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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I expect that most of the readers of this amazing publication have those same feelings I experience when I think of St Norbert College. I am privileged to "come back" every working day and logically, the memories of my days as a student are never far from my mind. Never far from my mind either, are the wonderful people who shared those formative years with me in the Class of 1988!

It was great to catch up with a group of my peers for our 30th year reunion, back in October. It's amazing how much time has passed, yet how little they have changed – of course, I can't speak for myself – I had far more hair back then and less of it was salt and more pepper!! It was terrific chatting about the good old days of walking to the Queens Park Rec Centre for sport, Masses in St Joseph's church which is now the Hall, assemblies in the main quad (now Hugh Court) and having to stand for the whole time (unless you fainted), Mrs Pollaers' incredible ham and melted cheese rolls and how much the trains have changed in 30 years.

What hasn't changed is how it felt being a student at St Norbert College – when I asked my classmates what they liked about our College, I got the same response that I get today from our current students; when they answer, there's brightness in their face, their eyes start to 'smile' and a grin appears, followed by the use of words like friendships, community, the feel and the vibe, *"we made the most of everything"*.

I'm excited to be able to read of the experiences and exploits of those former staff and students profiled in this edition of *Norbertus*. What a compilation of stars, many of whom I have had or continue to have, some connection with today. The names of Pollaers, O'Connell and Speechley are legendary amongst the community and many students are sure to remember their teachers named Byrne, Lombardi and Van Vliet.

We are blessed to be a part of the St Norbert College community and I commend Mr Frank Mulligan and all involved in this edition of *Norbertus*. As you enjoy reading this edition, I hope you are again reminded that we are, and will always remain, of one mind and one heart.

God bless.

Simon Harvey
Principal

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to Issue 32 of *Norbertus*, the magazine that features the achievements and adventures of the alumni of St Norbert College.

In this issue we look back at what the College was like in 1998, 1988 and 1978, drop in on the reunions of the Classes of 1988 and 1998, and catch up with some former students and teachers to see what they have been up to.

Class of 1978 graduate Dr Alec O'Connell is now Scotch College Headmaster and he tells of his professional educational journey to date.
Former student Greg Smith has some interesting tales to tell about the College's humble beginnings in the 1960s, including an ingenious safety precaution adopted following the 1968 Meckering earthquake, and 1970s student Pas Serafino talks about his group of mates that have been inseparable since they met at St Norbert College nearly 45 years ago.

Former St Norbert College teaching icons John Pollaers and Anthony Byrne tell us about their career paths since leaving Treasure Road and – in what is thought to be a *Norbertus* first – we interview two former students who were elected mayor in their respective home towns. Mayor Gavin Buckley made national headlines when he pulled off a stunning victory in Annapolis, Maryland, USA, and – a little closer to home - Glenn Dewhurst became Mayor of the City of Gosnells. Congratulations to these two gentlemen on their success!

Speaking of success, well done to alumnus Michael Speechley who has scored a publishing deal with Penguin Books Australia, and his first book, "The All New Must Have Orange 430" is flying off the shelves! Michael opens up on his long writing and illustrating journey which has finally been recognised and rewarded. And speaking of publishing, Catholic Education legend Mr Clement Mulcahy talks about "In the Middle of Everything", the magnificent book he has written about the history of St Norbert College from 1965 to 2015. Talk about ideal Christmas gifts for the kids, or that hard-to-buy-for St Norbert College alumnus!

In sport, as usual we wrap up SNESA Football Club's season and cover the glitz and glamour of the red carpet at the annual awards night. We also hear from the Queens Park Football Club which won another flag this year with the help of several St Norbert College alumni.

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed articles and photographs to this issue.

Please enjoy Issue 32 of *Norbertus* and remember to send any feedback or alumni news to fmulligan@norbert.wa.edu.au.

Frank Mulligan
Editor

Memories and Moments

MRS MAUREEN TAVANI – GUEST COLUMNIST

It is 44 years since my introduction to all things Norbertine. First in 1974 as the mother of a Year 6 son, then from 1976 to 2015 as secretary, teacher, Community Relations Officer then Alumni and Archive Officer until I retired, for the second time, in 2015.

Without me knowing it at the time, in 1975 Fr Gerard Cusack O Praem changed the trajectory of my life when he asked his students if anyone's mother could type. He was told by my son that I could and the rest, you could say, is history!

In January 1976 Fr Peter O'Reilly O Praem rang to confirm I could type and told me he "had a little job for me" that would take six weeks. I had five children aged between two and 12 at the time. Mr Des O'Sullivan had been appointed Principal in 1975 and the decision had been taken to run a fund-raising campaign under the direction of Mr Tom Kavanagh. The goal was $150,000 and I was to be firstly Tom's secretary, and then (although I wasn't told this at the time), be responsible for receiving and recording all the pledges over the next three years! I learned very early in my introduction to all things Norbertine that Fr Peter O'Reilly was a force for progress and foresight. His ability and determination to get things done were remarkable.

While all this was happening, and the pledges were rolling in satisfactorily, I found myself working as secretary to Fr Peter, Des O'Sullivan and various teachers who wanted their exams typed – on my brand-new IBM golf ball typewriter! The typing of exams, and the search for knowledge that came with it, was the catalyst for me to commence study. So, I added that to my "To Do" list and achieved a Pitman Secretarial Teaching Diploma in 1980.

I was appointed to the staff of St Norbert College and commenced teaching Typewriting & Business Communications - on manual typewriters - in 1982 with my daughter as a student in Year 12. No pressure! I am sure there are any number of poor tortured past students who can relate stories of learning to type on a manual typewriter with a box over their hands or being made to type the alphabet backwards! I am equally sure there are many who value their learned skill in a world dependent on a Qwerty keyboard. In 1996 Melissa Bonetti (Thong) was the first Year 12 student to be awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Word Processing. When I retired permanently in 2015 I was humbled to receive numerous messages of thanks from past students.

By 1990 technology was sweeping the world and, after progressing from manual typewriters to the electronic version, the decision was taken by the then Principal, Tom Corcoran, to build a new computer lab and a word processing centre. Never having used a computer, this resulted in yet another steep learning curve for me and more study. In 1992 our brand new, state-of-the art word processing centre went online. From manual typewriters to computers in 10 years! I retired from teaching in December 1996.

After our joint retirements my husband, Robert Tavani and I spent time travelling Australia until his death in 2006. In 2008 I was invited by the new Principal, Mrs Desirée Grzenda-Day to re-join the staff as Community Relations Officer, which then changed in 2011 to Alumni and Archive Officer under the Principalship of Mrs Annette Morey. Those years between 2008 and 2015 were precious for various reasons, not the least of which was that I was privileged to have contact with many of my past students through Koinonia, Norbertus and reunions. The majority had forgiven me for my "classroom discipline" and we became good friends.

The Tavani family, St Norbert College and the Norbertine community became inextricably linked. From the outset my husband had become very involved in the College, had served on the Board, had been President of the P & F and attended numerous working bees. The Norbertine Canons became part of our family; we became part of theirs. We have shared baptisms, graduations, weddings and funerals. It's what happens at St Norbert's.

To be part of St Norbert College and the Norbertine community is to be a welcomed with open arms and hospitality, shown the ropes, encouraged, and taught to be "prepared for all good works".

1981 Sylverry Murphy, Maureen Tavani, Eileen Wraight.

Mr Robert and Mrs Maureen Tavani.

Maureen pictured with Tina Tomeo and Sister Roberta.

Getting a kick OUT OF BOOKS

MR MICHAEL SPEECHLEY

Mr Michael Speechley.

Mr Michael Speechley (Class of 1986) is an alumnus of St Norbert College whose love of art and writing inspired him to pursue an artistic, creative path in life, working as a graphic designer, teacher and illustrator. Recently Michael signed a book deal with Penguin Random House, and his first book, "The All New Must Have Orange 430", has been greeted with both critical acclaim and commercial success. A keen traveller and surfer, Michael is currently enjoying some well-deserved long service leave from his teaching position at Irene McCormack Catholic College, Butler, to promote his book and work on writing his second one, and generously gave up some of his time to answer a few questions for *Norbertus*.

***Norbertus* (N):** Welcome to *Norbertus*, Michael, and thank you very much for your time.

Michael Speechley (M.S.): It's my pleasure. St Norbert College was such a great school for me and for many of my family members and I'm so pleased to be interviewed by my old high school. I never take for granted the time and effort that my teachers put in for me when I was a student. They can take a lot of the credit for what I am doing now.

***N*:** Congratulations on the publication of "The All New Must Have Orange 430".

M.S.: Thanks. It's my first book and I'm working on my second one now with Penguin Random House, so I've been very busy, but I'm having so much fun as well. I can't take all of the credit for the book because Penguin Random House's advice and support is quite incredible and they make my work so much better than I could ever do on my own. They are such experts and I love the guidance they provide and the directions they send my concepts and ideas.

***N*:** Could you please tell our readers a little about the book? What was your inspiration to write it?

M.S.: The book is fundamentally about the negative effects of advertising and consumerism, but it is also about living in an informed and sustainable way and being more aware about how you can spend your hard-earned cash. The idea came to me when I was studying art at Edith Cowan University and, as a bit of a joke,

I designed some "international useless objects". These were objects that didn't actually do anything at all. Initially, I thought I could make them and sell them. I worked for many years as a graphic designer and I did some small stints in advertising as well, so I just thought it would be funny. But later, I realised how irresponsible that would be for the environment and perhaps a children's book would be a fun way to get the message out there.

N: *Norbertus* recommends our readers check out your Instagram account which contains some outstanding artwork. Did you do the artwork for the book?

M.S.: Yes, I draw and I write. The writing part is so great because you can come up with simple ideas and then you have the challenge of putting them all together, but I feel a bit awkward about calling myself a writer. I feel much more comfortable as a visual artist, but I really do like them both. I enjoyed English at school and my teachers were brilliant, but I must say that I really loved doing art at St Norbert's. My teachers helped me develop my interest and skills. I still love drawing now. I sometimes have to pinch myself when I remind myself that I make a living out of art. I studied art for a total of four and a half years at university and another three years at TAFE. I am also a high school art teacher as well. So, I've been practising a bit since school and I'm still improving!

N: Is there any truth to the rumour that the main character Harvey is named after our principal at St Norbert College, Mr Simon Harvey, who was a couple of years behind you at school?

M.S.: I could tell a little fib and say "yes," but St Norbert's taught me good values and to tell the truth. I remember Mr Harvey though. I'm pretty sure he needed some footy socks once and he asked my physical education class if anyone had some spares, so I gave him mine. He was a great kid at school and had such a positive personality. He seemed to have a lot of energy and confidence and he loved sport. These things would make perfect attributes for any Catholic principal, and I'm sure he has to pinch himself occasionally when he looks around his old high school. He is a great person and the College is in great hands.

N: When did your interests in art and writing develop?

M.S.: I always liked drawing as a kid, but I struggled with books a little, until I read "The Magic Pudding" and "The Muddleheaded Wombat" in primary school. I also remember my Year 3 teacher at St Joseph's making up stories about little Jimmy Brown. Miss Gibb's (now Mrs Byrne) stories were a real treat. She definitely sparked something in my imagination and I remember believing I found Jimmy's magic stick one Easter holidays. My grandparents, parents and siblings also encouraged me to pursue my interests and still do to this day.

N: After St Joseph's you enrolled at St Norbert College. Could you tell us a little about your time at the College – Homeroom, House, Homeroom teacher, years at the College?

M.S.: I really liked school. I had so many great teachers. I've even worked with one of my old Homeroom teachers, Mr O'Brien - what a legend. Mr Rowell was my Homeroom teacher for Years 10, 11 and 12 and he was amazing. He was patient, kind and funny and we were all so lucky to have

Michael's first book, "The All New Must Have Orange 430".

him. His homemade hot chili dogs were the best, and he was such a highly respected man among the students. I graduated in 1986, but it feels like yesterday.

N: What are some of the happy or significant memories that come to mind when you think about your time at St Norbert College?

M.S.: My main memories are of the art room. It was a place that I just loved. My Year 11 and 12 teacher was Kara Vandeleur and she inspired me because she loved art herself and she

would play her music and paint and draw at the same time as us. It was such a brilliant learning environment and it never *seemed* like schoolwork. She certainly got my artistic side rolling, which is a sign of a great teacher. I learnt a lot from my other friends as well, especially the Aboriginal kids from up north who boarded at the Pallotine Centre in Riverton. They probably wouldn't be aware of the impact they had on me. I felt as though I had the opportunity to learn a few things about their culture and I have a deep respect for Aboriginal culture because of them.

N: Do you still keep in touch with any of your former classmates?

M.S.: Yes, I do. I have a couple of friends from school and plenty of family members as well. I have also heard that so many of my year group have gone on to do interesting things after school, and this is a reflection of what the College did for us. I occasionally run into former classmates around the place. Yesterday, I was drawing in a café and a group of people were singing the praises of Tim Marney, who was in my year.

N: Tim was kind enough to contribute to an issue of *Norbertus* last year as the Western Australian Mental Health Commissioner. You ended up in the teaching profession. Could you please tell our readers what drew you to this occupation, and perhaps tell us about your studies and your CV since you graduated from university?

M.S.: I have been teaching in the Catholic system for the last seventeen years, but I never once thought I could even do this. I have been privileged to have worked with some of the most intelligent, inspirational, creative and selfless people I have ever met. Teaching was something that was never on the radar when I was younger, but now I can say that I have taught at Lumen Christi, La Salle, Mater Dei, St Clare's and Irene McCormack, with a short stint at Prendiville as well. I guess I just wanted to help kids out, that was it really. I felt as though I could do something good. It hasn't always been easy, but I just always wanted to try to keep things simple and just focus on teaching kids. Then they could use it, if they wanted to, and go on to do interesting things as well.

N: You are currently on long service leave and doing a bit of travel combined with promoting "The All New Must Have Orange 430". How is that all working out?

M.S.: It has been great. I've just presented to about a thousand primary school kids over the last few days and it was amazing! I am really enjoying my time and I am making the most of the opportunity to finish up my second book. I have recently returned from the east coast where I had some meetings in Melbourne and Sydney, but I also spent time in Byron Bay playing with storylines, layouts, colours and styles. Hopefully I can develop some more stories once I finish this book and head off on another adventure overseas. I get itchy feet and love travelling around the world, drawing and thinking as I go.

N: Do you think you'll ever get to a position where you will be able to become a full-time writer?

M.S.: I always try to develop a lot of different ideas and I also try to come up with new ones as well. I want to continue to teach, but I also get a kick working on books, so hopefully I will find a happy medium one day. There are some other book concepts that are in good positions right now, but I will have to wait and see what transpires. I have enjoyed the teaching-writing combination; they work well together.

Michael's Year 12 photograph from the 1986 Koinonia. Michael signs some copies of his book in a bookstore at Garden City Shopping Centre.

N: Securing a publishing deal is quite a notable achievement. What advice would you give to any young person reading this about achieving their goals or dreams?

M.S.: It is hard, but I would say that you just have to see how you go. There are plenty of sacrifices you may have to make, but if you don't try, it is guaranteed that it will not happen. A lot of people say that if you work hard and have talent that you will achieve your goals, but the real world says that there are never any guarantees, and that can challenge you at times. I work hard, but it's fun

and I practise all of the time and that's fun, and I travel and I try not to do anything just because I think I can make money out of it. Because of this, I have given myself the opportunities to achieve some level of success. I'm not at all saying that it is easy; life can be difficult at times and there can be all sorts of roadblocks, but I just enjoy doing what I'm best at, regardless of publishing deals or anything else that may come with the job. I suppose I've learnt to challenge myself and I enjoy that. I have goals that I work towards and some of them are far- fetched and may not be attainable, but I go about my business anyway. As far as my dreams go, now that is a weird place that often involves golf courses turning into waves of grass and my mates driving past me in a flying car that turns into a boat, while I'm surfing a perfect wave on the Swan River near Maylands.

N: Apart from your writing and teaching, what else do you get up to?

