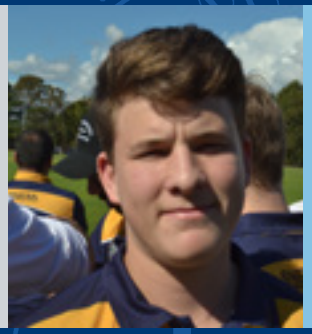


**Name:** Gabby Napoli
**Class of:** 2009
**House:** Kilnacrott
**Homeroom teacher:** Miss Pisconeri
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Gherardi
**Occupation:** Payroll officer
**Lives:** Morley
**Barracks for:** WCE, SNESA and Kilnacrott!
**Here to:** Cheer on the boys and assistant coach Mark Lupica!

# *Alumni* AT SNESA GRAND FINAL

**Name:** Jackie Kelly (nee Daly)
**Class of:** 1991
**House:** Magdeburg
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Jepp
**Favourite teacher:** Ms Rainford
**Occupation:** Funeral director
**Lives:** Salter Point
**Barracks for:** WCE
**Married:** Kevin Kelly (Class of 1985), after whom the SNESA fairest and best award is named

**Name:** Jadon Gielingh
**Class of:** 2009
**House:** Kilnacrott
**Homeroom teacher:** Ms Lim
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Hodgen
**Occupation:** Teacher
**Lives:** Katanning
**Barracks for:** Dockers
**Here to support:** SNESA, especially Scotty, Colace, Caius and Josh



**Name:** Jake Hall
**Class of:** 2015
**House:** Magdeburg
**Homeroom teacher:** Miss Lloyd
**Occupation:** Floor and wall tiler
**Lives:** Forrestfield
**Barracks for:** Dockers

**Name:** Jarrod Bunter
**Class of:** 2000
**House:** Xanten
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Van Nus
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Van Vleit – used to take us surfing
**Occupation:** Plumber
**Lives:** Karrinyup
**Barracks for:** Dockers

**Name:** Joe Marshall
**Class of:** 1972
**Favourite teachers:** Mr Devine, Mr McIntyre
**Occupation:** Gardener
**Lives:** East Victoria Park
**Barracks for:** Perth, WCE
**SNESA:** President 1979, played 56 games

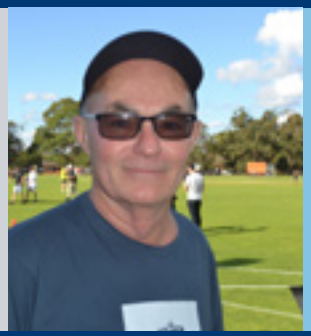
**Name:** Joe Sciorilli
**Class of:** 1985
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Papineau
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Papineau
**Occupation:** Head of Senior School, Ursula Frayne Catholic College
**Lives:** Murdoch
**Barracks for:** Dockers
**Married:** Fellow SNC teacher, Marie Carbone
**Played:** First ever SNC 1st XVIII premiership in 1985, 230 games for SNESA

**Name:** John Wilson
**Class of:** 1985
**House:** St Stephen
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Papineau
**Favourite teacher:** Ms Tersigni
**Occupation:** Human resources consultant
**Lives:** Lathlain
**Barracks for:** Dockers
**Hoping:** To break the 20-year premiership drought today

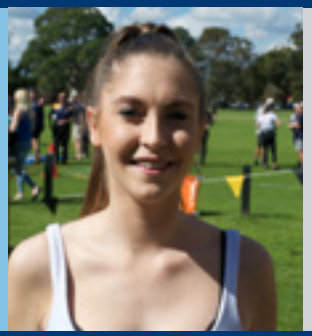
**Name:** Kevin Kelly
**Class of:** 1985
**House:** St Peter
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Morrison
**Favourite teacher:** Br Patrick
**Occupation:** Volvo truck sales
**Lives:** Salter Point
**Barracks for:** WCE
**Played:** First ever SNC 1st XVIII premiership in 1985
**SNESA:** 350 games – club record

**Name:** Kiara Knight (nee Kelly)
**Class of:** 2007
**House:** Tongerlo
**Homeroom teacher:** Miss Davidson
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Mulligan
**Occupation:** Medical centre receptionist
**Lives:** Langford
**Barracks for:** WCE

**Name:** Kurt Ford
**Class of:** 2009
**House:** Xanten
**Homeroom teacher:** Miss Carrington
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Schmidberger
**Occupation:** Police officer
**Lives:** Helena Valley
**Barracks for:** Gold Coast Suns



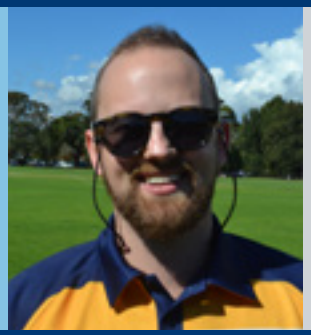
**Name:** Mark George
**Class of:** 1973
**Favourite teachers:** Mr Devine, Mr Reoch
**Occupation:** Textiles industry
**Lives:** Wembley
**Barracks for:** East Perth, WCE
**SNESA:** Inaugural Vice-President, 1978



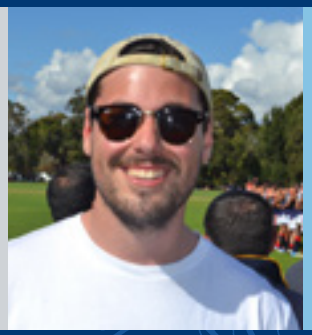
**Name:** Meghan Parker
**Class of:** 2015
**House:** Prémontré
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Chamberlain
**Favourite teacher:** Mrs Grosser
**Occupation:** Student - nursing
**Lives:** Wattle Grove
**Barracks for:** SNESA, Dockers

# *Alumni* AT SNESA GRAND FINAL

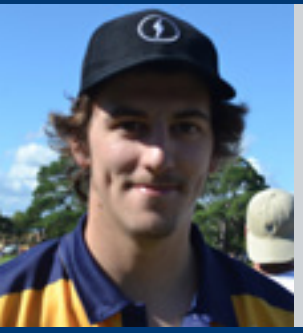
**Name:** Natalie Marangon
**Class of:** 2009
**House:** Xanten
**Homeroom teacher:** Miss Hilton
**Favourite teacher:** Ms Lim
**Occupation:** Legal secretary
**Lives:** East Victoria Park
**Barracks for:** Eagles and SNESA, especially Joshua Marangon!



