Dear St Joseph’s Nudgee College community,

It has been a busy six months for all things blue and white. From a Football Premiership, Junior Cross Country win, and fifth straight Old Boys’ Cup win at Head of the River, our athletes have had a big Semester. In the classroom, virtual reality is being integrated into different lessons, learning spaces are being renovated and rearranged to promote dynamic learning environments, and our Agricultural Science Program is up and running. Our Old Boys have won gold, attended a variety of events and reunions, and the newest graduates are adjusting well to life after school. All this and more are featured in this edition of Behind the Stripes. I hope you find it an enjoyable read.

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MR PETER FULLAGAR
This year at St Joseph’s Nudgee College we have committed ourselves to the next iteration of the College’s Strategic Plan: Advancing Nudgee College Spirit 2020.

Importantly, this key document is grounded in our mission and identity as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition. The plan restates our commitment that our College community is based on our vision to form young men to be Signum Fidei – a ‘Sign of Faith’ to all.

This vision is embedded in the values that reflect our traditions, our current practice and our expression of the touchstones of the Charter for Edmund Rice Schools. These values are courage, justice, excellence, community and authenticity.

This aspect of the Strategic Plan is connected to our origins as a school – a school founded in 1891 and built on the dreams of Br Patrick Ambrose Treacy. In the 1800s, Ambrose Treacy was inspired by the pioneering work of establishing numerous Christian Brother schools in Australia. He was inspired by his belief in the example set by Blessed Edmund Rice and also by his own deep Catholic faith. While we at Nudgee College proudly claim Br Treacy as our founder, so too do many other schools in Australia who form the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) network. Like our community, they were strongly influenced by Br Treacy all those years ago.

Importantly, all Catholic schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition are celebrating the fact that 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of Br Treacy’s arrival in Melbourne in 1868 with a small band of fellow Brothers. This significant event for Catholic education in Australia has been remembered by a gathering in Melbourne in May of a large group of people who continue to work in various Edmund Rice Ministries around Australia. Mr Chris Cawley, Director of the Junior School, represented the College at this gathering and shares his reflection in this edition of Behind the Stripes.

It is with great sadness that in modern times some of the legacy of Blessed Edmund Rice, Br Patrick Treacy and other good men has been tainted by the criminal actions of some Brothers. The impact that such actions had on victims and survivors was recognised at Nudgee College earlier this year. During our St Joseph’s Day Mass, a prayerful lament of sorrow was expressed, and as a response to this history it has received widespread support.

While Advancing Nudgee College Spirit 2020 draws inspiration from the past, more importantly it will focus and influence our work and achievements in the immediate future. Our strategic priorities over the coming three years are captured in five statements:

• We proclaim our mission and identity
• We champion a lifelong learning culture
• We nurture physical, social and emotional wellbeing
• We foster leadership capability
• We act responsibly in managing our fiscal and environmental resources

Further details of these priorities are contained in the elaboration statements, which outline the key actions in the coming years. Advancing Nudgee College Spirit 2020 will be an influential document, which presents clear direction for our decision-making processes. It will also align and harness the work of many groups across all dimensions of College life. It is a practical document that will be made transparent and relevant through its associated Implementation Plan. This plan is the operational responsibility of the College Leadership Team.

While these strategic priorities will guide the College into the immediate future, highly effective teaching and learning, which is focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for our students, will remain a daily endeavour. In this edition of Behind the Stripes we highlight several graduates from the Senior class of 2017 and their transition to life beyond the College. We congratulate all members of last year’s Senior class who achieved an outstanding set of academic results that again improved upon the standard set in the previous year. We also feature many stories that highlight individual achievements, community events and various occasions that have made for a memorable first half of 2018.

In conclusion, Behind the Stripes also features the GPS Centenary year. The launch of this significant milestone was held at the College in February. The theme for the Centenary year is ‘spirit of fellowship – 100 years strong’. Our weekly rounds of GPS competition as well as the championship events often focus too heavily on winning, places, times and scores. This emphasis masks the truth that all nine schools benefit greatly from our shared GPS membership and common values. An association that can celebrate a rich history of 100 years, as well as a continuing reputation of its member schools as contemporary leaders in education, is an association that is well positioned for the start of the next 100 years.

In the weeks after I finished writing this article, the College was shaken by the passing of Br Vic Larkin. We have attempted to pay tribute in this edition to Br Vic and his enormous contribution to many school communities, including our own. He was much loved by the Nudgee College community throughout his years here and now he will forever be missed.
Br Leo Victor Larkin was born in 1929 in Bowen Hills, Brisbane, the youngest of four boys to his mother Frances Hough and father John Larkin. He attended convent primary schools as well as St Columban’s and Gregory Terrace before he joined the Christian Brothers in 1945 at the age of 15. It was at this time he took on his religious name, and what he became affectionately known as, Br Vic Larkin. As a teenager, Br Vic moved away from his dear family to Sydney in order to prepare for his life as a Christian Brother. During this time, he also studied to become a teacher, which he completed in 1949.