M.S.: I have been single for a few years now, so I have been using my time to do the things that many non-single people would love to do if they could. I travel whenever I get the chance and I constantly think about where I could go next. Today, I have already thought about New Zealand, Broome, Margaret River, Turkey, Greece, London and New York. But I have a deadline to meet, so I have time to work out the next destination. I started surfing when I was a teenager at St Norbert's, and I really miss the ocean. I travelled a lot because of my sport, but I recently backed-off my surfing because I had a couple of close calls with sharks and that spooked me, so I have spent most of my time developing stories and drawing instead. I will get back into the water soon, hopefully! I also like strumming on my guitar. Music is something that I am incredibly average at, but I absolutely love it.

N: It's coming up to Christmas, so where can our readers find a copy of "The All New Must Have Orange 430"? *Norbertus* dropped into a prominent bookstore in the city recently and was told it had sold out.

M.S.: Most bookshops in Australia are stocking the book at the moment. It has only been out for a couple of months, and I think there are some ideas for it to go to other countries outside of Australia, but I'm not entirely certain on Penguin's future plans. I just have to concentrate on my next book anyway.

N: Michael, thank you very much for giving our *Norbertus* readers an insight into the interesting life of a children's author, and all the effort that goes into publishing a book. Once again congratulations on "The All New Must Have Orange 430" and best wishes for the next book and all your travel, surfing and artistic endeavours. Keep an eye out for those sharks!

M.S.: Thank you and special thanks to everyone at St Norbert College. It has been a real pleasure to let you know about what I've been up to since I left school. The College provided such a solid foundation for me and I have always felt so appreciative of my time there and the holistic education that I was given. I am extremely grateful.

One of Michael's whimsical characters on his Instagram account.

Michael often whiles away time in cafes, drawing, developing characters and writing.

MAYOR GLENN DEWHURST

DETERMINED TO SUCCEED

Mr Glenn Dewhurst (Class of 1985) was one of two former St Norbert College students to be elected mayor of their respective cities in 2017. A former stockman and police officer, Glenn eventually moved into the corporate sector where he holds several high-profile business and not-for-profit executive and board positions. He was elected Mayor of the City of Gosnells in October, 2017.

Married with three children, Glenn still manages to find time to go travelling and camping with family and friends, as well as maintaining a strong interest in a wide range of environmental and social issues such as mental health and social isolation, creating initiatives and opportunities for others, community sports and international relations.

Recently Glenn was kind enough to spare some time to speak to *Norbertus*.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Mayor Glenn Dewhurst, congratulations on your election as Mayor of the City of Gosnells, thank you for your time and welcome to *Norbertus*.

Mayor Glenn Dewhurst (M G.D.): My pleasure, thank you very much for the opportunity.

***N*:** If we can start by going back to your time at St Norbert College, what were a few of your happy, memorable or significant memories of your time at school?

M G.D.: What I remember most about my time at St Norbert College is being surrounded by good people, including teachers. It's just unfortunate that it took me some time after I left to realise just what a good school it was, and still is, and I should have placed greater value on the time I spent there. I must say that I enjoyed sports carnivals and spending time with my friends, including fellow students from the Aboriginal Pallotinne Centre. I also particularly enjoyed lessons with those teachers who were a little bit quirky as I had a bit of a reputation for being the class clown.

***N*:** Do any favourite teachers or subjects come to mind?

M G.D.: I enjoyed sports, so while I was at school Ms Moxham and Mr Hammond were my favourite teachers. As I look back at my *Koinonia* yearbooks, I recognise how teachers provided guidance to me and instilled wisdom in me. Although I wasn't very good at social studies and science, I thoroughly enjoyed those subjects. I had a great deal of respect for one of the English teachers when I was in Year 10, but I can't remember her name and can't seem to find her in my yearbooks. One lunchtime a friend and I stuck something to her desk, and when we started the next lesson we expected some sort of response, but she just took it in her stride. At the end of the class, she asked me to stay behind to

Mayor of the City of Gosnells Glenn Dewhurst pictured with the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia.

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clean her desk. From that day I had the utmost respect for this teacher, began to enjoy her classes and never played another prank on her.

N: You seemed to be really into sport at St Norbert College. Could you elaborate on the sports and the teams you participated in?

M G.D.: I was not particularly good academically, but I was good at sports. I was in the school swimming team, basketball and other sports, which I absolutely loved. I was hungry to compete against other schools, to show them how good St Norbert College was. I loved inter-school sports days. I was fortunate that the school principal and teachers identified my learning issues and allowed me to concentrate on my sporting endeavours.

N: Do you still keep in touch with any friends you made at St Norbert College?

M G.D.: My advice to all students in any school is to value your fellow students, because when you spend so much time together you become like pseudo family members. Like all families do, we had problems from time to time, but we were all there for each other when it counted. I have kept in touch with a number of my close school friends and have crossed paths as an adult with some other fellow students. I have also met a lot of friends from the Queens Park community who drifted into the Gosnells and Kelmscott areas, and this was part of the reason I moved to the City of Gosnells. I had a dynamic year group and many of those students catch up regularly, however my business interests have always kept me from attending these functions. The good news is we recently had a great catch-up in October this year.

N: Could you please give our readers a description of your career path after leaving St Norbert College?

M G.D.: When I left school, I became a cattle stockman in the Kimberley, where I met lifelong friends from many cultures. At school, I was not particularly good academically, and as an adult I was diagnosed with dyslexia, but my goal from Year 4 was to become a police officer. After persevering with the English entrance test, I achieved that goal and completed almost 21 years' service. The police force was good to me and I worked very hard to get my work done properly. In 2010, I was recruited by Fortescue Metals Group as Emergency Management and Security Manager and then worked for the company as Global Security Manager. In 2014, I started my own business, helping mining, oil and gas, and other companies to provide better services and be more accountable for shareholders' money. I help overseas companies to establish in Australia and am currently the chief executive for two organisations and a partner at Contour Capital. In addition to my role as City of Gosnells Mayor, I'm a former chairperson and current board member for three not-for-profits. I have been able to achieve this through hard work and determination to succeed. It takes me longer than most people to read and write, but I have learnt to put the effort in. I must also credit friends and colleagues, as I have surrounded myself with good people.

N: Congratulations on your amazing resume and congratulations on your appointment as Mayor of the City of Gosnells. Could you elaborate on your interests and achievements in local government?

Glenn (top, centre) as a member of the swimming team in 1983.

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M G.D.: The City of Gosnells is a leading council with a great leadership team. I have been a councillor for six years and feel that, as councillors, we have done a great job in that time. However, over the last 12 months I have spent a lot of time looking at social issues such as mental health, unemployment, rates relief and other welfare issues, and realised we could be doing so much more without placing additional costs onto ratepayers. Local governments need to look at ways to do business differently, including reducing red tape and enticing good industries and businesses to their area. We have missed so much as a city over the years and need to take action. I can attract investment and good, responsible businesses for jobs growth, and this can help to provide a better city for the people who live in our 11 suburbs.
I sincerely believe that with the right mayoral leadership and councilors, the City of Gosnells can become a "super city" over time. Unfortunately, there have been some missed opportunities in the past, so I'm hoping that at the next two council elections, in 2019 and 2021, our electors will make decisions to encourage economic growth and make Gosnells even better than it already is.

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?

M G.D.: While I knew our motto while I was at school, I didn't really understand how important it was until later in my life. I live by the Norbertine spirit in respecting other people and am always prepared to do God's work when called upon. Perhaps this is why I did so well as a police officer. No matter who I dealt with, from which culture or for what reason, I always treated people with the respect they deserved. I now have friends from all walks of life, including a couple who tell me I saved their lives by putting them in jail. I believe in treating all people equally, with respect and no judgement.

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

M G.D.: Stay loyal to your family, your school, your peers and teachers, no matter how much they may seem to annoy you. If you're struggling with school work, anxiety or mental health, speak with your peers or seek somebody else who can help. If you have not already done so, set up non-judgement support networks within the school.
If you remain positive in times of adversity, you will rise above it. What you project to other people will be returned to you, good or bad.
Offer the hand of friendship, even to those people you don't necessarily like. Do not behave like a bully. I understand that not everyone can get along, but it's important to respect other people. You never know where you might run into them in the future, and you might need them. Perth is a very small place.

N: Thank you very much for your time and for your responses which I am sure will give plenty of our St Norbert College students lots to think about. Congratulations again on your outstanding career to date and thank you for your positive contributions to our society on so many different levels.

M G.D.: Thank you very much and best wishes to all associated with St Norbert College.

Glenn Dewhurst (top, centre) pictured in his Year 9 Homeroom in 1982.

Glenn (centre) as a Year 10 basketballer in 1983.

MAYOR GAVIN BUCKLEY

THE AUSTRALIAN MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS

Mr Gavin Buckley made headlines around the world in November 2017 when he was elected mayor of Annapolis, the historic capital city of Maryland, USA. A successful and innovative local businessman, Gavin married local Julie Williams and immersed himself in nearly every facet of life in his adopted home town. Approximately 30 years earlier Gavin had made a brief, cameo appearance as a student at St Norbert College in Queens Park, and recently he generously made time in his incredibly busy schedule to talk to *Norbertus*.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Mayor Gavin Buckley, congratulations on your election, thank you very much for your valuable time, and welcome to *Norbertus*.

Mayor Gavin Buckley (M G.B.): Thank you very much, you are most welcome and thanks for your interest.

***N*:** You went travelling the world as a young man. What positives did you draw from that experience? Would you encourage young people to travel?

M G.B.: Yes, travelling abroad is a rite of passage for Aussies. It makes our country a great place to live. Nothing broadens your outlook like the experiences you have in other countries. Australia should be heralded for raising citizens of the world – they are the reason people have such fondness for Australia. They are the best ambassadors for our country.

***N*:** Eventually you arrived in Annapolis in 1992 with only $200 in your pocket. What prompted you to settle down and stay there?

M G.B.: I fell in love with my wife Julie and then the city. Annapolis reminds me of Fremantle, both of which are historic port towns. Most Australians long for, and identify with, water and boats.

***N*:** You and Julie have two sons?

M G.B.: Yes, that's correct, Dash and Miles.

***N*:** Within a year you had established Annapolis' first coffee shop, "The Moon" and then you showed great foresight by taking a risk and setting up several other restaurants and businesses in West Street, which was considered the "wrong" side of town. Did you have much experience in the hospitality industry in Perth?

M G.B: I was flipping burgers at Hungry Jack's even when I was in third year high school and it's probably the reason I was asked not to return to St Norbert College. Working too much and not studying enough!

***N*:** You were only at St Norbert College for a brief period of time, but do you have any memories of any of your teachers or subjects?

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THE AUSTRALIAN MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS

M G.B.: Yes, I do. I have some fond memories of a sports teacher, Mr Last. He exposed us to some fun, outbound adventure stuff. One other staff member I spent a fair bit of time with was the Deputy Principal, Mr Devine, but that was for all the wrong reasons!

N: What prompted you to run for mayor? What have been some of the challenges and rewards you have experienced in your role?

M G.B.: My mum was always around the Labor Party in Australia. Here in Annapolis, I built a pretty good base in my community through my efforts to open several businesses and invest in a distressed part of town that had fallen on hard times. After significant investment and a lot of faith, we turned a red-light district into an arts district. It's exciting to bring new energy and ideas to the table. I am proud that we were able to open a revamped city market within six months of my term that the past three mayors hadn't been able to fix. We have the most diverse mayor's office, which brings positive changes to all of our communities. One of the challenges is that it's hard to get used to people disliking you when they don't even know you.

N: You have a young family, several business interests, involvement in numerous community organisations, and your duties as Mayor of Annapolis. How do you keep on top of all your responsibilities?

M G.B.: I have an amazing wife who has pretty much been operating as a single mum during this first year in office. I have very outgoing kids who keep themselves and us very busy. I am learning to balance my work duties with family. We have an ambitious agenda in Annapolis and I have a great staff that is working hard to bring new energy to the city.

N: Given your wide-ranging experiences and achievements in life, what advice would you give to St Norbert College students who are leaving school this year?

M G.B.: See the world – and know that anything is possible if you try. Don't be scared to try new things. I'm an Australian who is mayor of one of the oldest state capitals of America – a place where General George Washington resigned his commission and Ben Franklin, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, enjoyed a pint or two in our pubs.

N: Mayor Buckley, thank you for your time and for sharing your remarkable story with our *Norbertus* readers. If ever you are back in Perth please realise you are most welcome to visit St Norbert College and see the changes since the late 1970s. Best wishes to you and your family and best of luck with achieving your vision for Annapolis.

M G.B.: Thank you very much.

MR PAS SERAFINO

SO MANY GREAT FRIENDS

Mr Pasquale (Pas) Serafino spent seven years at St Norbert College from 1968 until he graduated as a member of the Class of 1974. A prefect and treasurer of the Student Council, Pas overcame some health issues to become a public servant for many years and raise a family of three boys. Music also became a big part of Pas' life and he currently keeps busy in his retirement by playing in a band as well as doing solo gigs around Perth. Pas' fellow students from the Class of 1974 have maintained very close friendships and still meet for lunches and other social occasions on a regular basis. Recently *Norbertus* caught up with Pas on the eve of another such gathering to have a chat about life at St Norbert College nearly 45 years ago.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Thank you very much for your time Pas and welcome to *Norbertus*.

Pas Serafino (P.S.): It's my pleasure. I just hope I'll be able to remember enough to answer your questions! It's been a very long time!

***N*:** You commenced at St Norbert College in 1968 and graduated in 1974. Do you recall if you were in a faction, or do you recall much about your Homeroom teachers?

P.S.: I can't recall being in a faction or House. The only Homeroom teacher I can remember is Mr Henville in Year 6. He had a marking system that allocated points for every lesson and the person with the highest mark at the end of the month would get to eat an ice-cream in front of the class.

***N*:** Did you often feature as the boy eating the ice-cream in front of the class?

P.S.: Sadly, no. I only had that honour once, when I came from about 26th position to third one month!

***N*:** What do you recall of the physical environment of the school – the buildings, the facilities and so on?

P.S.: The school was pretty basic in those days. Three buildings - the priory, and the two school buildings which were both two storeys. There was a swimming pool and in winter the grounds were transformed into a swamp.

***N*:** What are some of the happy, memorable or humorous memories you hold about SNC? Did you enjoy your time at the College?

P.S.: Mostly I enjoyed my time socially at St Norbert College but it was a struggle academically. I was doing okay up until Year 8 and then I had a major operation on my leg and missed a lot of school. I was never able to catch up after that. It was a struggle right through until I gave my studies away at Curtin in 1976. It sounds like a sob story, but there was no support given and my parents being immigrants didn't realise. It still upsets me a little when I think about those times.

***N*:** Yes, it would be a very different story today. On a lighter note, looking at some of the photos in *Koinonia* in the early 1970s, it seems like big hair was the order of the day! Any comments?

Front: Ezio Bottecchia, Pas Serafino, Tony Gucciardi, Rocco Rossi, Henry Janissen.
Back: Kevin Mulvey, Rick Del Fante, Rob Bormolini, Martin Doyle.

Mike Owen.

John Devitt, Henry Janissen, Kevin Mulvey, Pas Serafino and Martin Doyle at lunch in September.

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P.S.: Yes, that was the fashion then and it wasn't appreciated by the priests, especially Father O'Donohue. Mind you our parents didn't like it either! Every so often Father O'Donohue would do the "collar test". If your hair was over your collar, you had to get a haircut.

N: Do you recall any favourite teachers or subjects?

P.S.: I thought Joe McIntyre (English) and Bill Fitzgerald (religion) were great teachers, mainly because they were younger and could relate to us. They encouraged many discussions about all sorts of subjects. I liked mathematics with Mick Devine and science with Wilf Prendergast.

N: Were you into sport at school?

P.S.: No because of my polio in my right leg. But I did help out on sports days, which would leave me shattered, but I didn't mind as I was involved.

N: You obviously made some life-long mates at St Norbert College – in fact you and your mates must be one of the oldest, most tight-knit groups of friends ever to emerge from the gates on Treasure Road. Can you briefly list them and maybe state what the friendships have meant over the past 45-odd years?