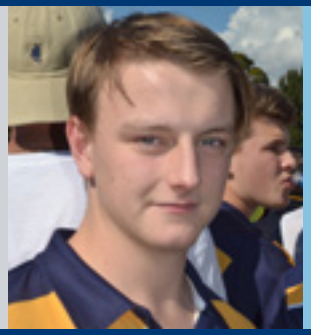
**Name:** Nick Rynne
**Class of:** 2004
**House:** Kilnacrott
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Scanlon
**Favourite teacher:** All!
**Occupation:** Sports writer and broadcaster
**Lives:** Swanbourne
**Barracks for:** Dockers
**SNESA:** Go SNESA, especially Milky, Tufilli and Farina!



**Name:** Ricardo Napoli
**Class of:** 2015
**House:** Kilnacrott
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Mulligan
**Nickname:** *The Italian Stallion*
**Occupation:** Electrician
**Lives:** Beckenham
**Barracks for:** WCE



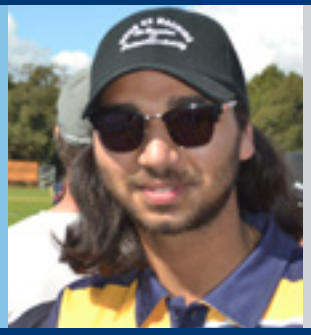
**Name:** Sam Caughey
**Class of:** 2015
**House:** Prémontré
**Homeroom teacher:** Ms Teo
**Favourite teacher:** Mrs Rogers
**Occupation:** Plumber
**Lives:** Forrestfield
**Barracks for:** WCE



**Name:** Thomas Watson
**Class of:** 2015
**House:** Prémontré
**Homeroom teacher:** Ms Coulter
**Occupation:** Engineering student, University of Western Australia
**Lives:** Queens Park
**Barracks for:** WCE and all the SNESA boys!

**Name:** Vincent Paparone
**Class of:** 2009
**House:** Prémontré
**Homeroom teacher:** Mr Gherardi
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Cencic
**Occupation:** Electrician
**Lives:** Bentley
**Barracks for:** WCE
**SNESA:** 70 games

**Name:** Vinnie Keynes
**Class of:** 2013
**House:** Kilnacrott
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Silva
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Hodgen
**Occupation:** Teacher
**Lives:** Huntingdale
**Barracks for:** Richmond



**Name:** Walter Julien
**Class of:** 2015
**House:** Xanten
**Homeroom teacher:** Mrs Walker
**Favourite teacher:** Ms Teo
**Occupation:** Air conditioning and refrigeration technician
**Lives:** Beckenham
**Barracks for:** St Kilda
**SNESA:** Go the boys!!

**Name:** Peter Bottecchia
**Class of:** 1979
**Favourite teachers:** John Hulshoff, Brian Rogan, Fr William
**Occupation:** Builder
**Lives:** North Perth
**Barracks for:** WCE, Richmond
**SNESA:** 115 games from 1979 to 1986

# ST NORBERT EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

# 40 YEARS 1978 TO 2018

## BY MICK DEVINE, CO-FOUNDER SNESA FOOTBALL CLUB

*1978 club logo.*

SNESA Football Club was discussed and initiated during 1977 when the concept of forming an ex-students' association was being explored by Mark George, Fr Peter O'Reilly and Mick Devine. SNESA Football Club was founded in 1978. The motivations for this initiative were:

- To provide an opportunity to enable ex-students of the College to stay connected with friends developed at school and to assist the College in establishing an ex-students' association – given that the College was still a very young school and the first ex-students were still in their twenties. St Norbert College, with the Norbertine community, was a vibrant, community-focused school and developed in its early years through the commitment and personal involvement of families and local residents. It seemed logical at that time to start to provide opportunities for ex-students and their families to stay connected with the College.
- Football was a key sport from the foundation of the College and was obviously a key sport in the community.
- It was hoped that a successful initiative, connected to sport initially, would lead to other students, staff and friends developing ex-students' clubs related to sport, or any of the myriad activities that students had participated in when attending the College.

The early planning and exploring of what was needed to join the West Australian Amateur Football League and, more particularly, the requirements for establishing a constitution and actioning key tasks and planning to establish SNESA Football Club were coordinated by the three founders of the club – Mick Devine, Mark George and Brian Devine. It should be noted and remembered that, as always, the most enthusiastic supporter and motivator for the founding of the club was the Prior of the Norbertine Community – Fr Peter O'Reilly O.Praem.

***Inaugural SNESA Football Team 1978.*** *BACK ROW: A. Pesce, F. Lyons, P. Hoes, D. Colleran. SECOND ROW: P. Drazic, P. O'Connell, A. Azzalino, J. Devitt, J. Perrett, F. Nogare, N. Farina, A. Volaric. FRONT ROW: K. Woodland, B. Dry, M. Devine, J. Marshall (Assistant Coach), R. Bormolini (Coach), P. Salter, B. Devine, M. Crews. ABSENT: Elio Bottecchia, Ezio Bottecchia, P. Cox, M. McAllister, G. Monaldi, R.Rossi, C. Rousset.*

The SNESA Football Club was formed in January 1978 following a meeting held in the College library of about 25 former students and friends.