After Br Vic’s first teaching post to Dunedin, New Zealand (1950-1955), he arrive back in Australia in 1956 at St Patrick’s College, Mackay. This marked the start of his widespread teaching vocation throughout Queensland, which saw Br Vic share his genuine love, compassion and kindness with school communities all over the state. Following on from Mackay, Br Vic taught at St Joseph’s Toowoomba, St Joseph’s Warwick, Our Lady’s Mount Helidon, Xavier Teacher Training Indooroopilly, St James’ College Brisbane, St Laurence’s College Brisbane, St Patrick’s College Shorncliffe, and Columba Charters Towers. He was Principal at several of these schools, and spent 12 years in the Christian Brothers Leadership Team. In 2002, Br Vic settled at Nudgee College and joined the Brothers community. While officially in retirement, Br Vic was far from retired and immersed himself into his new home. He became exceptionally well known to all those who passed through the College gates in the last 16 years. He had a deep appreciation for everything and everyone at Nudgee College. He always had a wave of the arm from the other side of the playground, a toot of his car horn as he drove by, a kind smile, a pat on the back, or an understanding hug ready to give. Br Vic was full of wise words of advice, some news, a joke, and was adamant that you share something of yourself with him.

It was his hope to be an influence for good everywhere he went. Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin who lectures in Catholic educational leadership at ACU writes in his book, The Price of Freedom, what he describes as the heart of Edmund Rice’s legacy for the Christian Brothers. Professor McLaughlin cites three attributes: presence, compassion and liberation as the heart of being a Christian Brother. Br Vic was the pure embodiment of these. His enthusiasm, his capacity to teach others and to learn from them, his compassion, and his understanding of adolescent spirituality were a gift to Nudgee College.

Inscribed in the traditional Christian Brothers’ crest is the Latin motto, Facere et docere, taken from Matthew 5:19 Sermon on the Mount:

“Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Facere et docere - To Do and To Teach.
A life given fully to God.
A man of faith.
Our Brother, Vic.
May he now rest in peace.
Br Vic, thank you for sharing your love with us.

A Terrace Old Boy, Christian Brother, teacher, mentor, and friend. And above all, a man of deep, convincing, and unwavering faith.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW

2017 SENIORS

MS TIFFANY LLOYD
With so many pathways on offer to St Joseph’s Nudgee College students, it’s no wonder they end up pursuing careers in a myriad of fields.

**UNIVERSITY FREDDIE CARLTON SMITH**

As the 2017 College Captain, there was no doubt that Freddie Carlton-Smith would strive for success. He is currently studying Advance Finance and Economics at the University of Queensland to pursue his interest in venture capital and private equity. After his eight years at the College, Freddie said he was excited to expand his knowledge and experiences at university.

“There is a lot to learn and encounter,” he said. “Specifically, I would love to begin work in the finance sector while I’m finishing my degree, and potentially prepare myself for opportunities to continue study or begin work overseas.”

For students hoping to follow in his footsteps and pursue a university pathway, Freddie recommended building great relationships with teachers to seek advice from, keeping your eyes open for new opportunities, and leveraging your Nudgee College experience.

“Ask Old Boys what they have been doing and how they got to where they are,” he said. “I have always found that talking to people about opportunities can open up doors.”

Above: 2017 OP1s Corbin Duncan (attending Harvard University in the United States), Will Hughes (studying Bachelor of Mathematics at the University of Queensland), Ethan Bullemor, Freddie Carlton-Smith, and Harrison Bond (studying Bachelor of Law and Business [dual degree] at the University of Queensland) with Principal Mr Peter Fullagar.
TRADE BLAKE PETRIE

While most students take small steps towards their chosen career path while they are still at high school, there are some who begin working in their field of interest during this time. Blake became one of those few when, as a Year 11 student, he began a school-based apprenticeship in the plumbing industry.

Now in his second year of his apprenticeship, he said he had remained on this path because he really enjoys the work and has a great employer. As well as giving him the opportunity to begin his apprenticeship while at school, Blake said Nudgee College had prepared him for the future.

“I was taught how to be a respectful young man and I learnt so many life skills,” he said.

“The advice I’d give to those who are currently still in school is to work hard, respect those around you and, most of all, make the most of being a Nudgee College student by doing as much as you possibly can.”

WORK MAC THORN

As a boarder from the Goondiwindi region, Mac always had a strong connection to rural Australia. He maintained that connection throughout his time at Nudgee College with his participation in the Cattle and Rodeo clubs. After graduating, Mac decided to pursue his interest in working on the land by taking up a position as a jackaroo at a property near Cloncurry.