P.S.: The friendship of all the guys has been wonderful, supportive and grounding. Some of the guys have gone "missing" for years but when we catch up it's like we only spoke yesterday. Rocco lived in Mandurah for years but that didn't stop him from maintaining regular contact. Now he is in Adelaide and we still keep in touch. This is a list of the guys:
Robert Bormolini - State Public Service
Kevin Mulvey - Registered nurse and physiotherapist
Henry Janissen - Accountant
Ezio Bottecchia - Structural engineer
Rocco Rossi - WA Railways then occupational health and safety with Alumina Refineries
Tony Gucciardi - Finance broker
Ric Del Fante - Banking and finance
John Devitt - State public service
Martin Doyle - Electronics engineer
Michael Owen - Army then Australia Post
All great blokes, and I must say that a lot of them (and myself) played a role in setting up SNESA in the early years, and several went on to play many games for the club.

N: Considering fewer than 20 students were in the Class of 1974, it's amazing you have so many who have kept in regular contact.

P.S.: Well yes, all the guys have been great. We have lunch on a monthly basis and it's great just "shooting the breeze" as they say. We also catch up socially with our families. Some of the guys also go over to Melbourne every season and spend a weekend watching the footy and enjoying the hospitality over there.

N: Could you please tell our *Norbertus* readers a little about the career you took after school?

P.S.: I tried to get an accounting degree from Curtin University but with chronic fatigue a constant companion, I was never able to complete it. My next solution was to join the State Public Service, where they slotted me into the State Audit Department

The Class of 1974.

Fr J. O'Donohue and the Class of 1974 Prefects.

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because of the accounting studies I'd done and with the hope that they would encourage me to continue to study part-time. After several years of this pressure I left and joined the Country Water Supply in Northam. Looking back now it was the best decision of my life. I fell in with a group of musicians and joined a band. I barely knew three chords but they taught me many more and now that I've retired I'm always out and about playing music. Much better than sitting at a desk all day! There's no money in playing music so I continued with my public service career, working in many departments, including the last 16 years with the Public Trustee. After many years of doing mundane clerical jobs (and hating it) I landed a job as a budget officer and my work attitude changed. It was a job where I could work at my own pace and I was always in the loop if any changes were about to happen. I loved working with numbers and analysing and preparing reports for the corporate executive.

N: And your family circumstances?

P.S.: I was married for 10 years before divorcing. We have three healthy boys, all of whom went to Inglewood Primary, where they all won community leadership awards in Year 7, and Mt Lawley High School. I won a similar award at St Norbert's but felt it was given to me because of my disability, but my boys earnt theirs as they did well both academically and in sport, as well as being popular among their peers. All were also head boy in Year 6 or 7. My eldest is a teacher at John Forrest High School, the middle boy is a tattoo artist at WA Ink in Fremantle and the youngest works as a mechanic at Garage 101 in Osborne Park where he builds and races cars.

N: Music has played quite a big part in your life. *Norbertus* assumes there was no real music program to speak of at the College in the 1970s – how did you get into it? Did you always have an urge to take up music or was it simply deciding to make the move to Northam all those years ago that started it all?

P.S.: True there was no music program other than choir with Mrs Andersson, and that was uninspiring as the songs were old. Bill Fitzgerald played the piano and that was more uplifting because he could play the hit songs of the time. As I mentioned earlier, I didn't play sport so I was allowed to go into the piano room and tinkle on the piano.
I've been in many bands - mostly cabaret – but none of any note. I used to be embarrassed if any of my family or friends heard these bands; we weren't very good and my singing was terrible. I actually gave music away once we started raising our family and felt a great relief as I thought then I was never any good. I used to always sing at work and my colleagues would always tease me with "Don't give up your day job!"
Interestingly after my divorce I took up the guitar again and started practising and a strange thing happened; the more I practised the better I became. The singing was still average but again I kept at it and three years ago I started getting compliments for my singing and now I can lend my voice to most pop and blues songs.
In the current band 'Bootleg Al' I play bass and sing a third of the repertoire. I also get around to most of the folk clubs and perform there each week solo.

N: *Norbertus* will certainly keep an eye out for 'Bootleg Al' and encourages all our readers to do likewise. Thank you very much for your interesting insights into what St Norbert College was like all those years ago, and for sharing your own personal story, complete with some of the struggles you faced and overcame. Thank you very much Pas, and best wishes to you and your family and keep the music flowing!

P.S.: Thank you for the opportunity. Sorry if I have prattled on too much but this little exercise has been good. It's given me a realisation of how lucky I am to have had so many great friends (and I met them all through St Norbert College) and to be doing what I enjoy in my retirement.

The Class of 1974 at lunch with their wives.

Pas Serafino (left) in 'Bootleg Al'.

Pas performs solo.

MR GREG SMITH

FROM CLOVERDALE TO ST NORBERT COLLEGE AS THE CROW FLIES

One of the highlights of former St Norbert College student Greg Smith's brief time at the College in 1968, was the school's response to the Meckering earthquake which had caused some damage in the Perth metropolitan area. Because the school consisted of one double storey block (currently part of Kilnacrott block), and only one set of stairs, it was deemed necessary to implement some additional safety precautions in case another earthquake should occur. The cost of adding another stairwell was deemed to be too prohibitive, so a large load of yellow sand was dumped below the second-floor balcony and Greg and his classmates were encouraged to jump onto the sand to practise for any future evacuations that might be necessary due to more earthquakes.

Greg, accompanied by his wife Sheryl, returned to St Norbert College for the first time in 50 years in July to have a look at how much the College has grown since he was a Year 9 student. He described his tour of the College as "an eye-opener" and was very impressed with the facilities that current students and staff enjoy.

Greg and his brother Michael were students at Treasure Road in 1968 before they transferred to Belmont Senior High School in 1969. The boys lived in Cloverdale and rode bicycles to St Norbert College in all weather, using an "as the crow flies" approach to navigation, venturing through virgin bush, the Kewdale marshalling yards and various paddocks and fields. The advent of electric fencing sometimes added a couple of minutes to the trip, but the most direct route was never sacrificed for the sake of avoiding a couple of zaps of electricity.

St Norbert College was a small affair in 1968 with only 60 students and barely a handful of staff. Greg remembers teachers such as Fr Anderson, Fr O'Reilly and Mr Quinn, whose favourite saying "You get nothing for nothing and very little for sixpence", still sticks with Greg 50 years later.

Available subjects included mathematics, geometry, science, geography, the Bible, English, French and Latin. Latin and the Bible were compulsory and to take French required extra dedication because due to a crowded curriculum, French classes were held after school.

Due to his love of sport, Greg's desire to become fluent in French was abruptly terminated and he concentrated on football and athletics after school instead. The football team, led by the biggest boy in the school, ruckman Joe Pyke, seemed to punch above its weight, Greg recalls, and the ability of the St Norbert College athletics team to compete against some bigger schools like Trinity, Aquinas and St Louis School stands out in Greg's mind. In 1968 St Norbert College finished a very creditable second in the carnival, with Greg contributing in the 100m, 200m and 800m running events as well as all the jump events.

Due to family circumstances Greg and Michael moved schools to Belmont, with Greg joining the Australian Navy halfway through Year 10 for a career that lasted 11 years. Michael also enlisted in the navy for a few years before he eventually joined the Australian Federal Police. He is currently deployed in Cambodia where he heads an anti-trafficking operation. During his tour of the College Greg met current Year 9 student Aaron Cohen who is 50 years Greg's junior. The obvious comparisons between the modern facilities and many more opportunities on offer in 2018 compared with half a century ago were drawn, but the Norbertine link was there, as it will be 50 years from now.

Mr Greg Smith met current Year 9 student Aaron Cohen during his tour of the College in July.

Michael and Greg Smith pictured in 1968.

Landscaping work commences around the original St Norbert College building in 1965.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mr John Pollaers

Mr John Pollaers and his family have had a long association with St Norbert College dating back to the early 1970s. John commenced as a student in 1970, graduated in 1977 and commenced a 17-year teaching and middle-management career at the College in 1983. In 1998 John decided to leave teaching for the corporate sector where he has worked in a variety of capacities for himself and for large businesses. Renowned for his enthusiasm, innovation and sense of humour, John is truly one of St Norbert College's favourite sons and recently he found the time to chat with *Norbertus*.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Mr John Pollaers, welcome to *Norbertus* and thank you for taking some time out of your busy schedule to speak with us.

John Pollaers (J.P.): It's a pleasure.

***N*:** Can you believe it's 20 years since you left St Norbert College?

J.P.: As funny as it sounds I was not surprised it's been a while as I regularly recount my career journey in my current profession and leaving St Norbert College to pursue a corporate role was a defining point in my professional life.

***N*:** You went to school at St Norbert College, graduating in 1977. What are some of your memories from your school days?

J.P.: I felt very fortunate to attend St Norbert Colllege. My parents worked incredibly hard to be able to provide myself and my two sisters with a Catholic education and I was keenly aware of the sacrifices they were making. Having said that, my school reports almost always included a comment along the lines of "John could work harder" and I was always quite anxious as to what the teachers would tell my parents at the parent-teacher nights.
In winter large sections of the football oval would be under water – an ideal environment to apply heavy tackles to the opposing players and even to your fellow team members if it was a particularly one-sided game and things were a bit boring. One memory towers over all others and that was when the then Principal, Father O'Donohue declared at the weekly assembly that a pool would be built and a swimming club formed. I suspect the impetus for this was our dismal showing at the recent ACC Swimming Carnival and the year after the club was formed we went on to win that division. I was quite average at most sports but found my place as a swimmer and it certainly helped me build my confidence.

***N*:** The Class of 1977 is quite a tight group, often holding gatherings and reunions. Do you get along to some of them?

J.P.: Yes I think there was less than 20 in our year group. There is a core group that catches up a couple of times a year and I try to get to those events when I can.

***N*:** In the previous issue of *Norbertus*, a former student spoke very fondly of your mum who was a fixture in the College canteen for many years. Can you elaborate on your family's involvement in the College?

J.P.: We grew up in Lathlain Park, a couple of decent kicks from the home ground of the mighty Demons and I attended Ursula Frayne College (then known as St Joachim's) for my first three years of schooling. At that time most boys would relocate to

Mr John Pollaers.

either Trinity or Xavier College in middle primary and so the Pollaers family's association with St Norbert College began in 1970 when I started there in Year 6 after attending St Joseph's Primary School for Years 4 and 5.
There was a real pioneering spirit with many families pitching in to help make the College what it is today and it wasn't long before mum and dad were helping out on the Parents and Friends Association. Many families had recently arrived from Europe and the UK and I think SNC by default was a bit of a support network for lots of people. As well as mum's involvement at the canteen, both mum and dad helped out a great deal at the Swimming Club.
My younger sister Margaret also attended the College and there was a time when mum was running the canteen (with help from dad upon his retirement), Margaret was in Year 12 and I had just commenced teaching.
In later years the Norbertine Fathers would officiate at our daughters' baptisms and my sisters' marriage ceremonies.

***N*:** A few years after graduating you returned to Treasure Road as a member of the teaching staff. What course of study did you pursue after school and what drew you to a career in education?

J.P.: There is no doubt that I really enjoyed the social side of school and my academic results were average at best. I did apply myself a little more in Years 11 and 12 and economics was my favourite subject.
I went on to study economics at Curtin University and upon completing a Bachelor of Arts, thought I might try teaching. I stayed on at Curtin for another year and completed a Diploma of Education and I recall the teaching practice placements were really tough and I wasn't really sure if teaching was for me.
I truly believe teaching is a vocation and I think that belief was the motivation to apply for teaching jobs despite my reservations. I applied for a role at St Norbert College and a couple of Catholic schools in the country and was lucky enough to be offered a role at both SNC and one of the other schools on the same weekend.

***N*:** Can you tell our *Norbertus* readers a little about the teaching and other positions you held at St Norbert College?

J.P.: It would be 1983 when I returned to SNC as a 'first-year out teacher' and over the next 17 years or so occupied a variety of roles including Head of Department SOSE and Kilnacrott House Coordinator.
Your first couple of years as a teacher are incredibly demanding as you work to build your skills and establish your credibility. Not surprisingly, I received tremendous support from the then Principal Des Sullivan, the Norbertines, my immediate boss Peter Murray and all of my colleagues.
As a leader in an educational setting, your primary role is to support the colleagues in your team and the people I worked with were incredibly talented and committed, so I learnt a lot more from them than I think I was able to pass on.

***N*:** What are some of the happy, memorable moments and events you recall during your time teaching at the College?

J.P.: There is absolutely no doubt that my time as a student and as a staff member have had a profoundly positive impact on the person I am today, both professionally and personally.
The happiest memories have a common thread – being part of an environment which allows people to find out more about themselves and be the best they can be. To this end the work I was involved in with the Student Representative Council is a definite stand out as was the Year 10 camp and the Year 11 and 12 retreats.
Memorable moments are many, a lot happens when you are a teacher! I would say the Year 10 camps, especially in those early years stand out. The sight of having 150 students and 16 teachers pile off a train at Brunswick Junction and traipsing up towards the hills on the very first camp is etched in my mind.

***N*:** What about some of the people you worked with? Who are some of the memorable characters that spring to mind?

J.P.: I worked with many wonderful people and it's interesting to reflect on how people impact upon you depending on where you are at in your own life. As a very inexperienced teacher, I received lots of support from Andre Papineau and Lanny Rowell. Without wishing to appear biased, *everyone* I worked with in the SOSE department and

John Pollaers as a member of the St Norbert College 1st XVIII in 1976.

John Pollaers (right) pictured with Trevor Steel in 1983 during John's first year of teaching at St Norbert College.

Kilnacrott House were just wonderful. There was always a huge sense of community and you knew you had their support.
In latter years Brother Patrick and I would often be trading banter with each other as our homerooms were opposite each other and we were also members of the same department and House.
I could go on mentioning other individuals but I don't want to accidently forget someone so I will leave it there.

***N*:** In a previous issue of *Norbertus*, former student Jacki Tucker (nee Burke) said "John Pollaers won his students over with good humour and even made economics fun". *Norbertus* agrees with Jacki and can even remember being on the receiving end of some Pollaers humour, as well as some very interesting SOSE Department meetings with you in charge. Did you consciously use humour as part of your teaching strategy, or is it just part of being John Pollaers?

J.P.: We grew up in a very loud and fun-loving family, with mum leading the way so I just assumed every family was like that. I certainly tried to use humour as a teaching strategy so I am glad that Jacki recognised that tactic! I was acutely aware that not every student shared my passion for economics and I did whatever I could think of to make it a bit of fun. I would say though that the vast majority of my jokes were met with groans and perplexed looks! Some things don't change.

***N*:** Twenty years ago, you decided to leave teaching and move into private enterprise. How difficult was it to make this decision after so many years in teaching?

J.P.: Yes it was very scary. Teaching was a secure career and I more or less had established myself and built a really good network of colleagues and friends. We had a young family, a mortgage and all the rest of it and how on earth would I survive on only four weeks of annual leave?
Teaching makes you incredibly resilient and many of the skills you learn are easily transferable. Within a few months I was achieving some early wins in the training department at BankWest and soon felt I had made the right decision.

***N*:** The story goes you used to watch planes taking off while you were on duty and vowed to yourself that one day you would be on board one of those planes on your way to a business meeting instead of sorting out playground squabbles. Any truth to that story?

J.P.: Yes that is a true story with one addition, I would be sitting in business class! Coincidentally, I penned this article while returning from a business trip to Melbourne. The reality is, travelling for business is way overrated, especially if you are travelling often but nonetheless it was on my 'bucket list'!

***N*:** You initially joined BankWest in a training capacity. Could you run through your CV since that role?

J.P.: Timing is everything in life and BankWest was going though incredible change with lots of opportunities to grow your career. I soon moved into 'leadership development' which I absolutely loved. After about six years I took a redundancy and set up my own consulting business. This was a really exciting time as I was now 100% responsible for all of my successes (and failures). While at BankWest I had built up a really strong network with a number of training providers and the economy was booming so the work started to roll in fairly quickly.
While it was financially rewarding and my customers were happy, I started to miss being part of a team and so after about five years of being a sole trader, I returned to corporate land. I have been with Korn Ferry, a global company for nearly two years and enjoy it immensely.