The following office bearers and officials were appointed:

**President:** Brian Devine
**Vice-President:** Mark George
**Secretary:** Mick Devine
**Treasurer:** Michael Crews
**Social Secretary:** John Devitt
**Committee:** Joe Marshall, Don Colleran, Elio Bottecchia
**Team Manager:** John Devitt (Snr)
**Coach:** Rob Bormolini

Three months later the team took to the field in the Western Australian Amateur Football League's 'I Division' (on entry to the competition it was required to enter at the lowest division). John Devitt (Snr) – team manager for many seasons – typified the commitment and generous service of so many parents, family members and friends of ex-students who made the club successful and true to its community focus. The club, with 30 registered players, won 13 of the season's 18 home-and-away fixtures. Queens Park Reserve became the club's home ground and training was held on the College oval. The club played in the first semi-final but, unfortunately, that's where the fairytale opening season came to a halt. Thankfully, the club's first premiership ('H Division' in 1980), with Norm Hardwick as coach, was just around the corner.

At the conclusion of the 1978 season the club held a presentation night at the Canning Central Greyhound Restaurant attended by 130 players, officials and supporters. The following trophies were awarded:

Fairest and Best – John Devitt
Runner-Up – Andy Volaric
Most Consistent – Mick Devine
Best Positional Player – Ezio Bottecchia
Most Improved – Elio Bottecchia
Best Utility Player – Chris Rousset
Leading Goal Scorer – Nick Farina
Best Finals Player – Peter Cox
Best Clubman – John Perrett

Inaugural President, Brian Devine, wrote an article for the 1978 *Koinonia* and was understandably proud of the club's successful season. He wrote: "The club, which had been formed at the beginning of the season, showed other established clubs what a professional body it was, and as such the players and the club earned the respect of all clubs and was no doubt the envy of many. All of this was only possible because of a loyal group of players and supporters, an enthusiastic coach, Rob Bormolini, and a dedicated executive committee".

As always, there is an almost endless list of funny stories and personalities who bring life and enthusiasm to the club. Everyone contributed and one of our key goals was achieved – to foster community involvement, sport and friendship for ex-students, family members and friends – all in the spirit of our community/family school – St Norbert College.

The tradition of the club continues today. Congratulations and thanks to all who have contributed and participated, with such goodwill and commitment, to enable our celebration of 40 years in 2018.

*Six of the best from 1978: Joe Marshall (Committee Member), Mark George (Vice-President), John Devitt (Social Secretary), Rob Bormolini (Coach), Mick Devine (Secretary) and Brian Devine (President).*

*2017 club logo.*

*Current SNESA League Coach David Van Raalte with inaugural Coach Rob Bormolini.*

*Founders of the club: Mick Devine, Mark George and Brian Devine. Mick also gives a lot of credit to Fr Peter O'Reilly whom he describes as "the most enthusiastic supporter and motivator for the founding of the club".*

# SNESA Camps

## KEEPING THE SNESA SPIRIT ALIVE

The St Norbert College Ex-Students' Association Amateur Football Club has a long and proud history both on and off the football field and in 2018 the club celebrates its 40th anniversary.

For nearly half that time, progressive generations of SNESA players, officials, supporters and their families have been gathering each Labour Day long weekend at the Catholic Youth Camp in Busselton. Mums, dads and dozens of kids have watched the families grow up, older families 'retire', and new families join in the fun. This year was the most successful turnout with 81 mums, dads, boys and girls in attendance.

There is also a SNESA dads and kids weekend that has been held every year in November since 2002 designed to give the mums a bit of free time back home while the dads and kids enjoy some quality time together. Originally a camping trip, the event is now held in the relative luxury of the Nanga Bush Camp.

Foundation SNESA member Mark George said the year groups range from the Class of 1974 to the Class of 1996, and the weekends are always keenly anticipated and thoroughly enjoyed by all the different age groups in attendance. "These friendships and the great sense of SNESA camaraderie only exists because of SNESA," Mark said. "Having these events have kept our life-long friendships well and truly alive since we stopped playing footy."

*Norbertus* congratulates the founders and participants of the camps and wishes you many more years of happiness and good times together. Go SNESA!

*Just some of the kids at a Busselton weekend.*

*Dads and kids at Nanga Bush Camp.*

*The SNESA dads in high spirits at Busselton.*

# SNESA SEASON Wrap-up

*Congratulations to all at the SNESA Football Club for a successful 2017 football season. While the ultimate prize eluded the team on grand final day, a lot of positives can be taken out of the season, and Norbertus would like to thank all associated with the club – officials, players, supporters and volunteers - for the warm welcome and assistance we received this year. Special thanks to SNESA President Rafic Aoun who puts in countless hours for the good of the club, and also Reserves coach Mark Lupica and John Wilson for their help.*

*Thank you also to John Brennan of John Brennan Photography (0407337007) for allowing Norbertus to use some of his photographs. Good luck in season 2018, boys – GO SNESA!*

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

SNESA Football Club finished the 2017 home and away season on top of the C3 League ladder, with 14 wins and four losses. The Saints were undefeated at their home ground in Queens Park, also winning their home semi-final against Ellenbrook. However, the fairytale could not be completed on grand final day. Skill errors mainly let the Saints down in the first half, which gave Dianella-Morley a match winning 40-point lead at half-time. The Saints came back late, getting to within 16 points halfway through the final quarter, but it wasn't to be. SNESA still managed to secure a grade promotion to C2 next year, where there will be new opposition teams such as Canning Vale, Canning and Kenwick.
The Reserves team finished seventh in their competition, missing out on finals by two wins.

We look forward to next season when hopefully we can go one step further!