“I like the work and I’m happy to do it for the rest of my life,” he said.

As a student, Mac said the College had supported his career trajectory through enabling him to take subjects that aligned with his career interests, as well as to complete work in relevant fields.

“Learn as much as you can while you’re at school,” he advised. “Nudgee College teachers want you to succeed when you finish.”

PROFESSIONAL SPORT

Throughout the College’s history there have been many Old Boys who have forged a successful career in professional sport. The 2017 cohort managed to produce not one, but three students who are now in the infancy of their careers with National Rugby League teams.

ETHAN BULLEMOR

In 2017, Ethan Bullemor was the prime example of balancing academic learning with extra-curricular activities. As well as being the Vice Captain of the Premiership-winning 1st XV, Ethan also managed to excel academically, earning himself an OP1.

In 2018, he continues this balance. In addition to studying a Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics at the University of Queensland, Ethan has signed a contract with the Brisbane Broncos and is playing club rugby league for Norths Devils.

“I decided to pursue both areas because they are both passions of mine that I’d like to excel in,” he said.

“Finding a balance is always difficult when you have a lot of commitments; however, I’ve found so far that there is a lot of time in 24 hours, and that, if you utilise an effective time-management scheme, almost anything is achievable.”

The Nudgee College experience is something that Ethan said he would be forever grateful for.

“The ethos and culture of the school largely shaped who I am today and taught me countless skills and lessons that are vital to my life,” he said.

While Ethan concedes that life after school can be challenging and exhausting, he said there is a great joy in the knowledge that he is a step closer to forging the life he wants.

“The sense of responsibility and accomplishment you gain is a great feeling,” he said.
Pursuing two demanding goals with equitable dedication can be difficult, and Ethan advised it is important to draw on every bit of help and support from the people around you.

“My most crucial piece of advice, though,” he said, “is to fix your eyes on what you want to achieve and do everything you can to get there.

“Your time-management skills and learning methods will help you on this path but ultimately you must first know what you want to achieve and then sprint after it.”

JOE SMALL
The transition from high school to the ‘real world’ can be daunting in itself, but some Old Boys take this a step further by relocating interstate or overseas. Joe is one such Old Boy, who moved to Sydney on his own after accepting a two-year contract with the Parramatta Eels.

“This was a big decision, but it had been a dream of mine for a while,” he said.

“I had already visited Sydney many times before, and I think the nature of my visits prepared me for my arrival,” he said.

From equality and opportunity to respect, Joe said Nudgee College developed his values and taught him endless life skills. From a rugby perspective, he said the College prepared him physically and mentally to play to the best of his ability.

“The coaches taught us everything we had to learn about the game and I can’t thank them enough for that,” he said.

“Attending Nudgee College was the best decision I ever made, and my only regret was not coming sooner.”

JARRETT SUBLOO
Year 12 students finish their schooling in November, and most take a break and begin university, work or a trade at the start of the following year. This was not the case for Jarrett Subloo, who relocated to Canberra as soon as the school year was finished in November 2017. He had signed a three-year contract with the Canberra Raiders and needed to begin pre-season training.

“Pre-season was very tough, with temperatures reaching 40˚C on some days,” he said. “The training was also very demanding, both physically and mentally.”

As well as playing rugby league, Jarrett is studying to be a teacher and is working as a learning-support assistant at local schools in Canberra.

Jarrett was a boarder from Far North Queensland during his time at the College, and he said this experience helped prepare him for life after school.

“As a boarder, it was the small things that taught me how to be independent,” he said, “like having to make your own bed every morning, changing sheets every two weeks, ensuring your room was clean, and having to study two hours a night – every night.

“The sporting aspect also had a huge impact on me, such as learning the different skills required for league and union, the tough pre-season rugby trainings, early-morning trainings, and also having to balance sport, school and social life.”

Jarrett said it took him a few weeks to get used to the routine of a boarding school and living away from family, but he said choosing to attend Nudgee College was the best decision he had ever made.
During this year’s Commonwealth Games, the action certainly wasn’t limited to the confines of the Gold Coast’s sporting arenas. In the weeks leading up to the Games, the College’s Hendry Oval complex was used as a training base for the Australian Athletics team.

In between their training and preparation, the athletes took the time to meet with students and parents over a barbecue dinner. They also ran workshops for the College’s Track and Field athletes and local Little Athletics participants.

Among the national athletes was Old Boy Daniel Mowen (NC 2010–14), who was set to compete in the men’s 4 x 400m relay. Fellow Old Boy and NOVA radio presenter David ‘Luttsy’ Lutteral (NC 1989–93) hosted a Q&A panel during the dinner event so the students could ask every question they’ve ever had about being a national athlete.