***N*:** How did you cope with the transition from education to business, and what have been the satisfying and challenging aspects of making such a change?

J.P.: To be honest, it was surprisingly smooth. I had been 'cajoled' into joining BankWest by the present CEO of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA, Marcus Stafford, who was the Head of Retail Banking at the time. Marcus was incredibly supportive and paved the way for me. I remember Marcus saying to me when I had first joined: "Your job is to help me set up a training department in the next 12 months and my job is to help you become a successful corporate leader." It was a fantastic partnership.

Celebrating Catholic Education Week in 1997 with fellow staff members Christine Bean, Joe Sciorilli and Alice Alibrandi.

John's mother, Mrs Dorothy Pollaers.

1985 in the Xanten Theatre, with colleagues Tom Corcoran, Lelaina Wilson, Chris Kowald and Maureen Tavani.

N: *Norbertus* recalls that when you were Kilnacrott Coordinator you would fill in any leftover time at the end of Kilnacrott assemblies with an update on what your two daughters were up to; their school life, horse-riding, hobbies and so on. *Norbertus'* contacts report that they have grown up and indeed one is a mother now, making you a grandfather! Congratulations. Could you please tell us a little about your family?

J.P.: I must be the luckiest bloke going! Denise and I met when we were still at high school and we recently celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. I am not sure how she has put up with me while also forging her own career and raising two wonderful children. I would say there is no way I would have enjoyed such professional success without her unwavering support! Our eldest daughter Katherine is now an ear, nose and throat registrar based at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. It's an incredibly demanding career and we are in awe of her talent and commitment.
Our youngest daughter Zoe also pursued a career in the health sector and much to our surprise embarked on a career change, commencing a Diploma of Education last year. Zoe and her partner Johnny gave birth to a gorgeous daughter Willder Annie. They are doing a great job and we couldn't be more proud.

N: Apart from work and family, what else do you get up to? Is swimming still one of your favourite past-times?

J.P.: I do my best to stay physically and mentally fit and yes I still swim, ideally three times a week subject to work commitments. I am also a member of the BMW Motorcycle Club and enjoy trips into some of WA's more remote locations on my off-road bike.

N: Having been involved in education and enterprise and business, what advice would you give to students at St Norbert College who will be leaving school over the next few years?
What are some principles which you think might be worthwhile as they embark on post-school life?

J.P.: Don't be too concerned if you don't know what you really want to do 'when you grow up'. The vast majority of people I work with are still trying to answer that question, including many senior executives and CEOs.
Keep learning and develop new skills – this will keep you interested and more employable. Where possible, try to take on varying roles as this shows prospective employers that you are adaptable and comfortable with change. As hard as it might sound, no one will look after your career - you must take charge of your career.
Treat people with respect, no matter who they are, or their job level. If you want to pursue a formal leadership role it's particularly important to steer clear of workplace gossip and people who have a negative attitude. Make sure you stand up for yourself and what's right but again, do so in a respectful way.

N: Apart from some babysitting, what lies ahead for John Pollaers?

J.P.: I think I have another five or six years left in full-time work and then I would like to transition to working part-time for as long as I am enjoying it and adding value. I want to continue trying to be a good husband, dad, grandad and friend, so I need to keep healthy. I reckon there is a solo swim to Rottnest left in me as well.

N: Thank you very much for your time and providing our readers with some wonderful insights and memories. Best wishes to you and your family.

J.P.: Thank you, it was really enjoyable taking the time to reflect back.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mr Anthony Byrne

Mr Anthony Byrne commenced teaching at St Norbert College in 1989 and eventually became Head of Tongerlo House, with stints as Head of English Learning Area and Deputy Principal. In 2000 Anthony accepted a position as Head of English at Servite College before moving to Trinity College 11 years ago. Anthony is currently Deputy Principal (Years 7,9,11) at Trinity. A keen cricketer all his life, *Norbertus* recently caught up for a chat with Anthony at an intraclub scratch match after a rather dubious decision sent him back to the pavilion earlier than he would have liked.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Anthony, thank you for your time. Welcome to *Norbertus*.

Anthony Byrne (A.B.): Thank you very much for allowing me to be part of it.

***N*:** Can we start with your early years, where you were raised and went to school?

A.B.: I grew up in Woodlands, which is in the Doubleview and Churchlands vicinity. I attended Holy Rosary Primary School which was at the end of the street in which I grew up. I left there in Year 5 to attend Marist Junior School and then later Newman College (which was formerly Marist College). From Years 5 to 10 it was boys only, and then co-educational in Years 11 and 12.

***N*:** Upon completing Year 12, what drew you to a career in education? Were you considering any other career options?

A.B.: Originally, I think I wanted to be the next Dennis Cometti, but that seemed to be a case of not what you knew, but who you knew, so teaching seemed to be a reasonable option. My uncle was a primary school principal who worked in a number of remote locations and country towns, and as a kid we visited him often, so there might have been an influence there.

***N*:** Where did you pursue your tertiary studies?

A.B.: I attended the Western Australian College of Advanced Education (Nedlands), as it was known at the time. I later completed my masters at the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle.

***N*:** You graduated as an enthusiastic, young teacher and took up your first position at St Norbert College.

A.B.: Yes, that's generally correct. I commenced at Treasure Road in 1989 and concluded half-way through 2000. During this time, I was fortunate enough to teach English, physical education and religious education. I was also Head of Tongerlo House for approximately five years.

***N*:** You also put your hand up to be acting Head of English and Deputy Principal on a couple of occasions.

A.B.: Yes, that's correct. I enjoyed the challenges those roles presented and they stood me in good stead for subsequent positions I accepted at Servite and Trinity College.

***N*:** You worked at St Norbert College for almost a dozen years. What are some of your enduring memories of your time at the College?

A.B.: The retreats and camps were great. I remember attending the Year 10 survival camp for a number of consecutive years; this used to be a whole week camp, with two nights under the stars and two under shelter in the Dwellingup locality. There was a couple of years where the weather was horrendous and one of the campsites, Icy Creek, was under water, but we always got through. I also remember the great school productions under the direction of Kerri Hilton - and scarily - taking on a very minor role in one or two!

***N*:** Did you detect anything special about St Norbert College or the Norbertine influence during your time there?

A.B.: There was always a great spirit at St Norbert College. I think St Norbert Day was a real highlight, where you would find the students, teaching staff and the likes of the ground staff all enjoying themselves at an activity or shutting down the streets of Queens Park for a fundraising walk. I remember one particular St Norbert Day when Silvio Lombardi and I decided to run fishing as an activity at Woodman Point and there was a massive storm. You couldn't access the beach at Woodman Point and the old, small jetty was

Mr Anthony Byrne, Deputy Principal (Years 7,9,11), Trinity College.

Anthony pictured with fellow Tongerlo House staff members Mrs Amanda Allen and Mrs Nalda Smith.

completely awash. We then tried the Fremantle Road bridge, but after a bucket off gear was blown into the river and a rod followed soon after, we were forced to give up.

N: *Norbertus* recalls that a lot of girls who had never been fishing before attended that particular outing. There was no panic, was there?

A.B.: It was wild weather, all right, but unperturbed, we abandoned the fishing and enjoyed the attractions of Fremantle.

N: Do any staff or students stand out in your memory?

A.B.: I remember great figures in Brother Patrick and Brian Rogan, both who are sadly no longer with us. They were pivotal characters in the St Norbert community. I recall their personal influence fondly. I also remember fondly the boys who were involved in the Pallotine community, many with such raw ability at football and basketball, two sports the school always punched well above its weight in.

N: There is a story from around the time you were Head of House that has become a piece of Tongerlo folklore. The story goes that someone - and some reports say that someone was you - brought a live kangaroo to school to feature in a presentation to celebrate the adoption of a kangaroo as the new Tongerlo mascot, and the kangaroo escaped, causing a fair deal of mayhem. One story goes that it ended up in the front bar of the Coronation Hotel while another one says it was seen on the Queens Park railway station.

A.B.: Look, can I use this occasion to clear up all the nonsense that has been reported about this myth? There *was* no live kangaroo – I admit we did *plan* to have a real kangaroo, but that idea fell through. So, all the stories about a kangaroo in the front bar of the Coronation Hotel, or attempting to board a train, are all total fiction. *Total* fiction.

N: But there was some type of occasion or launch for Tongerlo's new mascot?

A.B.: Yes, certainly, there was an official function to launch Tongerlo's new kangaroo mascot in front of all the Tongerlo staff and students and it was a very memorable occasion. As I have stressed, the attempt to have a real kangaroo did not eventuate, so we made do with a kangaroo suit in the Xanten Centre complete with a smoke machine and the "Fanfare for the Common Man" booming out on the speakers.

N: Well *Norbertus* prides itself on bringing the truth to its readers, so we're glad to clear up this story once and for all. Sounded like a very impressive presentation, regardless of the lack of live Australian fauna. Apart from your role at Trinity, how else do you spend your time? *Norbertus* hears you used to take an interest in thoroughbred racing.

A.B.: No that was long ago before I got married. My racing involvement now is restricted to the odd conversation I might have with Simon Harvey or Shaun Kenny about who they are following. No, football and cricket have been my primary interests and I love to travel. In 1997 and 2003 I was fortunate enough to enjoy a couple of extended trips overseas.

N: *Norbertus* knows you are a very handy cricketer, and that you have been a stalwart of the Marist Old Boys Cricket Club for many, many seasons. In 1997 you spent some time playing cricket in England. Was that on a semi-professional basis?

A.B.: Yes, I do love cricket and I did enjoy playing in England but it was purely for the love of the game.

N: You are married to Maria, a former Head of Science and Head of Magdeburg at St Norbert College.

A.B.: Yes, and we have two lovely children, Sophia and Ethan.

N: That is wonderful, Anthony. Thank you very much for your contribution to St Norbert College all those years ago and thank you for setting the record straight concerning the Tongerlo mascot launch. Best wishes to you and your family and we hope you continue to enjoy your work in Catholic education in Western Australia.

A.B.: It's been a pleasure thinking about the happy memories I hold from my time at St Norbert College. Good luck to everyone associated with St Norbert College.

Anthony in his role as swimming coach in 1999.

Tongerlo House Captains Daniel East and Patrice Berthold farewell Anthony in June, 2000.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mr Silvio Lombardi

Mr Silvio Lombardi is currently working at La Salle College in Middle Swan.

Mr Silvio Lombardi was a very popular staff member at St Norbert College, where he worked as a science, religious education, physical education and mathematics teacher from 1994 to 1998. A Prémontré Homeroom teacher, Silvio also coached a variety of sports teams, including the inaugural girls' football team, and participated in many camps, retreats and excursions.

In 1999 Silvio moved to Servite College and then in 2005 moved closer to his South Guildford home to take up a position at La Salle College in Middle Swan. Silvio was initially Health and Physical Education Studies Learning Area Coordinator but recently he has been La Salle's Onsite Coordinator, looking after the College's work experience program since 2013.

Football has always played a big role in Silvio's life and from 1996 to 1999 he was on the Swan Districts senior list, playing a total of 60 Reserves and League games for the mighty Black and Whites. After retiring from WAFL football, Silvio played a few seasons of country football and then commenced coaching junior development teams, including the Subiaco Under 16 development squad from 2007 to 2009, and the Western Australian State Academy Under 18 squad, where he helped to develop some future stars including Jack Darling, Jamie Cripps, Stephen Coniglio and Richmond premiership player Nathan Broad. In 2013 Silvio accepted a position as the WA manager of recruiting for the Adelaide Crows, identifying and helping to sign Mitch McGovern and Charlie Cameron. This year Silvio accepted a similar role with the Western Bulldogs.

Married to Leanne with two daughters, Meagan and Siena, Silvio and his family enjoy travelling and experiencing different cultures. Looking back on his time at St Norbert College, Silvio has nothing but happy memories of his time at Treasure Road. "I have very fond recollections of the staff and great students," Silvio reminisced. "The whole St Norbert College community was wonderful, made all the more special by the presence of the Norbertines," he said.

Norbertus recalls watching Silvio playing some great games for Swan Districts and wishes him and his family all the best for the future.

Silvio pictured at the 1997 St Norbert College Ball with John Hulshoff and Christine Bean.

Mrs Emma King

Mrs Emma and Mr Todd King with baby Andi.

Recently *Norbertus* was in Tasmania and bumped into Emma (nee Lloyd) and Todd King who are pictured with their daughter Andi, who turned one in July. Emma taught humanities at St Norbert College from 2012 to 2015 and has recently relocated to Tasmania with her family, where Todd is a carpenter and Emma works in marketing for a construction company as well as doing some work as a research assistant for the University of Tasmania. The family live on a few acres in Geeveston, in the beautiful Huon Valley, about an hour from Hobart.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mr Paul Van Vliet

Another of the young, popular teachers at St Norbert College in the 1990s was Mr Paul Van Vliet who managed to combine teaching with his love of sport, surfing and turning his hand to virtually any trade or line of work that involved wood, metal or fibreglass.

Paul did a six-month replacement stint at St Norbert College in 1991 before spending a year at St Joseph's in Northam and returning to Treasure Road in 1993 as a fulltime design and technology teacher. Paul soon became metals and wood subject coordinator, and also stood in as Head of Learning Area on a few occasions when Mr Brian Rogan was on leave.

Paul said he almost became a professional UNO player after several years as a Magdeburg Homeroom teacher and loved nothing more than taking a few "hangs" with the Year 12s on the footy oval at lunchtime. Always keen to make his subjects interesting and relevant to his students, soon the design and technology shed was churning out high-quality surfboards, sandboards and skateboards, with some of the surfboards put through their paces on the annual St Norbert Day surf trip that Paul coordinated. Car enthusiasts were looked after too, with some of the Year 12s bringing in their cars for a service and tune-up in the motors and machines workshop. Paul enjoyed passing on life skills to the students and felt the students appreciated the chance to learn more than what was on the syllabus. "The community feel at the College was strong and the students really seemed to enjoy the subjects," Paul said. "Quite a few of the students went on to various trades, which I found very rewarding."

In 2002 Paul started a building, renovation and maintenance business, before joining Australian Customs and Border Force Protection in 2004. Although he didn't quite feature on the Channel 7 *Border Security* program, Paul enjoyed this experience but decided to return to his favourite career, teaching. In 2007 Paul joined the staff of Trinity College where he is currently enjoying his role as Head of Design and Technology Learning Area.
Although many years have passed since Paul last taught at St Norbert College, he recalls that stage of his career with fondness. "There was a great relationship between all the staff during my time at the College, and lunchtimes in the staffroom were always great, listening to lots of funny stories. I hold those times in a precious place in my memory and it was a difficult decision to leave St Norbert College," Paul recalled.

Norbertus thanks Paul for his contribution to the history of St Norbert College and wishes him well in his role at Trinity College.

Mr Paul Van Vliet is Head of Design and Technology at Trinity College.

Paul at a swimming carnival in 1994.

Mr Clement Mulcahy IN THE MIDDLE of Everything

Mr Clement Mulcahy has had a long and positive career in Catholic education in Western Australia, including being Principal of La Salle, Lumen Christi and Mater Dei Colleges, as well as a variety of positions in Catholic education, professional associations and other bodies. In Term 2, 2016, Clem was acting Principal of St Norbert College.
An avid student and teacher of history and cultural heritage, Clem holds a Masters of Philosophy from the University of Western Australia and has been involved in numerous historical associations and societies, including a stint as the president of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society.
In 2014 Clem was commissioned by Fr Peter Joseph Stiglich to write the history of St Norbert College to commemorate its first 50 years from 1965 to 2015. Using his skills and insights as a leader in Catholic education, and after an exhaustive research and writing process, the result of this commission is a wonderful book that tells the story of St Norbert College through a well-balanced mix of historical facts combined with the personal stories of the Norbertines, staff, parents and students who have combined to create the St Norbert College community in Queens Park. "In the Middle of Everything" is a 134-page, full-colour account of the story of St Norbert College to date and it is available for purchase at the College office.
Recently *Norbertus* interrupted Clem as he was unpacking from a well-deserved holiday to Ireland and ask him a few questions about the book.