Rafic Aoun
SNESA President

*Clinton Beale, Brenden Garner (Class of 2015), David Frawley (Class of 2004), Darren Biddle (Class of 2010), Brad Purdue, Vincent Paperone (Class of 2009), Glenn Jarvis (Class of 2004), Jethro Nanguromo (Class of 2014), Adam Chalon and Jake Hall (Class of 2015, front).*

*2017 Br Pat Medallists Mark Colace (League) and Jesse Murphy (Reserves).*

*Harjit Dhillon (Class of 1992), Michael Saunders (Class of 1997), Jarrod Fittock (Class of 1994), Kevin Kelly (Class of 1985) and his son Daniel, John Wilson (Class of 1985), Peter Robert, Ryan Edmunds (Class of 2004) and Jamie Rath (Class of 2004).*

*Former St Norbert College Principal Desirée Grzenda-Day presents Mark Colace with his Br Pat Medal.*

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# SNESA *Awards*

## THE KEVIN KELLY MEDAL NIGHT

SNESA wrapped up its 2017 season on Saturday, September 16 at the Parmelia-Hilton, Perth. The Kevin Kelly Medal Night awarded the best and fairest, most player votes and other achievements throughout the 2017 season. Caius Kelly (Class of 2009) took home his first Kevin Kelly Medal for most player votes, while Mark Colace (Class of 2009) received his fourth League Fairest and Best Award. Daniel Williams (Class of 2005) won player of the finals and Hayden Scott (Class of 2009) was defender of the year. David Frawley (Class of 2004) won the Wilson Dent Medal for most Reserves player votes, while Connor Ramsay (Class of 2011) won the Rob Bormolini Trophy for Reserves Best and Fairest. Former student Steven Di Fabio (Class of 2017) took home the Reserves coaches' award.

SNESA also inducted four new life members. Former students Calum Butler (Class of 2007), David Frawley (Class of 2004), Chris Wheatcroft (Class of 1996) and Christian Tufilli (Class of 2004) were all given life membership after playing 150 games for SNESA Football Club.

Other award winners for the night were:

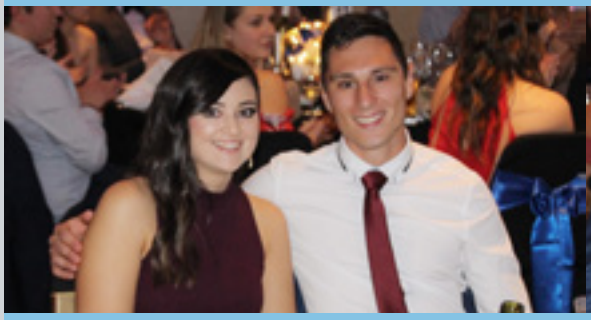
Leading Goalkicker – Ben Hall
League Coaches' Award – Dylan Mitsopolous
Most Consistent – James Kirkland
League Rising Star – Cooper Carrington (Mazenod College)
Reserves Most Consistent – Chad Johnson
Reserves Defender of the Year – Dayne Whalan
Reserves Rising Star – Josh Italiano (Harvey-Brunswick)

The club is looking for some handy recruits to take on the new challenge. We are also looking for some young blood to develop at the club and would like to provide the opportunity to players aged 16 and over to play a high grade of colts and senior football. Anyone who is interested can visit our Facebook page, SNESA Football Club, or contact President Rafic Aoun on 0423 869 440.

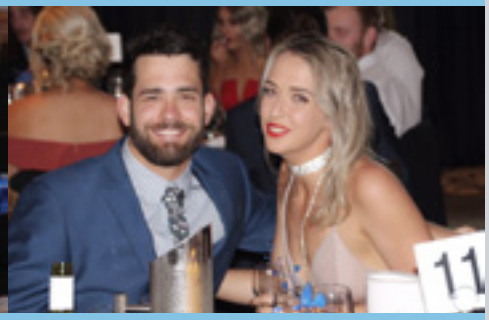
*Life members Chris Millsteed (Class of 2004), Kevin Kelly (Class of 1985), Darrell Cowie (Class of 1993), Peter Robert (Class of 1985), Justin Baptist (Class of 2004), Ryan Edmunds (Class of 2004), Daniel Williams (Class of 2005) and Tony Wheatcroft.*

*Club legends Kevin Kelly, Peter Robert and Ryan Edmunds.*

*Newly-inducted life member Chris Wheatcroft (Class of 1996) and wife Jess.*



*Josh Marangon (Class of 2009) with partner Angela Moles.*




*Caius Kelly (Class of 2009) and sister Aurea Kelly (Class of 2012).*

# SNESA *Awards*

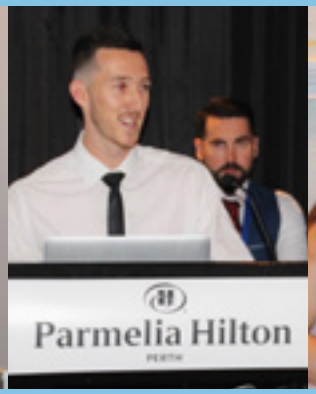
## THE KEVIN KELLY MEDAL NIGHT

*Ben Rigg (Class of 2007) with partner Emily Chappelow (Class of 2005).*

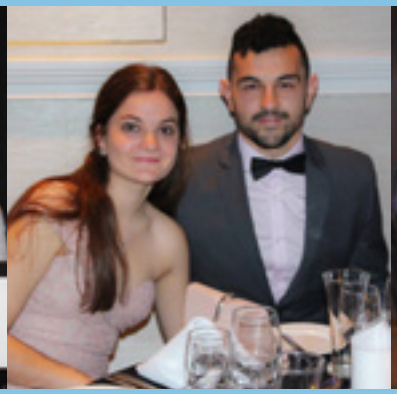
*Life members John Wilson (Class of 1985), Daniel Williams and SNESA President Rafic Aoun (Class of 2004).*

*Captain Mark Colace accepts his fourth Fairest and Best Award.*

*Assistant coach Anthony Lo Presti (Class of 2002), Reserves coach Mark Lupica (Class of 2005) and Calum Butler (Class of 2007).*




*Connor Ramsay (Class of 2011) accepts his Reserves Fairest and Best Award.*



*Captain Mark Colace (Class of 2009) with partner Elle Ventris.*

*David Frawley (Class of 2004) receives SNESA life membership.*

*SNESA President Rafic Aoun delivers the evening's opening address.*

# QUEENS PARK FOOTBALL CLUB

THE Queens Park Football Club was established in 2013 as a means to allow the Queens Park junior players to continue playing a sport they loved into their adulthood.