***Norbertus* (*N*):** Mr Clement Mulcahy, thank you for your time and welcome to *Norbertus*.

Mr Clement Mulcahy (C.M.): Well, thank you, I feel pretty much at home with *Norbertus* as I have enjoyed reading through past issues which has helped me gain a further insight into the story of St Norbert College.

***N*:** Congratulations on what you have achieved with "In the Middle of Everything", a fantastic account of the stories of countless people and events over half a century.

C.M.: That's kind of you. I am glad that you liked it and thank you for your input as archivist too. Your predecessor Maureen Tavani accumulated and catalogued a great deal of material, as well as providing biographical detail and accounts of College life over that half century. That data showed that the Norbertines were in the middle of everything and supported by the College families.

***N*:** We'll come back to this great account of St Norbert College in a moment, but *Norbertus* was wondering just where and when your obvious love for history was born.

C.M.: Well, I could say that I have always been attracted to history and have my mother in particular to thank for that. I was a terror for asking questions about family history, settlement and farming in Australia and their earlier whereabouts in Ireland. She would answer questions or send me off to ask someone else if she was unsure of the details. Good modelling!

***N*:** You went on to study history at the University of Western Australia and then began teaching. What drew you to a career in education?

C.M.: I guess the two were linked as I was keen to share my enthusiasm about history and cultural heritage, and as well as farmers, a number of relatives were teachers, including my paternal grandmother and her antecedents who had taught in Tipperary.

Mr Clement Mulcahy.

***N*:** Is it true that when you were appointed Principal of La Salle College in 1980 you were the youngest ever principal appointed to lead a secondary Catholic college in Western Australia? How old were you?

C.M.: Well, yes, I was appointed in 1980 to commence in 1981 but while I may have then been the youngest secondary lay principal appointed, others among the brothers and sisters would have commenced earlier. I was in my mid-thirties and soon after that Mick Devine who was younger than me, was appointed from St Norbert to lead Lumen Christi College, which opened in 1984.

***N*:** You then went on to lead Lumen Christi and Mater Dei Colleges, all the while raising a family and being involved in a variety of historical societies and other organisations. How did you find the time?

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C.M: Good question! My wife Pamela certainly carried the bulk of the myriad family tasks and caring for the children while also relief teaching and being on the local parish council, the school board and the P&F, as well as contributing in many ways to the schools mentioned above, La Salle College particularly. Without her level of understanding and commitment to Catholic education, I simply could not have given the time needed to being a school principal – especially in the 1980s. At a school level, the expertise and commitment of staff meant that other people got on with their respective roles within the school, too, and contributed to the building of effective school communities.

***N*:** You spent a period of time at the helm of St Norbert College in 2016. How did you find that, and is *Norbertus* correct to assume this appointment was useful when you decided to accept the invitation to write "In the Middle of Everything"?

C.M.: I relished my time at the College in 2016 and it certainly let me see first-hand how the Norbertine spirit does form the College community and see the responsive attitude of staff and students alike to the opportunities provided to them.

***N*:** Congratulations on the final product, Clem; you must be very happy with your work.

C.M.: I am very pleased with attractive format and savvy publishing style of Steve Little of Data Documents, and Yvette Ricciardello's creative design sense. I was delighted to see Fr Joe O'Donohoe's reaction to the book when I presented him with a copy in Dublin recently. He sends his good wishes to the College and has strong memories of his time in Queens Park.

***N*:** For those among us who have never written a book, could you give a very brief explanation of how you approached such an enormous task?

C.M.: Essentially it was a case of drawing on my professional background, some personal connections with the district and the College, and then working with people such as Desirée Grzenda-Day and Maureen Tavani. By referring to the archives and circulating a template inviting contributions from previous principals, staff and students especially, I was able to build up an 'oral history' account of the College over the past five decades. It was then a case of drawing on this data which actually did show how the Norbertine charism has permeated the College – a community that is ready to face all things ... 'ad omnia paratus'.

***N*:** After writing "In the Middle of Everything", what key points have you learned about the Norbertines, St Norbert College and the Queens Park community?

C.M: I feel the key points may almost be summed up by the word 'Koinonia'. Those three elements you mentioned, actually melded into a community responsive to the needs and welfare of all those associated with it. A practical and down-to-earth response to day-to-day demands as well as crises, was modelled by the Norbertines and shared by the College and parents alike. This has resulted in a vibrant and very well-resourced secondary college.

***N*:** You also recently completed the history of La Salle College. What was that experience like, and what is the title of the book?

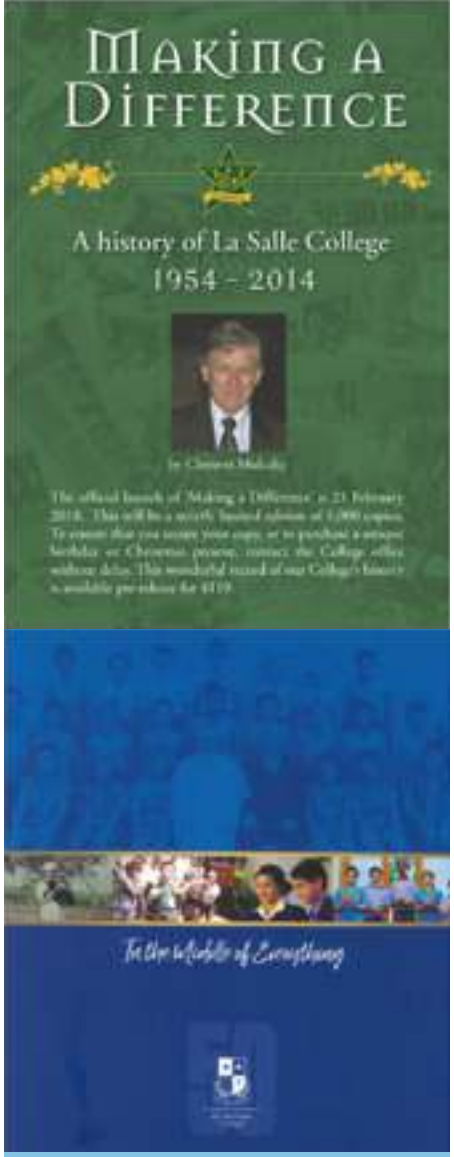
C.M: Overall a great experience, reconnecting with the De La Salle Brothers who established the school among considerable adversity in 1954, and sharing with both present and previous staff and students from across the decades. The impact of the College upon the lives of the students, led to the title "Making A Difference".

N: You and your wife Pamela are back from the UK and Ireland. What happens now - time for a break, or do you have another project in the pipeline?

C.M.: Well, being away was stimulating to say the least, with some study in Oxford and then in Sligo reviewing Yeats, his fellow writers and dramatists, being among the highlights. Now, 'home and garden' will take up time, as well activities offered by organisations such as the Archdiocesan Historical Commission, the Australian Irish Heritage Association, the Australian Garden History Association, the National Trust and various historical societies.

***N*:** Thank you very much for your wonderful contribution to the history of St Norbert College, Clem. Great to hear that you had a top time in Ireland and thank you for taking time to speak to *Norbertus*.

C.M.: It has been a pleasure, and thank you for your interest.



"In the Middle of Everything" and "Making a Difference".

At the launch of "Making A Difference": Mr Clem Mulcahy, Mr Wayne Bull, Honourable Michelle Roberts MLA, Br David Hawke and Ms Patricia Rodrigues.

IN THE MIDDLE *of Everything*

Excerpts about student life and experiences at St Norbert College from "In the Middle of Everything" by Mr Clement Mulcahy.

The first pupil to be enrolled at the College was Gerard Connell but reference to the numbers enrolled vary. One school record lists 27 boys; anecdotal accounts range from 15 to 30 pupils while there are but 23 present for the official class photo, and one absentee listed. **Clement Mulcahy.**

The first Leaving class in 1971 (nine boys) all achieved good, positive results. Of the 17 candidates (who sat for the 1974 Leaving examinations) 13 of the 14 who were endeavouring to enter a tertiary institution were successful. **Clement Mulcahy.**

A large number of our graduating students were the first in their respective families to gain a place at university. There are a significant number of students who have gone on to do wonderful things in this world. **Desirée Grzenda-Day.**

Someone kicked a football, smashing a couple of window louvres and of course everyone scattered. But, alas, not all of us were quick enough and Fr Anderson caught a fair few. Didn't matter if you were involved or not, everyone got 12 of the best. **Jeff Williams.**

In my time at the school, I remember the following family names as strong influences within the student body ... Hulshoff, Camarri, Pollard, Wisniewski, Travaglini, Odorisio, Connolly, Bevis, Haydock, Lavery, Dawkins, Niciletti, Barone, O'Sullivan, Oakenfull. **Mathew Trinca.**

I recollect that St Joseph's Primary School and St Norbert College seemed to have very diverse student mixes, with a number of migrants – or more properly the children of migrant families – from Ireland, England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Italy, Burma and others. I thought both schools were very welcoming communities and I don't recall any friction or tension between the children from varied backgrounds. In fact, I think they were remarkably peaceful and calm student populations with probably the only source of friction being that between the 'Catholic school kids' and the 'State school kids' down the road. **Mathew Trinca.**

Co-education? Well, it's different. There are different ideas about it but I think co-education in St Norbert College has improved our school life. Co-operation between students of both sexes is good, and what's more, St Norbert's "look" has been greatly improved! **K. Smith** and **S. De Rosario.**

What will be the fashion innovations for 1976? For the girls at least, there will be a cool and fashionable summer frock, styled on the princess line and made in Ming Blue Prestaline. For easy movement and comfort the frock has an action pleat in the back, a zippered front, V-neck and peaked collar. A pocket has been sewn into the side seam, and to complete the school colours, gold stitching is featured on the collar and short sleeves. **Kathy Jones.**

St Norbert College's first class in 1965, pictured with Fr Anderson and Mr Quinn. The first student to enrol at the College was Gerard Connell, third from the left in the back row.

Mr Clement Mulcahy, author of "In the Middle of Everywhere", pictured during his time as Acting Principal of St Norbert College in 2016.

Mrs Kathy Jones (centre) in the 1985 Koinonia with Mrs Carole Hayes and Mrs Linda Makin.

Mathew Trinca (centre) as a member of the 1978 Under 15 Soccer team.

Mrs Desirée Grzenda-Day (nee Grzenda) at the 1985 ACC Swimming Carnival.

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There was a big blend of students in terms of academic ability and ethnic background. Friendship groups formed around common interests, not socio-economic background ... Friendships were based on the quality and values of a person and there were many terrific people I met in the 1980s. There certainly was an aspirational culture in the school at that time. There was a hard element as well. A percentage of truly 'tuff' kids in every Year group. School certainly felt safe but if you raised your head and were disrespectful, particularly to the older students, then you would be put in your place. **Joe Sciorilli**.

Br Pat had developed a gift for supporting the more marginalised students in the community. The naughty and troubled ones would often be seen with Br Pat. Not being reprimanded but involved in conversations showing understanding and support. His care of staff and students endeared him to many and I for one was gutted when he was taken from us far too soon. **Joe Sciorilli**.

Getting hopelessly lost during a Year 10 survival camp on the Bibbulmun Track forged many new friendships. Everybody pulled together, you found yourself getting on with people you normally wouldn't have spoken to ... I know we were lost and we walked a long way that day, about 30 kilometres ... After that, back at school, right up to Year 12, we were all pretty close. **Tracey Burgoyne** (nee **George**).

The students of St Norbert College were special. They always had a positive and open approach. They were fun-loving, genuine, honest and 'salt-of-the-earth' in their approach to their education and the College. They would 'have a go' rather than complain ... The students were a source of motivation, joy and purpose for us all. **Michael Devine**.

St Norbert's provided me with a sense of service, confidence, acceptance, and opportunity. I was lucky to be taught by the Norbertine brothers and priests who were great role models and made us aware of St Norbert and all the great work he did. I was also taught by the nuns who were caring and special women. My fondest memories of my time at St Norbert College include the Year 10 survival camp, the Year 8 and 12 Retreats, our Year 12 production of "Fools", swimming training, and Mrs Tavani making us have wooden boxes over our hands so we couldn't see the keyboard! **Michelle Lucas** (nee **Devereux**).

The staff and students are wonderful people to work with, and I have enjoyed their company immensely. The students are open, polite and friendly, yet they have a spirit that makes teaching them a joy. **John Bird**.

The spiritual growth of the students is well catered for, and this has been reflected in some correspondence I have had with past students. Several have mentioned that retreats they have attended (especially Kairos) have had a big impact on their lives. There is also the Student Ministry centre, the Kimberley and Indian trips, meditation and daily prayer. **Frank Mulligan**.

Mr Joe Sciorilli wears his 1985 St Norbert College uniform during Catholic Education Week in 1997.

Mr Michael and Mrs Catherine Devine shortly after Mick commenced teaching at St Norbert College in 1969.

Tracey George (now Mrs Tracey Burgoyne, centre) as a member of the 1985 ACC volleyball team.

Year 12 student Michelle Devereux (now Mrs Michelle Lucas) in the 1988 Koinonia.

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St Norbert College

Mr and Mrs Connell at the blessing ceremony for the Connell Centre.

The new administration entrance.

PRIOR: Fr Peter O'Reilly O. Praem
PRINCIPAL: Mr Des O'Sullivan
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Michael Devine
ST NORBERT COLLEGE INNOVATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- The new wing of the priory was constructed
- The Student Representative Council was increased to 36 members
- The inaugural talent quest was held
- The Perth Concert Hall was used for the first time for presentation night
- The first girls graduated from St Norbert College

SENIOR MASTERS:

- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Fr Gerald Cusack O. Praem
- ENGLISH: Mr J. Pryce
- SCIENCE: Mr D. Pinto
- SOCIAL SCIENCE: Mr P. Murray
- MATHEMATICS: Mr S. Sandri
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Mr D. Rees

TEACHER IN CHARGE OF GIRLS: Mrs Kathy Jones
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD: Mr N. Dawkins (Chairman), Mr A. Connell, Fr G. Cusack, Fr P. O'Reilly, Mr M. Devine, Mrs K. Jones, Mr K. O'Sullivan, Mr N. Rees and Mr R. Tavani which oversees:

- The commencement of construction of the English and Social Studies block
- The completion of the A. R. & M. T. Connell Centre
- Securing a grant to construct an Arts and Crafts Centre by 1981
- Curriculum development to suit all career aspirations
- Contributing to the South East Coordinating Committee to ensure future Catholic education opportunities in this corridor of Perth

MAINTENANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE members included Peter Sworder, Joe Fallon, Gerry Kelly and Pat and Des Lally who oversee:

- The completion of the first phase of a stormwater drainage scheme designed to lower the water-table on the St Norbert College site
- The construction of the first phase of a deep sewerage scheme

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St Norbert College

The leafy surrounds of the priory.

Dux of the College Bryan Wallace receives his award from His Lordship, Bishop Quinn, at the Community Mass and Prize Presentation Ceremony.

The Community Mass and Prize Presentation Ceremony.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION: Mr R. Tavani (President), Mr P. Manchee (Vice-President), Mr H. Kerwin (Treasurer), Mrs J. Murphy and Mrs M. Brown (Secretaries), Mrs P. Cullen, Mr J. McQuillan, Mr H. Kerwin, Mr D. O'Sullivan, Mr R. Carroll, Mrs M. Park, Mrs D. Pollaers and Mathew Trinca which oversees:

- The introduction of a fundraising levy of $2 per family per term
- The annual fete on October 15

ST NORBERT COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: Mr A. Connell (Chairman), Fr P. O'Reilly, Fr G. Cusack, Mr M. Devine, Mr R. Tavani, which reaches its three-year goal of raising $166,000 to go towards new buildings at St Norbert College

LADIES AUXILIARY: Mrs M. Park (President), Mrs D. Clappinson, Mrs M. Tavani, Mrs A. Troy, Mrs M. Bianchini, Mrs J. Szczepanik, Mrs D. Pollaers, Mrs J. Black, Mrs M. Preston, Mrs M. Jones, Mrs F. Jones and Mrs B. Ward who oversee various fundraising events including a quiz night at the Kelmscott Hotel and two fashion parades

ENROLMENT: 480 students (314 boys, 166 girls)

DUX: B. Wallace

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL: Senior President S. Camarri, Junior President P. Monneron, who help to coordinate:

- Fundraising – a film night, a quiz night and a bottle drive
- Sponsoring a foster child in a developing nation in Asia, buying sports equipment for use at lunchtime and remarking the netball courts

COLLEGE HOUSES:

- SAINT GEORGE'S: Captains Robert Voysey and Michelle Fogg, and Vice Captains Patrice Monneron and Rose Voysey
- SAINT JOHN'S: Captains Alec O'Connell and Anne Collette, and Vice Captains Danny Volaric and Jennifer Harvey
- SAINT LUKE'S: Captains Stephen Camarri and Janet Thomas, and Vice Captains Walter Aquino and Helen Pollard
- SAINT MARK'S: Captains Terry Hood and May Walsh, and Vice Captains Maurice Nogare and Caroline Day

WINNERS OF SPORTS CARNIVALS:

- SWIMMING: Saint George's House
- ATHLETICS: Saint George's House

A.C.C. "B Division" INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: St Norbert College collects four trophies – Aggregrate (Boys and Girls), Senior Boys, Boys Aggregate and the Boys Relay – and wins the carnival.

Dr Alec O'Connell

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St Norbert College

Dr Alec O'Connell graduated from St Norbert College in 1978 and, after initially contemplating studying a business degree, commenced a career in education that has seen him work in K-12 teaching, residential colleges and two universities. Currently Dr O'Connell is Headmaster at Scotch College, a position he has held since 2011, and recently he was kind enough to tell Norbertus about his remarkable professional career to date.

The year 1978 was my final year at St Norbert College having commenced in 1973 as a Year 7 student. My recollections are still very vivid. In 1977 we arrived back in February to commence Year 11, only to find that we were now co-ed. This was not something we had on our radar but looking back it certainly added to our final two years and in many ways changed the dynamics to which we had all been used. It was clear that the College was probably embarking on a much-needed growth phase and this was apparent in the additional capital projects that were underway and the addition of co-education at both Year 8 and Year 11.

Our 1977 Year 11 class comprised 22 in total, so having an additional enrolment of girls would have no doubt assisted with the total Year 12 graduating cohort in 1978. The great thing about Year 12 was the fact that we were all relatively close. There was never a real sense of rivalry, although I do admire how the small cohort of girls survived being around the rest of us and still kept their sanity. For many of us we had a post-school plan of some sort, essentially involving progress into university. This played out for most of us with some of our cohort opting to enter the workforce. On balance the benefit of our time at the College was the resilience it gave us and the long-term friendships. St Norbert College was a very uncomplicated place at this time and in many ways we probably maximised our outcomes notwithstanding the limited resources at the time.

In December of 1978 I was very fortunate to receive a guaranteed place at the then WAIT in a Bachelor of Business (Taxation Law). It was something I accepted at the time as it meant there was no need to sit at the post box awaiting results, and in terms of location this suited my personal situation. Ironically, I was never to commence in this degree. I had always thought of teaching and as such I changed to a teacher education programme before commencing university in 1979. It was the best thing I have done.

After graduating in 1981 I commenced at a school called Xavier (Inc.) Our Lady Help of Christians in East Victoria Park. It was to prove a great decision and in so many ways laid the foundations for my career to date. Since this time, I have worked across K-12, residential colleges and in two universities.

My best work to date has been marrying Janny, who is an Associate Dean at Trinity Residential College (UWA), and having two children - daughter Abbey, 23, an emergency department nurse at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, and son Grady, 20, who is a UWA student currently studying in Alabama.

Currently I am Headmaster at Scotch College, a position I commenced in 2011. Other leadership positions held since leaving school include:

- Assistant Director - People and Organisational Services, Catholic Education Office WA 2008 – 2011
- Executive Director - Division of Vice Chancellery, Division of Academic and Student Services, Division of Management and Student Services, University of Notre Dame Australia 2005 – 2008
- Head and Chief Executive Officer – Trinity (A Residential College and Conference Centre at UWA) 2000 – 2005

Janny, Grady and Abbey O'Connell.

Alec O'Connell at St Norbert College in 1978: Year 12, 1st XI Soccer and 1st XI Cricket.

- Catholic Education Office WA 1994 – 2000. Various consulting roles including inaugural Coordinator of the Executive Secretariat, Acting Coordinator Primary Curriculum and Teaching Team and Acting Coordinator Planning and Development Team

Academically I have been fortunate to pursue a number of courses and hold the following qualifications:

- 2009 Doctor of Business Administration – The University of Western Australia
- 1991 Masters of Education (Research Thesis Stream) Curtin University
- 1998 Diploma Royal Society of Arts (T.E.S.L.) Royal Society of Arts London
- 1997 Graduate Diploma of Language Studies (T.E.S.L.) Edith Cowan University
- 1985 Bachelor of Education (Primary) Curtin University
- 1981 Diploma of Education (Primary) Curtin University
- Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, Australian College of Educators and the National Association of University Colleges and Halls

Since leaving school I have also been involved in a number of boards and professional associations. Currently I am Chair of the Board of Directors of the Association of Independent Schools in WA, on the Health Sciences External Advisory Board at UNDA, a member of the Independent Schools Council of Australia and the UWA Business School Ambassadorial Committee, and Director of the Perth Symphony Orchestra. Just recently I have assumed the role of President of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia (WA).

Reflecting back on what our College gave us, I think it was the confidence to pursue alternatives and that no one owes you anything. In other words, forge your own path and have confidence that things will work out. In simple terms, "pay it forward".

"Uncertainty"

Violence, fear, uneasiness.
Everyone wondering, waiting where or when
Will the next murder or explosion occur.
Senseless violence, enemy unknown,
Only the army and U.D.F. wear the dress
Of those at war.
Soldiers scampering in, around buildings
In search of those against them.
But why? the enemy could be the man
In the street, the big executive; who's to
Know in such an uncertain environment.

Mother, daughter, sister, brother even father
Who knows who'll turn against you for
The cause,
Everyone living in an atmosphere of fear
and most of all uncertainty,
Children brought up to hate others of
Their same age,
Segregated through religion for the cause.

When will it end, when will it cease,
Maybe today, tomorrow, ten years from
Now, who's to know? For that matter
Who's to care?
But until such time as it does cease,
Men, women and children shall lead a
Life of uncertainty,
Never knowing what's ahead, but only
Realising the damage left behind them.

A. O'Connell, Year 12

"Uncertainty", one of two poems by Alec O'Connell published in the 1978 Koinonia. A family visit to Northern Ireland during The Troubles inspired Alec to write this poem.

1988

St Norbert College

Prior Fr Tom McNulty.

Principal Tom Corcoran.

Angela Cox, Dux of the College.

Simon Harvey, SRC President.

PRIOR: Fr Tom McNulty O. Praem
PRINCIPAL: Mr Tom Corcoran
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Carole Hayes
ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Peter Glasson
ST NORBERT COLLEGE INNOVATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Unit Curriculum (Years 8-10) was adopted
- St Norbert College conducted its inaugural biathlon
- St Norbert College won B Division of the ACC athletics carnival
- College Management Advisory Board was restructured into Finance Committee and Policy Committee
- Principal's medallions were introduced
- Staff member Miss Lorraine Hillas won a gold medal in hockey at the Seoul Olympics

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Fr Peter Joseph O. Praem
- ENGLISH & LANGUAGES: Mr Christopher Kowald
- MATHEMATICS: Mr Dudley Pinto
- SCIENCE: Mr Mark Johns
- SOCIAL STUDIES: Mr Kevin Tutt
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Miss Lynn Moxham

HOUSE COORDINATORS:

- KILNACROTT: Mr John Pollaers
- MAGDEBURG: Miss Desirée Grzenda
- PRÉMONTRÉ: Mr Lanny Rowell
- TONGERLO: Miss Kym Leeson
- XANTEN: Mr John Van Nus

The Xanten Singers.

Olympics gold medal winner Lorraine Hillas.

Grant Jolley and Julie Athanasoff at the College ball

Fr Peter says Mass at a Year 9 camp.

1988

St Norbert College

COLLEGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD split into the:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE charged with exercising responsibility in management of the College's finances as delegated by the Prior and the Norbertine Order. A capital development plan was established, science rooms were refurbished and plans were drawn up to move to a computerised accounting system
- POLICY COMMITTEE which replaced the General Purposes Committee and allowed for staff, students and parents to participate in the development of the College community including celebrating the College jubilee, conducting an open day and providing the opportunity for all members of the College community to participate in a colloquium

PARENTS and FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: Mr Brian Cutjar whose committee oversees and organises:

- A College quiz night
- The College fete
- The P&F Association Leadership Awards
- Funding towards outdoor education, home economics, music and business education
- The installation of bicycle racks and subsidised bicycle helmets

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Simon Harvey

ENROLMENT: 733 students

DUX: Angela Cox

LEADERSHIP AWARD: Simon Harvey

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

- KILNACROTT: Jenni Mason, Stephen Mulvey
- MAGDEBURG: Victoria Jones, Glen Rogers
- PRÉMONTRÉ: Bernadette Murray, Julio Aquino
- TONGERLO: Julie Athanasoff, David Martin
- XANTEN: Michelle Devereux, Bradley Richards-Scully

PRINCIPAL'S MEDALLIONS: Jodie Dyer, Michelle Priestman, Adrienne Rampart, Scott Walker, Frank Crisafio, Brendon Scott

WINNERS OF SPORTS CARNIVALS:

- SWIMMING: Xanten
- ATHLETICS: Xanten

(INAUGURAL) CHAMPION HOUSE: Magdeburg

ONE OF THE BEST *Years of my Life*

SUSAN BEERS

1988 St Norbert College

Susan Beers (nee Rhoades, Class of 1988) was an American exchange student who - despite experiencing the odd bout of homesickness - says her time at St Norbert College had a large impact on her development as a person and opened her eyes to the world. Susan recently made time to speak to *Norbertus* and shared some of her thoughts about that life-changing decision to head down-under 30 years ago.

***Norbertus* (N):** Susan Beers, welcome to *Norbertus*. Thank you for your time.

Susan Beers (S.B.): Thank you very much for having me.

***N*:** *Norbertus* supposes, like some of the other members of the Class of 1988 *Norbertus* has spoken to, the last 30 years must have flown past. What are a few of your happy, memorable or significant experiences that you recall from your time at St Norbert College?

S.B: Yes, the time has certainly gone quickly. There are so many wonderful memories – the theatre exchange program to Bunbury, the Margaret River trip with the Japanese exchange students, accidentally breaking a window in one of the classrooms! Hanging out with my friends mostly. I loved it all! It was very definitely one of the best years of my life. Swim carnival scarred me for life though.

***N*:** Do you recall if you had any favourite subjects or teachers at St Norbert College?

S.B.: I adored my Homeroom teacher Mr Tutt! He kept me on the straight and narrow and was chockful of wisdom for a wild, crazy and, at times, homesick teenage girl. Miss Hilton (I loved theatre class) helped me to embrace my creative side and gave me confidence. The classes there were so much tougher than my American high school classes and I got so much more out of them. Such excellent teachers I had there - Mrs Gardner, Miss Tersigni, Miss Grzenda.

***N*:** You eventually settled on a career in education. Did any of these teachers play a role in your choice?

S.B.: They all played a part in my love of education which is why I went into it as a career.

***N*:** Please give our *Norbertus* readers a brief description of your studies and career path after leaving St Norbert College.

S.B.: After my year at St Norbert College, I returned to my home in Yankton, South Dakota. I graduated from high school and went on to attend the University of South Dakota for my bachelor's degree in English and then for my master's degree in speech language pathology. I am currently a technology integrationist with the Luverne School District in Luverne, Minnesota.

***N*:** What are your main duties in your current employment position?

S.B.: After 20 some years as a school-based speech pathologist, I switched gears and moved into an education field that embraces my love of technology. I work with and teach students and teachers how to effectively and creatively use and understand technology.

***N*:** Apart from work, what are your hobbies, past-times? Much travel?

S.B.: Reading, Netflix, and hanging out with my husband Jon and 18-year-old son Declan. Our son has been very involved in sports so most of our time has been spent doing that. We have recently become empty nesters with Declan moving to college at Montana State University in Billings, Montana. I love to travel but haven't gone anywhere exciting in ages. After university, I did travel to Germany (back when it was still West and East Germany), Ireland, U.K., Netherlands and I even made it back to Australia in 1992, I think it was.

***N*:** Do you still keep in touch with any friends you made at St Norbert College?

S.B.: Yes. Thankfully through Facebook, I was able to reconnect with all of my Australian friends. I still cannot find my buddy Bart McGann though. I heard he was in Tasmania.

***N*:** Well *Norbertus* has a couple of operatives in Tasmania, so we'll see what we can do about tracking down Bart! 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.B.: Not that I can recall specifically. Although during the short time that I spent there, I was very definitely changed for the better. My life was enriched by friends, teachers and experiences that I will never forget. It prepared me to think globally. I was so incredibly fortunate to be a part of the St Norbert College community!

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

S.B.: Be nice to the exchange students even if they are slightly deranged. You'll be able to visit and stay at their house one day.

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

S.B.: To quote American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson: "What is success? To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!"

***N*:** No doubt you would have heard that last year Simon Harvey was appointed Principal of St Norbert College. Do you remember Simon, and if so, what was your reaction to this announcement?

S.B.: I certainly do remember Simon. I was so happy for him! He was such a sweet boy and so kind to me when I was there! He gave me a cricket bat to take home as a souvenir. He is such a great guy, truly noble and moral, and will do amazing things for St Norbert's. I wish him all the best!

***N*:** Well the good news is, Susan, in the light of that last answer, Simon has decided to tear up an invoice he was preparing to send you for that broken window back in 1988, so all's well that ends well! Thank you very much for your time Susan, thank you for sharing your memories and best wishes to you and your family.

S.B.: Thank you for having me and best wishes to everybody at the College, especially the Class of 1988. I hope they all have a wonderful time at the reunion.

Enjoying One Life

MICHELLE WALLACE (CLASS OF 1988)

Michelle Wallace (nee Priestman, Class of 1988) was a Prémontré House Captain and a member of Mr Chris Kowald's Homeroom. Performing as a member of the Xanten Singers and the 1986 papal visit are some of Michelle's happy memories of her time at St Norbert College, and her favourite teachers included Mrs Tavani and Mr Kowald ("they always gave me As"), as well as her Year 12 Japanese teacher, Mrs Anne Kellor, who inspired Michelle to major in Japanese at university. After living and working in Japan for a while, Michelle returned to Australia and is now a director of Luxe Residential. The mother of "two beautiful daughters aged 18 and 21", Michelle lives by the adage that you only get one life and encourages today's St Norbert College students to "enjoy high school because it really is a breeze!" Upon hearing of fellow Class of 1988 graduate Simon Harvey's appointment as Principal of St Norbert College, Michelle was succinct and to the point: "Go Simon!"

So Many Wonderful Memories
TRACY GALL

Tracy Gall (nee Lawrence, Class of 1988) studied hospitality and tourism when she left St Norbert College and enjoyed working in the catering business, then the building industry, before deciding on a career change and becoming a special needs home economics teacher in the Education Department. "I loved my home economics classes at school and now I facilitate many programs to meet the individual needs of our students," Tracy said.

She also loved law with Mr Wally Aquino, mathematics with Ms Rainford and religion with Mr Van Nus, but one of her enduring memories from her time at St Norbert College was during a trip to the Northern Territory when she injured her knee and had to be evacuated from the top of Uluru. "I think Adam Crocker got stuck there as well," Tracy recalled. "There are so many other wonderful memories including being part of the College plays, the swimming carnivals and the laughs we would have on school camps! I also really enjoyed getting to know Kirsten, an exchange student who spent some time at the College."