St Norbert College alumnus Mr Peter (Pete) Salter (Class of 1975) was the inaugural president and driving force behind the birth of the club and is proud of the club's achievements to date.

"We are a true community, family-oriented club," Pete said. "We are also a good example of multicultural, modern Australia with players from Sudan, New Guinea, Singapore and Indonesia blended together with a strong Aboriginal flavour. We also have a strong St Norbert College link with several current and former students playing. All great blokes."

The inaugural coach, Lindsay Tann, was a product of Sister Kate's Orphanage located opposite Queens Park Oval, and another former resident there, WAFL and Geelong legend Graham (Polly) Farmer, organised and donated the junior club's first jumpers which happened to be blue and black, modelled along the lines of Polly's East Perth team.

Pete is proud of the achievements of the club during its short history including a premiership in its first year. "We copped a flogging in our first four games so I went out and recruited some ex-juniors and we went on to win the flag," Pete said.

Another premiership followed in 2016, and there have been many other finals appearances. Pete believes the club makes a positive contribution to the local community on and off the field, and is quietly confident of success in September. "This year the League side are travelling well on the top of the table, and the Reserves are also in the top four," he said.

## ANOTHER FLAG!

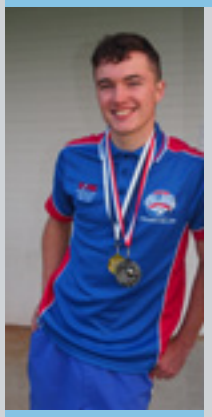
The Queens Park Bulldogs continued their good form in 2017, finishing the season on top of the ladder and going on to earn the right to play in the grand final. Fittingly their opponents were second-placed Safety Bay and the final was played in good spirits at Robinson Reserve in Tuart Hill on Sunday, September 17.

The scores were close all day until Queens Park took control in the last quarter, piling on six goals, and running out winners of the Metro Football League Division 1 premiership, 15.11 (101) to Safety Bay 11.7 (73).

Celebrations reached a new height when Caleb White (Class of 2017) was awarded best on ground, with St Norbert College alumnus Preston Westlake (Class of 2013) a close second.

Inaugural Queens Park president Pete Salter (Class of 1975) was elated, as was current president, Ross White, who had two boys - Caleb and Jacob (Class of 2013) – in the winning line-up. "From a personal perspective I was sorry my boys missed out – Jake (Class of 2006) is working in Brisbane and Brad (Class of 2003) was out injured," Pete said, "but this is fantastic for the club. Footy is alive and well in Queens Park and I can't wait for next season!"

*St Norbert College influence: Caleb White (Class of 2017), Chris McCabe (Class of 2003), Jacob White (Class of 2013), Paul Samitinant (Class of 2006), Brad Salter (Class of 2003) and Pete Salter (Class of 1975).*



*Caleb White with his premiership and best on ground medals.*

*The Salter clan: Brad, Pete and Jake with the 2013 premiership trophy. Pete was the inaugural president and driving force behind the establishment of the club.*

# ST NORBERT *Day*

At the conclusion of St Norbert Day celebrations on Friday, June 9, past and present staff members gathered at a social function to catch up on all the news, and reminisce about the time they spent at Treasure Road. *Norbertus* tagged along and bumped into the following groups of people who are bound together for life by the years they have spent at St Norbert College.

Mrs Chrystelle and Mr Albert Borrello pictured with Ms Margaret Kyd on St Norbert Day. Chrystelle and Albert met at St Norbert College, married in 2013 and have two daughters, Amelie (two years old) and Aria (six months). Chrystelle is currently on maternity leave from SNC. Albert taught at SNC from 2010 to 2011 and is currently a teacher and Director of Engagement at Mercy College, Koondoola. Margaret is Coordinator of Campus Ministry at SNC.

Mrs Maureen Tavani, Miss Maureen Smith and Mrs Trish van Nus. Maureen Tavani was a typewriting, business communications and word processing teacher at SNC from 1982 to 1996, before doing relief teaching and then working as Community Relations and Alumni Officer from 2008 to 2015; Maureen Smith commenced at SNC in 1996 as teacher-librarian; Trish taught a wide variety of subjects at SNC from 1984 to 2004 and was prominent in assisting in the production of many creative arts performances. Maureen Tavani and Trish are both retired.

Mrs Franca Coutts, Mrs Samantha Mark, Mrs Bridget Murphy, Mrs Fiona Williams, Ms Sharon Rainford and Mrs Anne Salter get together to celebrate St Norbert Day. Franca was Deputy Principal at SNC from 2008 to 2012 and is now Deputy Principal at Servite Catholic College, Tuart Hill; Samantha is currently Head of the Technologies Learning Area at SNC; Fiona taught word processing, humanities and religious education at SNC from 1997 to 2007. She then became Director of Community Relations and Marketing at CBC Fremantle from 2007 to 2013, before accepting the position of Assistant Learning Area Coordinator of Religious Education at La Salle College, Middle Swan; Bridget commenced the first of several stints teaching mathematics and religious education at SNC in 2000 and was Head of the Mathematics Learning Area from 2013 until August this year when she once again returned with her family to Ireland; Sharon is on leave from SNC for 2017 but returns as Deputy Principal in 2018; Anne completed several stints as a mathematics teacher at SNC from 1998 to 2005 and currently is happily retired.

Miss Olivia Palermo, Mrs Jenny Palermo and Miss Celeste Della Posta. Olivia was a member of the SNC Class of 2009 and is currently working towards completing a teaching degree at Notre Dame University while working part-time at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Queens Park, as an education assistant and student support officer; Jenny is the mother of Olivia and is an education assistant at SNC; Celeste is a performing arts and pre-kindergarten teacher at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

Mr Peter Chandler, Mr Peter Hawke and Mr Peter Hayes. Peter Chandler taught mathematics and religious education at SNC from 1999 to 2004 and is currently working part-time at Penhros College, Como, as a specialist extension mathematics teacher. Peter recently featured in an article in *The Australian* newspaper about the popularity of mathematics at Penhros College; Peter Hawke came from Newman College, Churchlands, to take up the position of Deputy Principal at SNC in April this year; Peter Hayes was Principal of SNC from 1997 to 2007 and is currently spending his retirement years travelling and volunteering as a guide on Rottnest Island.