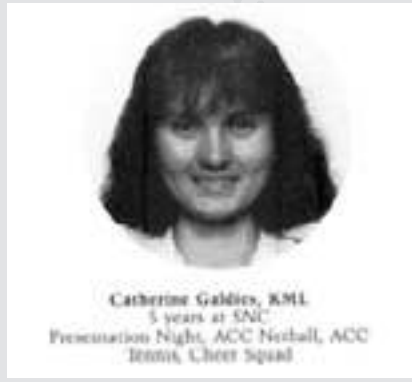
Happily married to Frank, Tracy's life now largely revolves around daughter Sophie's sporting commitments. "We love it. Earlier in the year I took Sophie to "Oliver" and introduced her to some of my teachers, who are also teaching some of my cousins."

Recalling The Norbertine Influence
CATHY CZERWIONKA

Cathy Czerwionka (nee Galdies, Class of 1988) enjoyed her time at St Norbert College where she was a member of Mrs Loveland's Kilnacrott Homeroom class, and fondly recalls the Norbertine influence of Fr Peter and Br Pat. "Fr Peter and Br Pat made my time at St Norbert College memorable," Cathy said, "and although I liked all the teachers, mathematics with Ms Rainford and Miss Leeson was enjoyable and possibly influenced my decision to join BankWest where I have worked for 29 years, currently as a loans advisor." Married to "a great husband with two beautiful children", Cathy makes a point of enjoying every day by holding the College motto of "prepared for all good works" close to her heart and encouraging her daughters to do likewise. Depending on family commitments Cathy enjoys travelling, shopping, helping people with their finances at the bank, and keeps fit by attending boxing classes.

Thirty years after leaving St Norbert College, when asked what advice she would give current students, Cathy recommends that they should really enjoy their time at St Norbert College because time goes too quickly. "I'd say don't try to grow up too quickly, just enjoy being a kid."

Cathy recently attended the Class of 1988's 30th reunion and "enjoyed a drink or two catching up with everyone from all those years ago."



CLASS OF 1988 Reunion

THE MERRYWELL, OCTOBER 27, 2018

Les Dal Passo, Lynda Versaico, Patrick and Karen Quigley, and Reuben Norris. Les is a tax agent, Patrick and Karen work in local government and Reuben is a capital funding project team leader at Catholic Education.

Paula Galdies (Class of 1989) and her partner Paul.

Cathy Czerwionka (nee Galdies), Paul, and Tracy Gall (nee Lawrence). Cathy works in banking and Tracy is an education assistant at Kalamunda Primary School.

Kelvin Andrijich, second left, is the managing director of an engineering business.

Les Dal Passo, Robert Nakhoul, Patrick Jones, and Michael and Lynda Versaico.

Reuben Norris and Sean Tozer.

Leah Newbold and Colin McLaughlin. Colin is an electrical contractor.

Donna Bawden (nee Smith), Adele Fernandez and Julio Aquino and his partner Angela. Donna is a banker, Adele is a teacher at St Jerome's Catholic Primary School in Munster and Julio is a postmaster.

Robert Nakhoul chats to Susan Beers (nee Rhoades) who was an exchange student from the USA in 1988. She currently lives in Minnesota and teaches students and teachers how to use technology effectively. Robert is an electrical engineer.

St Norbert College Principal, Simon Harvey (Class of 1988), is in the centre at the back.

1998

St Norbert College

Principal Mr Peter Hayes.

Melissa Palermo, SRC President.

Prémontré House was victorious at the swimming carnival.

The 1998 College Ball was held at The Hyatt Regency Perth.

PRIOR: Fr Peter Joseph O. Praem
PRINCIPAL: Mr Peter Hayes (Ms Desireé Grzenda Semester 2)
VICE PRINCIPAL: Ms Desireé Grzenda (Mr John Bird Semester 2)
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

- LEARNING: Mr John Bird (Mrs Kathleen Jones Semester 2)
- STUDENTS: Mr Robert Henderson (Mr Anthony Byrne Semester 2)

HOUSE COORDINATORS:

- KILNACROTT: Miss Marriann O'Neill
- MAGDEBURG: Mrs Sue Dwyer
- PRÉMONTRÉ: Ms Alice Alibrandi
- TONGERLO: Mr Anthony Byrne (Mrs Amanda Allen Semester 2)
- XANTEN: Mr Joseph Sciorilli

HEADS of DEPARTMENTS:

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Mr Keith Morgan
- ENGLISH: Mrs Nalda Smith
- MATHEMATICS: Ms Sharon Rainford
- SCIENCE: Mrs Jennifer Buckenara
- SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT: Mr John Pollaers (Mr Chris Reimers Semester 2)
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Miss Lynn Moxham

ADVISORY BOARD: Fr Peter Joseph O. Praem, Br Patrick Doolan O. Praem, Mr Peter Hayes, Ms Desirée Grzenda, Mr R. Tavani, Mr B. Lewis, Mr M. Gooch, Mr C. Wieman who oversee:

- The completion of the multi-purpose recreation centre
- A minor expansion to the library floor space
- The relocation of the careers office to the library precinct
- The relocation of the uniform shop
- INSTEP PLUS added to the vocational education curriculum
- Computer work stations in the library
- Upgraded offices for teaching staff

1998

St Norbert College

In 1998 the Queens Park Norbertine community adopted a crest and motto which embodied the following symbolism:

- *The fleur de lis is representative of St Joseph and the Norbertine order.*
- *The Southern Cross identifies the Australian location.*
- *The yellow chevron is a link to Tongerlo Abbey, the "grandmother community" of Queens Park.*
- *The shamrocks remind us of our links to Kilnacrott Abbey in Ireland.*
- *The black swan represents Western Australia and the ochre coloured background is for the earth tones of Australia.*
- *"IN MEDIO ECCLESIAE" translates as "in the midst of the Church".*

Serena Maiolo performed at Presentation Night.

The Fr Peter O'Reilly Centre under construction.

PARENTS and FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION: Mr Barry Williams (President), Mrs Michelle Wheaton (Secretary), Mrs Gloria White (Treasurer), Mrs Mavis Carruthers, Mrs Sylvia Guzzomi, Mrs Pattie Rangitoheriri and Mrs Carmel Millen who oversee:

- Providing a sausage sizzle at the College Community Mass
- Social events including a tour of the Swan Brewery, and the "Tuxedo Junction" singers in association with St Joseph's Primary School P&F
- The College fair in September which was coordinated by Mrs Mavis Carruthers and raised approximately $6,500 towards air-conditioning in the library and circuit training equipment in the new recreation centre

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL: Melissa Palermo (President), Natasha Abreu (Vice President), Melissa D'Auria (Secretary), Ann-Marie Hosken (Treasurer) who oversee and help coordinate:

- The SRC camp at Lake Leschenaultia
- A casual dress fundraiser for the Michael Hall Memorial Trust Fund
- The Year 11/12 river cruise
- A 3-on-3 basketball competition in Term 2
- The Year 11/12 College ball at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on July 6
- A successful plaster painting stall at the College fair

ENROLMENT: students

DUX: Damian Millen

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: Rani Das

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

- KILNACROTT: Bjorn Francis, Candice Hendry, Kimberley D'Souza, Daniel Nieman
- MAGDEBURG: Jason Murray, Elisa McKenna, Kirsten Simons, Luke Pollart
- PRÉMONTRÉ: Kate Searle, Michael Hannoush, Jennifer Delany, Damian Millen
- TONGERLO: Matthew Dunne, Roxan Frugtniet, Dean Samuell, Jenna Mola
- XANTEN: Julie Mortimer, Jeremy Hale, Andrew Reddan, Rani Das

PRINCIPAL'S MEDALLIONS: Rani Das, Summar Grant, Chris Hicks, Melissa Palermo, Priscilla Pascoe, Elaine Wambeck

WINNERS OF SPORTS CARNIVALS:

- SWIMMING: Prémontré
- ATHLETICS: Magdeburg

CHAMPION HOUSE: Magdeburg

CLASS OF 1998 Reunion

THE MERRYWELL, OCTOBER 13, 2018

Derek Tallon and Steve Picks. Derek is an architectural technician and Steve is a construction manager.

Justine Joy (nee Robertson), Elisa Rangitoheriri (nee McKenna), Theresa Catalano and Mima Midgley. Justine works in finance administration at Tranby College, Elisa is a court official and Theresa is a logistics manager.

Steve, Bevan, Justine and Derek.

Mima Midgley (nee Savasta) and David Edwards. Mima works in retail and David is a plant mechanic.

Lan Chung, Tatania Cavuoto and Amanda Barrett (nee Pascoe). Lan is an interior designer, Tatania runs her own business and Amanda works in marketing and public relations.

Bevan Joyce and Rebecca Fagan. Bevan runs a Jim's franchise and Rebecca is an events coordinator.

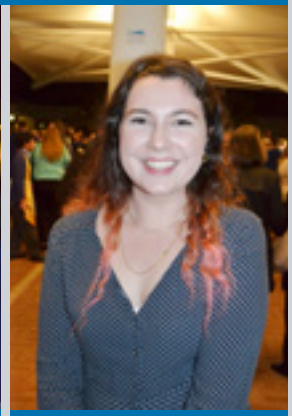
Alumni Scene

AT THE CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATION

Mrs Tracey (nee George, Class of 1985) and Mr Michael Burgoyne (Class of 1985), centre, met at St Norbert College as students and eventually married in 1990. Their son Hayden (Class of 2009), left, is engaged to Jasmine York (Class of 2009), and son Wade (Class of 2010), right, is engaged to Elly White (Class of 2010). Hayden works in the freight industry while completing his pilot's licence, Jasmine is a payroll manager at the City of Canning, Tracey is an administration assistant at St Norbert College, Michael is the state manager of Hills Industries, Elly is a nurse at Osborne Park Hospital and Wade is a fire and security contractor.

Maddison Galliott, Harry George, Jake McFarland (all Class of 2013) and Sheldon Galliott (Class of 2015). Maddison is completing a master's in psychology at Curtin University, Harry is a nurse at Royal Perth Hospital, Jake is a builder and Sheldon is studying a bachelor of science and psychology at Curtin University.

Jamie (Class of 2015), Sam and Mrs Elizabeth Kalukal.



Chloe McLevie (Class of 2017) commences midwifery studies at the University of Victoria in 2019.

The Acott family were on hand to see Caleb graduate. Caleb's sister, Renee (Class of 2016), works for the family's property development business.

Declan Butler (Class of 2009) is an electrician who also plays original music in the Perth entertainment scene.

Alumni Scene
AT THE CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATION

Mia Busby, Bella Butler and Jack Rangitoheriri (all Class of 2016). Mia and Bella are pursuing tertiary studies and Jack is an apprentice electrician.

Kathleen (Class of 2015) and Kyle Cleofe. Kathleen is currently studying nursing at Curtin University.

Takunda Kwerengwe (Class of 2015) pictured with his sister Tapuwanashe. Takunda is studying pathology at the University of Western Australia.

Destiny and Jasmine (Class of 2017) Perkins. Jasmine is currently working for Singapore Airlines at Perth Airport and will be studying occupational therapy in 2019.

Michael Pambuka and family friend Anesu Jakopo (Class of 2016). Anesu is studying law and finance at Murdoch University.

Mark Verbiest (Class of 1989) and his daughter Georgia. Mark is a parts manager with Ford.

OUT & ABOUT *Alumni*

Siblings Kiara Knight (Class of 2007), Blayn Kelly (Class of 2010) and Aurea Kelly (Class of 2012) were photographed recently enjoying a SNESA football match at Soklich & Co Oval. Kiara is studying social work full-time at Curtin University, Blayn is a baggage handler for Qantas and Aurea works in marketing and public relations for a firm in Victoria Park.

Kelly (nee O'Grady, Class of 2003) and Christian Tufilli (Class of 2004) pictured with baby Addison at the SNESA Br Pat Memorial Game played at Soklich & Co Oval in July.

Laurie Catalano (Class of 2001) recently caught up with his nephew Lucas and sister Katrina (Class of 1999) at a SNESA football match at Soklich & Co Oval in Queens Park. Katrina is a flight attendant with Qantas and Laurie has a lawnmowing business.

The Tilli family at the Father's Day breakfast: Joe Tilli (Class of 1989) and children Francesco (Year 7), Erica (Year 8) and Michael (Year 10) who are all in Magdeburg House. Joe is a cabinetmaker and builder.

Laurie Catalano (Class of 2001) pictured with his daughter Sophie (Year 7, Magdeburg) at the St Norbert College Father's Day breakfast.

OUT&ABOUT *Alumni*

Norbertus recently bumped into a group of alumni from the Class of 2001 enjoying dinner in Subiaco. Jack Zhong (a radiographer), Peter Giovinazzo (geophysicist), Chris Dunne (secondary school science teacher), Andrew Dickson (chartered accountant), Adam Parker (sales representative and small business owner), Michael Hanna (small business owner) and Lucas East (clinical psychologist) have remained firm friends since leaving St Norbert College and catch up on a regular basis.

Chiara Barry (Class of 2003) and Rebecca Boxell (nee Irachi, Class of 2005) were spotted enjoying dinner in June at the Bentley Hotel. Rebecca married her long-term partner Nathan two years ago and they have three children, Noah (7), Aliyha (6) and Beau (1). In addition to being "a full-time mum", Rebecca also manages to find time to do some hairdressing and work part-time as an out-of-school care worker at Santa Clara Primary School in St James.

Matthew Cirillo (Class of 2015) and Tully Bristow at the Creative Arts Evening, pictured with one of Tully's displayed pieces, a laser-etched perspex portrayal of Buddha.

OUT&ABOUT *Alumni*

Class of 2015 alumnus and Australian Olympian Peter Bol dropped in to support Prémontré House at the Interhouse Athletics Carnival in August. Peter is currently in training for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and recently completed a Bachelor of Construction Management and Economics at Curtin University. He is pictured with St Norbert College staff members Miss Carrol Abel (Class of 1989) and Ms Margaret Kyd.

Recently Nadia Rath (nee Passalacqua, Class of 2005) celebrated her 30th birthday with family and friends on a beautiful Saturday afternoon at The Camfield. Pictured are Michael Pizzali (Class of 2007), Antonella Passalacqua (Class of 2008), Patty D'Auria (Class of 1994), Nadia, and her husband Jamie Rath (Class of 2004). Michael runs his own bobcat business, Antonella works in customer service and as a beauty therapist, Patty is a recruitment manager, Nadia is a payroll manager and Jamie is a chartered accountant.

Kimberly Brosztl (nee Harris, Class of 1993) and her son Glen (Year 7, Kilnacrott House) are pictured at the St Norbert College Mother's Day breakfast in May. Kimberly is an engineer at the City of Melville.

Simon Harvey (Class of 1988) enjoyed the Creative Arts Evening in the Xanten Performing Arts Centre in September.

Aldridge De Souza (Class of 2010) called in to his old school on a recent trip to Perth and was impressed by the changes he saw. He was in Miss Hilton's Xanten Homeroom and his younger brother Adam is currently in Year 8 at St Norbert College. Aldridge has been in the Australian Army for four years and is currently based in Darwin, serving as a combat engineer.

ST NORBERT DAY *Staff Drinks*

Olivia Palermo, Don Parnell, Chris Brehaut and Jenny Palermo.

Mollie McPartland, Simon Harvey and Debbie Pascoe.

Alice Alibrandi, Fr Peter and Kym Chegwidden.

Natasha Quinn, Margaret Kyd and Michelle Ronchi.

Peter Hayes and Alice Alibrandi.

ST NORBERT DAY *Staff Drinks*

Mollie McPartland, Sharon Rainford and Don Parnell.

Samantha Mark, Mark Pavy and Chris Brehaut.

Lauren Mirco and Samantha Mark.

Tatia Sly, Kym Chegwidden and Janie O'Reilly.

John Hulshoff and Killian O'Reilly.

Tracey Burgoyne and Kim Walker.

STEPHEN RIGG (CLASS OF 2010)

Seizing The Day

In early 2011 the St Norbert College community was shattered to hear of the tragic death of popular Kilnacrott House member Stephen Rigg (Class of 2010), who suffered a heart attack while batting for Perth Cricket Club during a match at Fletcher Park. Despite the best efforts of first responders, the medical staff at Royal Perth Hospital, and the love, prayers and support of the Rigg family and many members of the Perth Cricket Club, St Norbert College, Kilnacrott House, Stephen's mates and the wider community, the ultimately inevitable decision to turn off Stephen's life-support system fell to his inconsolable, yet stoic, father Phil.