Mr Aaron McGoorty and Mr Chris Reimers were former colleagues at Mater Dei College before Aaron, a St Norbert College alumnus from the Class of 2001, made the move to SNC in 2016. Chris was Head of Humanities and Social Sciences at SNC from July 1998 to 2001 before moving to the same position at Mater Dei College, Edgewater, in 2002 where he is currently on long service leave. Chris also took two years' leave from Mater Dei to teach in Hong Kong.

Mr Tim McIntyre, Mr Chris Richards-Scully and Mr Mark Pavy. Tim is the Business Manager at SNC; Chris (St Norbert College alumnus, Class of 1984) was Community Relations and Marketing Officer at SNC from 2012 until February 2017, when he accepted a position at John XXIII College, Mt Claremont, as Marketing and Communications Manager; Mark worked at SNC from 2003 to 2016, principally as Head of Health and Physical Education, but with periods as Head of Sport and acting Dean of Studies, and is currently Dean of Studies at Seton Catholic College, Samson.

Mrs Heidi Hutton, Mr Robert Henderson, Mrs Samantha Mark and Mrs Katherine Branchi. Robert was Deputy Principal at SNC from 1996 to 2003 and since then has been Vice-Principal at Trinity College (including a stint as acting Principal), and Principal at CBC Fremantle, Ipswich Grammar School, Queensland, and currently Principal at John XXIII College, Mt Claremont. Mrs Katherine Branchi worked at SNC from 1993 to 2004 as a humanities and geography teacher, with stints as Head of Humanities and Social Sciences and Head of Kilnacrott House, and - after a period of home duties raising her sons Ethan and Jacob - accepted a humanities and geography teaching position at Iona Presentation College, Mosman Park, in 2012.

Ms Diana Tersigni, Mr Clem Mulchay and Mrs Desirée Grzenda-Day. Diana commenced teaching science, biology and human biology at SNC in 1982 (with Mr Simon Harvey in her Homeroom from 1984), before she moved to live in Italy for 26 years where she raised a family and taught English. In 2014 Diana returned to Perth and recommenced at SNC to teach Italian and mathematics; Clem has had a long and distinguished career in Catholic education and has close links to SNC where he has written a book on the history of the College and was acting Principal in Term 1 of 2016; Desirée has had a very strong affiliation with SNC where she commenced her teaching career in 1980 and went on to become Head of Magdeburg House, Head of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deputy Principal and – after several years working at the Catholic Education Office as a consultant – ultimately Principal of SNC from 2008 to 2011.

Dr Killian O'Reilly, Ms Jenneth Stibi, Miss Tatia Sly, Mrs Janey O'Reilly, Mrs Lyndsey Cardenia, Mrs Bridget Murphy, Ms Sharon Rainford, Mrs Anne Salter and Mr Peter Chandler. Killian is the Head of Magdeburg House and has taught science and chemistry at SNC since 1996. He is currently on a year's leave; Lyndsey has been at SNC since 1999 where she has taught mathematics, been Head of Kilnacrott House, and acting Head of Mathematics and Xanten House. She is currently on maternity leave, having spent time raising her daughter Bree (three and a half years old). Lyndsey intends to return to full-time teaching at SNC in 2018.

Mr Peter Hayes and Ms Jenneth Stibi. Jenneth was Deputy Principal at SNC from 2003 to 2007 before moving to John XXIII as Deputy Principal (Pastoral Welfare) in 2008, and then to Prendiville Catholic College, Ocean Reef, where she has been Deputy Principal since 2012. Jenneth features in this edition of *Norbertus* in the Where Are They Now section on page 39.

Mrs Janey O'Reilly, Miss Tatia Sly, Mrs Heidi Hutton and Dr Pete Hutton. Janey is married to Dr Killian O'Reilly, who is taking leave from SNC in 2017; Tatia taught Japanese and humanities at SNC from 2002 to 2006 and is currently teaching Japanese at John Wollaston Anglican Community School, Camillo; Heidi, who is married to Pete, did her final teaching practice at SNC in 2000 and was very pleased to accept a physical education and outdoor education teaching position at SNC in 2001. After gaining a Masters in Education, Heidi secured a research position at the Telethon Kids Institute, then moved to New Zealand for two years before returning to Perth in 2013 and resuming her research post.

# JENNETH *Stibi*

Ms Jenneth Stibi was a Deputy Principal at St Norbert College from July 1999 to the end of 2007 and during that time she gained a reputation as being an educator and administrator whose compassion and consideration for her students and fellow staff members were surpassed by none. Jenneth's embodiment of the College motto of "prepared for all good works" made a lasting impression on all who came in contact with her. Recently *Norbertus* caught up with Jenneth at one of her favourite cafés for a chat over *Norbertus'* coffee of choice: a decaf piccolo soy latte with a twist of lemon and a sprinkle of cinnamon.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Welcome to *Norbertus*, Jenneth.

**Jenneth Stibi (J.S.):** My pleasure, nice to be here. I see your taste in coffee hasn't improved!

***N*:** *Norbertus* will ignore that comment! Can we start with your early years – your family life?

**J.S.:** I was born and raised in the hills - a Lesmurdie girl! It was a great place to grow up, a bit like a country town where everyone knew each other. I have one brother and one sister. My dad died when I was seven and despite some challenges we never went without. I actually thought we were pretty lucky growing up because many of my friends came from very large families and many of them really struggled financially.

***N*:** So did you go to school locally, in Lesmurdie?

**J.S.:** Yes, I did. I attended St Brigid's Ladies College (now just St Brigid's). I was a student there for 12 years and had a wonderful group of friends – there are still a number I catch up with who all started together in Grade One.

***N*:** Obviously you selected a career in education; what drew you to this field, and what tertiary education path did you take?

**J.S.:** Well actually I originally had an interest in archaeology until I realised the practicalities of spending long days and nights in difficult environments! Mum and other family members were teachers and I think it seemed like a logical progression for me. I initially studied home economics and art at Nedland's College of Advanced Education, and later did a Bachelor of Education in religious education, and a Master of Arts (Theological Studies) - both at Notre Dame in Fremantle.

***N*:** And your current family life, hobbies, interests?

**J.S.:** I have been happily married to Brenton for more than 30 years! In terms of getting away from school life, I love to travel; favorite destinations are Jordan, Turkey, Israel, Vietnam and Bali. I have some great stories to tell but they are never as funny as a certain other St Norbert College staff member's travel yarns! I have been doing pilates for around 15 years and love the beach, reading, trying new restaurants and attending Fringe and Perth International Arts Festivals.

***N*:** Congratulations on your pearl anniversary, and I'm just trying to work out who that other character might be! We'll come to your St Norbert College role in a moment, but could you please let *Norbertus* readers know about your teaching career to date?

**J.S.:** I commenced my teaching career at Servite College where I taught home economics and art for two years before becoming a foundation staff member at Lumen Christi College where I set up the home economics and art departments, before being promoted to Assistant Deputy Principal. After 16 years there I did eight

years at St Norbert College before completing four years as Deputy Principal (Pastoral Welfare) at John XXIII College. Currently I am in my sixth year at Prendiville Catholic College as Deputy Principal.

***N:*** You commenced at St Norbert College in the middle of 1999 and over eight years you were Deputy Principal with varying titles and roles. What were your first impressions of the College?

**J.S.:** I was immediately struck by the excellent pastoral care system and the great teachers who were very creative, embraced change and innovation, and put in large amounts of extra time for the students. I always found St Norbert College to be very diverse culturally but at the same time people were accepting of each other. There was a strong sense of community which, from my observations, still exists today.

***N:*** Obviously with your time spent in a range of Catholic schools you have banked a wide range of experiences and skills to draw on, but can you recall anything that you might have learned at St Norbert College that helped you, or you applied, in subsequent positions?

**J.S.:** Yes, certainly. I learnt about the importance of embracing diversity, and - as I mentioned - the creativity in the classroom was contagious. In my pastoral care role I recognised the need to develop resilient, independent young people who understand the importance of being socially aware and being "prepared for all good works".

***N:*** As luck would have it, one of your former students, Jessica Cevjic (Class of 2007), featured in the last edition of *Norbertus* and she expressed gratitude for the impact you had on her life. Jessica said you played a role in teaching her to be more resilient and to believe in herself much more, which has helped shape her positive outlook. That must be satisfying and rewarding to hear Jessica acknowledge your influence 10 years after she left St Norbert College?

**J.S.:** That is very touching, thank you. I remember Jessica well and wish her all the best. That is part of what I love about teaching - hoping you might have played a tiny role in the growth of some of the students you worked with.

***N:*** What other memories spring to mind when you think about your time at Treasure Road?

**J.S.:** There are many! Working with wonderful people such as Brian Rogan and Br Pat, and being part of great leadership and pastoral care teams was really satisfying. The Cadré, Quest and Kairos retreats were always memorable, and Beliefs and Values was great fun with mock weddings and parents bringing in small children to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting. Funnily enough birds feature in some memories such as when Don Parnell started to tell off some noisy "students" outside his classroom only to discover the offenders were crows, and the time Sharon Rainford and I were marvelling at the beauty of an owl in the main quadrangle, only to be told by a student it was a fake owl designed to scare away the crows! Rob Henderson in high heels in the Cinderella pantomime is something I will never forget, and who would have thought horse racing enthusiast Shaun Kenny would have a soft spot for ballet! Just some of the many happy memories.

***N.*** Actually *Norbertus* remembers a certain editor of a certain publication at St Norbert College who fell for the old fake owl trick a few years ago too – it is very easy to do! It is extremely life-like. *Norbertus* notices you still take the time to catch up with former colleagues at St Norbert Day celebrations.

**J.S.:** I do. I make a point of going every year to catch up with a lot of old friends. It is great to keep connected to the College and to be included in the life of the College in so many ways. This is unique to St Norbert College.

***N:*** On behalf of St Norbert College, thank you very much for your valuable contribution to the College and to Catholic education in Western Australia, and also giving up your valuable time for a chat over coffee. Best wishes for the future.

**J.S.:** My pleasure, I have enjoyed it. Thank you very much. Wishing everyone at St Norbert College well. See you at St Norbert Day in 2018!

*Jenneth Stibi and Bruno Celedin pictured at the 2006 St Norbert College Ball.*

# MR CHRISTOPHER *Houlihan*

Mr Christopher Houlihan worked at St Norbert College for nine years in a variety of teaching and leadership positions. Christopher commenced at Treasure Road as a mathematics, physics and religion teacher in 1989, and concluded his stint in 1997 when he was Deputy Principal (Teaching and Learning). Now back in his native Victoria, Christopher is currently the chief executive of Mercy Education after a distinguished 15-year stint as Principal at Padua College on the Mornington Peninsula. As Christopher is a keen Collingwood supporter, and because *Norbertus*' budget couldn't quite stretch to a Victorian-based interview, we waited until the Round 11 Dockers game at Domain Stadium when we caught up with Christopher during the half-time break.

***Norbertus (N)*:** Thank you for giving *Norbertus* some of your time, Christopher. You were born in Victoria – can you give our readers a background to your your early years?

**Christopher Houlihan (C.H.):** My pleasure. Nice to be back in Perth for a couple of days, and nice to see the Pies have the measure of the Dockers by 16 points at the big break. Yes, I am a Victorian, born on Christmas Day in 1961 and grew up on a dairy farm near Stanhope in the Goulburn Valley. I attended St Mary's Convent in Rushworth and completed my secondary schooling with the Marist Brothers at St Colman's College in Shepparton.