To immortalise Stephen's passing, the staff and students of Kilnacrott House resolved to commemorate Stephen's zest for life by naming the annual intra-House competition between the Kilnacrott Homerooms, the Stephen Rigg Challenge. In effect, everyone agreed that for as long as Kilnacrott House was a going concern, Stephen Rigg would be part of the story. Indeed, the inaugural Stephen Rigg Challenge trophy was awarded less than one year after Stephen died, the first of eight so far.

Kilnacrott House has been grateful that Phil and Denise Rigg have consistently made themselves available to present the Stephen Rigg Challenge trophy to the winning Homeroom and this year K2 Homeroom was the worthy winner of the award, which Phil presented at a Kilnacrott House assembly on the last day of Term 3.

Almost eight years after Stephen's death, Phil delivered a heartfelt speech which simultaneously touched on his family's devastation at Stephen's death, as well as encouraging Kilnacrott students to embrace Stephen's mantra of enjoying every day to its fullest. Phil mentioned the Latin motto "carpe diem", meaning "seize the day", a saying which he and Stephen lived by, and, coincidentally features in a large mural in Kilnacrott's K4 Homeroom. Most importantly, from a man who knows, Phil implored all the Kilnacrott students to never forget to appreciate and express their love for their family, friends and loved ones. Many Kilnacrott students were visibly moved by Phil's testimony and *Norbertus* can't help but feel that Stephen's spirit was present at that Kilnacrott assembly on that last school day before the holidays, Stephen's favourite day of the term!

Domenic Russell of K2 Homeroom receives the Stephen Rigg Challenge trophy from Mr Phil Rigg.

Queens Park Football Club
VICTORIOUS AGAIN

MR PETE SALTER (CLASS OF 1975)

Images (L-R): Paul Samitinant and Chris McCabe. Caleb, Jacob and Ross White join Preston Westlake (front) in celebrating Queens Park Football Club's Division 1 premiership.

2018 was another successful on-field season for the great family and community club, the Queens Park Football Club. Once again, the club fielded two sides, with our Division 1 team finishing on top of the ladder and our Division 2 side finishing fifth, ensuring both sides earned a spot in the finals.

Unfortunately, our Division 2 side was knocked out in the elimination final, but the feeling around the club is that 2019 could see an improved showing as the side's confidence and talent continue to grow. The Division 1 side won their first final and earned a place for the third successive year in the grand final. Queens Park's opponents for the flag, Midland, had beaten us twice this year, but on the day, we displayed superior talent and comfortably ran out winners in a game played in great spirits, 15.8 (98) to 7.10 (52).

Some former St Norbert College students made significant contributions to the grand final victory, including Jacob White (Class of 2013), Brad Salter (Class of 2003), Caleb White (Class of 2017) and Preston Westlake (Class of 2013), who was awarded the Best on Ground Award. Chris McCabe (Class of 2003) and Dylan McCarron made strong contributions this season, but unfortunately Paul Samitinant (Class of 2006) was ruled out of the finals due to injury and Aaron Donaldson's (Class of 2014) FIFO work commitments forced him to miss the grand final.

The team also won a game on October 27 against Koongamia at the 2018 Maali Football Carnival in front of more than 1000 spectators to win the Maali Cup. Congratulations to all associated with the club's success this year and, with ongoing support and hard work from the likes of club stalwarts Ross White and Joe Giura, the club looks forward to continued success in the seasons that lie ahead.

MR PAUL KELLY
Eagles Fanatic!

Mr Paul Kelly (Class of 1977) has been a member of the West Coast Eagles' cheer squad since the club's inception – in fact he is one of just two squad members who have been along for the entire Eagles' journey. Paul recently attended his seventh grand final and played a small part in ensuring the Eagles secured their fourth flag. Congratulations Paul!

Finishing touches are made to the banner.

Images (L-R): AFL Premiership Cup ambassador Josh Gibson kept a tight grip on the trophy while Paul was around. Paul celebrates a goal.

SNESA FOOTY ACTION

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SNESA SEASON Wrap-up

FOOTY ACTION AND KEVIN KELLY MEDAL AWARDS NIGHT

MR RAFIC AOUN, SNESA PRESIDENT

On the back of a successful 2017 season SNESA Football Club grew from 91 members to 137 members in 2018. Our participation rate also grew from 82% to 86%, meaning 117 young men were given the opportunity to play for SNESA and enjoy a competitive game of football with mates on a Saturday afternoon.

Our Reserves team managed to reach their first finals campaign since 2015, in the higher grade of C2. Coach Mark Lupica's (Class of 2005) young men unfortunately bowed out in the first round, losing to Lynwood-Ferndale in the elimination final.

With a lot of new faces and 10 of the 22 grand final players from last year missing, unfortunately our League team was unable to gel as desired. Our League boys finished last on percentage, meaning relegation back down to C3 Grade in 2019. However, we invested a lot in youth development this year and are expecting a return of many players next year, so things still remain positive.

Our inaugural Thirds team managed to attract a lot of new players and former players back down to the club. This will hopefully grow in the future and will assist us in retaining players who feel their best days may be behind them.

On September 14, the club celebrated its 2018 Kevin Kelly Medal and 40th Year Anniversary in one big night. A great combination of old and new faces brought together some great minds and celebrated the spirit of SNESA. We announced a second SNESA Legends team from 1998-2017, after the first one was created back in 1997. Some great names are on that list! The club also recognised loyal servant Brendan Colkers with Life Membership, after achieving 150 games for the club during the 2018 season.

Caius Kelly (Class of 2009) took out the League honours, winning both the Kevin Kelly Medal, voted by League players, and the League Fairest and Best Award. Justin Baptist (Class of 2004) took out the Wilson-Dent Trophy for the Reserves team, voted by Reserves players. Josh Dobbs (Class of 2017) was judged the club's Rising Star, followed closely by current student Noel Mancuveni (Class of 2018). The remainder of the award winners are listed on the following page.

Chris Millstead (Class of 2004) leads the League team onto the ground on the occasion of his 200th game for SNESA.

Brendan Colkers (Class of 2004) after his 150th SNESA game.

SNESA President, Mr Rafic Aoun (Class of 2004).

David Frawley's (Class of 2004) dog Coby supports his master.

SNESA SEASON Wrap-up

FOOTY ACTION

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR - Jake Cornwall
LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Brendan Colkers (Class of 2004)
RISING STAR - Josh Dobbs (Class of 2017)
LEADING GOALKICKER - Ben Hall (Class of 2009)

LEAGUE AWARDS

KEVIN KELLY MEDALLIST - Caius Kelly (Class of 2009)
FAIREST AND BEST - Caius Kelly (Class of 2009)
RUNNER-UP - James Kirkland
MOST CONSISTENT - Brendan Hall (Class of 2007)
DEFENDER OF THE YEAR - Hayden Scott (Class of 2009)
COACHES' AWARD - Marcello Campo and Ben Williams (Class of 2014)

RESERVES AWARDS

WILSON-DENT TROPHY - Justin Baptist (Class of 2004)
FAIREST AND BEST - Darryn Westcott
RUNNERS-UP - Justin Baptist and Steve Di Fabio (Class of 2017)
MOST CONSISTENT - Blake Wilkinson (Class of 2010)
DEFENDER OF THE YEAR - Clint Beale
COACHES' AWARD - Dylan Valentini (Class of 2013)

THIRDS AWARDS

FAIREST AND BEST - Sean Burgess
RUNNER UP - Luke Edwards
MOST CONSISTENT - James Romaro
DEFENDER OF THE YEAR - Matt Thomas (Class of 2003)
COACHES' AWARD - Jake McFarland (Class of 2013)

The Colkers family were on hand to celebrate Brendan's milestone match.

Justin Baptist (Class of 2004) is chaired off the field by his teammates in celebration of his 200th game for SNESA.

2018 Br Pat Medallists: Steve Di Fabio (Class of 2017, Reserves) and Cooper Carrington (League).

Ben Rigg (Class of 2007) played his 100th game in 2018.

KEVIN KELLY MEDAL & SNESA 40TH *Anniversary Gala Celebration Night*

Damien Cirillo (Class of 2007), Steve Di Fabio (Class of 2017), Josh Dobbs (Class of 2017), Jake McFarland (Class of 2013), Loc Gangemi and Hunter Montgomery (Class of 2018).

Most Consistent Award – Brendan Hall (Class of 2007).

Brendan Colkers (Class of 2004) accepts his Life Membership Award.

Josh Dobbs (Class of 2017) accepts the Rising Star Award.

Christian Tufilli (Class of 2004), Kevin Kelly (Class of 1985), Peter Robert, Ryan Edmunds (Class of 2004), Chris Millsteed (Class of 2004), Rob Bormolini (Class of 1974) and John Wilson (Class of 1985).

Jasmine York (Class of 2009), Elly White (Class of 2010), Georgia Holland and Elle Ventris.

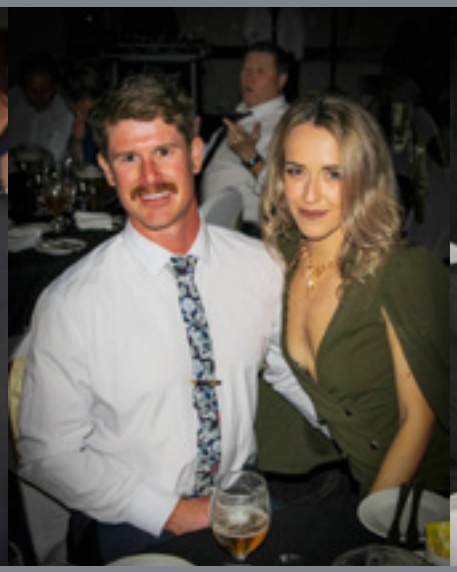
Dylan Valentini (Class of 2013) and Marcello Campo, Reserves and League Coaches' Award winners.

2018 Kevin Kelly Medallist Caius Kelly (Class of 2009) and Kevin Kelly (Class of 1985).

Tyler Bormolini and Claude de Prinzio (Class of 1985).

Jarrod Fittock (Class of 1994) who was named Vice-Captain of the 1998-2017 SNESA Legends team, and Sean Kelly.

Brad Scully and Rob Bormolini (Class of 1974).



Ben Magry (Class of 2007) and Aurea Kelly (Class of 2012).

Rhonda Di Fabio and Janine Parker.

1998 SNESA LEGENDS TEAM 2017

Mark Colace (Deputy Vice-Captain), David Dent, Peter Robert, Travis Gowland (Coach), Christian Tufilli, Caius Kelly, Darrell Cowie, Ryan Edmunds, Daniel Bull (Captain), John Wilson, Antonio Cassissi, Daniel Williams, Chris Millsteed, Jarrod Fittock (Vice-Captain), Andrew Mortimer, Chris Wheatcroft, Brad Scully, Hayden Scott, Justin Baptist, Josh Galea.

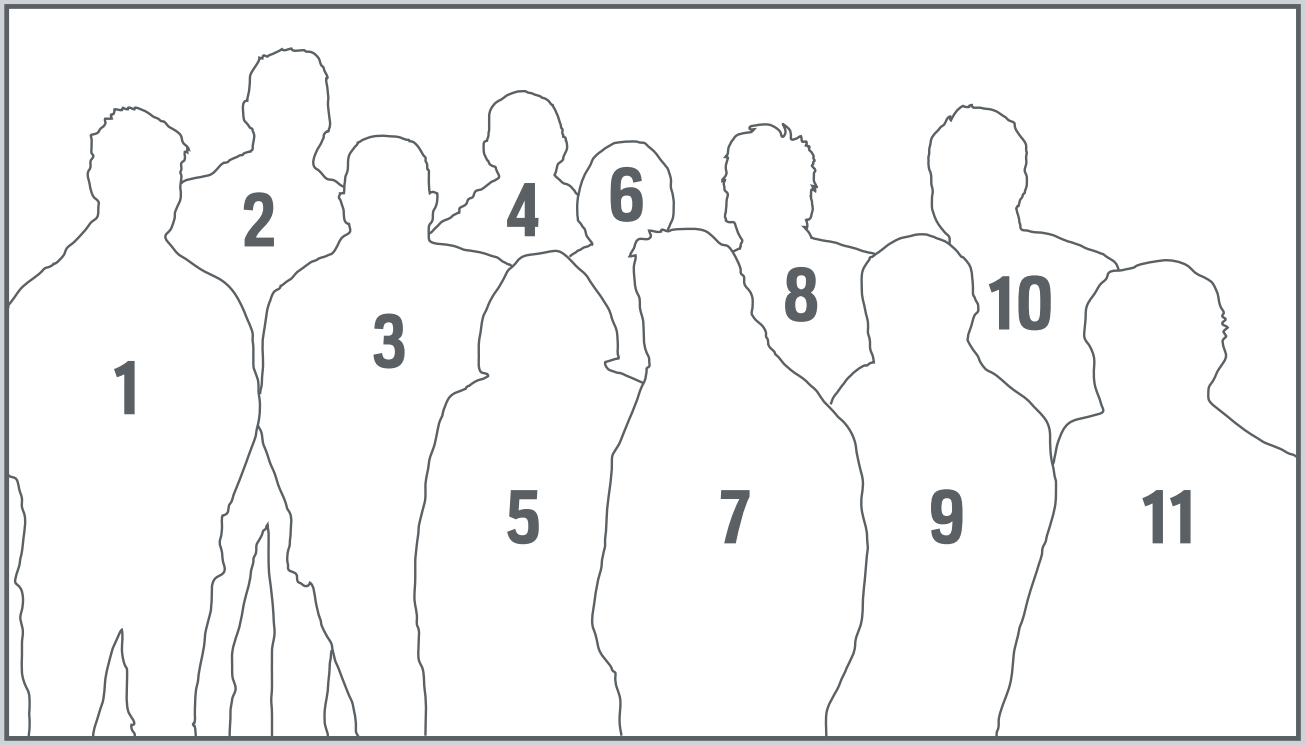
SNESA TEAMWORK 1978-2018

THE STRENGTH OF THE TEAM IS EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. THE STRENGTH OF EACH MEMBER IS THE TEAM.

PHIL JACKSON

Kevin Kelly, Mark Kelly, John Wilson, Matt Bianchini, Mary Bianchini, Claude Di Prinzio, Eugene Bianchini, Robert Bormolini, Mick Devine, Paul Devine, Fred Devine.

SNESA TEAMWORK 1978-2018



1. **KEVIN KELLY** (Class of 1985). The first SNESA player to notch up 300 games, Kevin has won the Fairest and Best Award on four occasions and the League team's award based on the players' votes is called the Kevin Kelly Medal in his honour.
2. **MARK KELLY** (Class of 1978) played over 50 games in the 1980s and was Vice-Captain for one season.
3. **JOHN WILSON** (Class of 1985). This club stalwart lends his name to the Wilson-Dent Medal which is voted on by the Reserves players. John played 265 games for SNESA and has been club President on six occasions.
4. **MATT BIANCHINI** (Class of 1990) played over 100 games in the 1980s and 1990s.
5. **MARY BIANCHINI**. One of SNESA's unsung heroes, Mary washed the club's jumpers for more than a decade. Mary's mother, Olive Bianchini, was also a wonderful servant of the club who washed the jumpers for many years.
6. **CLAUDE DI PRINZIO** (Class of 1985) played 75 games for SNESA and has also been a long-serving Committee member.
7. **EUGENE BIANCHINI** waved the flags as the club's inaugural goal umpire for 10 years.
8. **ROBERT BORMOLINI** was the first SNESA player to reach 250 games, has served as club President and earned a revered place in the club's history as the inaugural Captain-Coach in 1978.
9. **MICK DEVINE**, with Mark George and Brian Devine, was instrumental in the establishment of SNESA in 1978. Inaugural player.
10. **PAUL DEVINE**.
11. **FRED DEVINE** played for SNESA in the 1980s.

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