***N*:** Straight to university after leaving school?

**C.H.:** Yes and no. I commenced university but soon deferred and worked for a while as a public servant in the Australian Bureau of Statistics, before returning to my studies and completing a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne and a Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education at Mercy Teachers' College in Ascot Vale. Later on in my career I completed a Masters in Education at the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle.

***N*:** We'll come to the St Norbert College stage of your career in a moment, but can you give the *Norbertus* readers a rundown of where else you taught and worked?

**C.H.:** My first teaching post was at St Aloysius College in North Melbourne for three years and then I crossed to Western Australia for a year at Santa Maria College before moving to St Norbert's. As you are probably aware, I spent almost a decade there before commencing a three-year stint as Deputy Principal at Servite College and then returning to Victoria as Principal of Padua College in Mornington. In the second half of 2015 I successfully applied for the position of chief executive of Mercy Education which is a very interesting, varied and rewarding role, with the occasional interstate trip thrown in.

***N*:** Although you only spent one year at Santa Maria, I believe this experience had a big influence on your life.

**C.H.:** Yes, apart from a positive teaching experience I met fellow teacher Anne-Marie whom I married in 1990. Fr Tom McNulty, then the Norbertine Prior, celebrated our marriage. We have one daughter, Tessa, born in 2001 in Perth, when I had already moved back to Victoria to commence my new role as Principal at Padua. Tessa was born in April, nine weeks premature (hence the reason Anne-Marie had stayed in Perth for the pregnancy). Anne-Marie and Tessa joined me in early June in Victoria – Tessa still wasn't due until late June!

***N*:** While you touch on the family side of things, can *Norbertus* ask how you spend your time away from your work at Mercy Education?

*Christopher Houlihan distributes Communion in 1997.*

**C.H.:** Sure. We love travelling overseas, especially Europe, and on a local level we really enjoy caravanning around Victoria and beyond. Family life is very important so family and social gatherings are enjoyable. And golf – most Saturday afternoons I play a social nine holes.

***N*:** If you cast your mind back to 1989, what were your first impressions of St Norbert College?

**C.H.:** It was a wonderful experience to be working at St Norbert College at the time. The presence of the Norbertines was so valuable and the House system was years ahead of its time for providing students - and staff - with an identity and a place to belong. I was really impressed by the ability of the staff to give of themselves for the students, the parents who were grateful for this dedication, the respect held by all the College community for the Catholic tradition and the Norbertine charism, as well as the great fun of St Norbert Day, which all contributed to a wonderful environment in which to teach and learn.

***N*:** How did you find the St Norbert College students?

**C.H.:** The students at SNC were down-to-earth and eager to enjoy life and whilst a few took that challenge up as a priority over learning (you lot know who you are!) others maintained the balance and excelled at their studies and from what I know, nearly all - both those who were less-engaged and those who achieved to their potential - hold their time at the College as special because they knew the staff and the Norbertines were genuinely interested in them and wanted the best for them. Br Pat is an example for both.

***N*:** I shudder to think what Br Pat would be thinking about the Dockers' performance today! Apart from his strong influence, can you think of any other staff members who made an impression on you?

**C.H.:** There were many – it was a wonderful experience to be working at St Norbert's at that time. Major contributors to my career path were Tom Corcoran (Principal at the time) and fellow physics teacher and Assistant Deputy Principal, Peter Glasson. As it was the school where I first went into leadership roles, I learnt a great deal about the importance of developing relationships within the leadership team. This was an important skill to acquire before moving to new roles as Deputy Principal, and then eventually Principal.

***N*:** In preparation for this interview *Norbertus* did a little hunting around in the archives and noticed an obscure minute from a meeting that indicated you may have been an influence in the naming of the *Norbertus* magazine.

**C.H.:** I didn't know any record of this existed, but yes, you are quite correct. Brian Rogan was the first editor of *Norbertus* and he called for suggestions for a name for the publication. Knowing Brian was an old Latin scholar from way back, I suggested *Norbertus* and Brian jumped at the idea! I'm pleased the name survives to this day as I feel St Norbert would be quietly pleased that his name continues to inspire former staff and students as they read the news that Brian, Maureen Tavani and now you bring us.

***N*:** They don't make them like Brian any more. *Norbertus* remembers the time when he thought he'd given his first PowerPoint presentation, when in fact it was the first overhead projector presentation he had given in 40 years of teaching!

**C.H.:** Brian Rogan was a great colleague and friend, particularly among us in Tongerlo House. "There you are!" and "Is that yourself?" were some of the great salutations every time you encountered Brian. His compering of the presentation nights was legendary with his entertaining wit and famous Irish blessing.

***N*:** Well, Christopher, it's about time for the second half. Before we let you go, just an observation, if you don't mind: Mr Christopher Houlihan – mathematician, physicist, three degrees, former Principal, chief executive officer... and Collingwood supporter? Do you see something out of line here?

**C.H.:** Certainly not! The mighty Pies continue to be a source of inspiration for me and today I predict a comfortable victory of about 20 points or so.

***N*:** Time will tell, Christopher, may the best team win. On behalf of St Norbert College, thank you for your excellent contribution to the College's history and congratulations on your outstanding career in Catholic education. Best wishes to you and your family.

**C.H.:** My pleasure, it has been great to be back in Perth. Regards to all associated with St Norbert College and best wishes to all your *Norbertus* readers.

# FROM THE ARCHIVES:

## THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

**Despite** all the changes that have occurred in education including the advent of new subjects, different curriculums, new teaching and learning styles and the sweeping transformation brought about by the brave new world of information technology, some of the basics haven't changed, as these photographs from 1977 and 2017 show.

*Year 10 Food and Nutrition: Taneesha D'Arrigo, Jorja Belli, Yajnah Juggessur and Nehar Neminathan.*

*Year 12 ATAR Religion and Life: Miss Michelle Ronchi, Viduni Liyanage, Sophie Spanghero, Aayana May and Tom Thistlewaite.*

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