Once the Games were underway, four Nudgee College Old Boy athletes competed with exceptional levels of grit and determination.

In the pool, Jack McLoughlin (NC 2008–12) and Clyde Lewis (NC 2010–14) exceeded all expectations. Jack was the first Old Boy to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games, earning a silver in the 400m freestyle on the first day of swimming finals. But he was not done yet. Jack returned to the pool in his signature event, the 1500m freestyle, on day six. Throughout the race, Jack held the lead and touched the wall in a time of 14min 47.09sec to claim a gold medal for Australia.

Jack and Clyde could be referred to as Australian swimming’s new golden boys, with Clyde also taking home a gold medal in the 400m individual medley on day two. Clyde’s extreme effort to earn that gold medal left him so fatigued that he could hardly stand and appeared faint during his post-swim interview with Channel Seven. Thankfully, he recovered from this shattering swim to stand proudly on top of the dais during the medal ceremony. Clyde then returned to the pool on day six to compete in the 200m individual medley final and finished with a bronze to add to Australia’s medal tally.

After meeting, or becoming reacquainted, with Daniel Mowen during his time at the College, staff, students and parents were excited to watch his race during the Games. He ran an incredible second leg of the 4 x 400m relay, in a time of 46.2sec. The team finished in third place, which would have put them through to the final, but they were disqualified due to a changeover violation between the third and fourth runner.

Finally, Old Boy Nicky Price (NC 2007–08) donned the green and gold as a member of the Australian Rugby Sevens team. During their first pool match on day 10, the Australians defeated Samoa 24–7, and followed this up with a 32–5 win over Jamaica in the afternoon and a 26–17 win over England that evening. The next day, during the placing matches, the Australians were victorious over Kenya with a 33–5 win. However, their run was ended in the next game, going down 26–0 to Scotland and leaving them to finish in sixth place.
Above: Australian pole vaulter Kurtis Marschall with Year 5 student Chase Tatum.
Far left: Daniel Mowen and David Luttena.
Left: Jack McLaughlin and Clyde Lewis.
Below: Year 12 student Oliver Diggles with Daniel Mowen.
The Season is the brainchild of acclaimed producer and director Mr Nick Piper of Onion TV Productions, the creator of other popular sports documentary series such as The Code, Maximus Academy, Beat The Pros, and Once Upon A Sport. Nick’s work has featured many high-profile sporting teams including the Queensland Reds, the Waratahs, the Thunderbirds, the Mariners, and the Brumbies.

In what is believed to be a first for schoolboy rugby in Australia, The Season provides an intimate insight into what it means to play in the famous blue and white butcher stripes. With each episode, viewers share the excitement of the Nudgee College 1st XV’s journey through the lens of the 2017 GPS season.

Nudgee College Principal Mr Peter Fullagar said the College was delighted to participate in the documentary series as it provided the perfect vehicle to tell the Nudgee College story through the lens of rugby.

“It was an opportunity to showcase our Rugby Program, but also provided a national and international platform to profile the Nudgee College community and what we stand for as a school,” he said.

“The series is a very authentic representation of life at Nudgee College.

“Nothing was scripted, and it is true to who and what we are as a school.”

Peter said the series also provided insights into the personal journey of the players as individuals and as part of a team.

“It shows how the boys take on the immense responsibility of being 1st XV players and grow through the season,” he said.

“Importantly, it shows how this responsibility helps them to become better players and better young men.

“From a College perspective, documentary series such as this are important as they acknowledge the role schools play in nurturing young contributors to our society.”

Nudgee College Rugby Director Mr Sean Graham said the series was about more than rugby.

The scenes and sporting theatre so perfectly captured in the Nudgee College Rugby documentary The Season gives viewers a behind the scenes look at 1st XV schoolboy rugby in a way that has never been seen before.
“It’s about the balance between school and sport at Nudgee College, which is very important to us,” he said.

“In fact, the 2017 Captain and Vice Captain were exemplars of this balance, both excelling on the rugby field and academically.”

Phoenix Hunt, the 2017 1st XV Captain won both the College’s best and fairest award and an award for leadership, study and sport, while Vice Captain Ethan Bullemor, was an OP1 recipient, Year 12 Proxime Accessit, and won an award for conduct, study and sport.

Sean believes Nudgee College’s commitment to appointing teachers as coaches contributed to that balance for the boys.

Mr Gerard Alexander, Nudgee College Maths teacher and 2017 1st XV coach, said, “The Season provided the opportunity for a much wider audience to experience the excitement and enjoyment of schoolboy rugby.

“It highlights the talent in the schoolboys’ competition and the pipeline for the future of rugby in Australia,” he said.

“It also tells a positive story for rugby at a time when the code in Australia is looking for some bright spots.”

Mr Nick Piper approached Nudgee College after hearing from many sources how enthusiastically GPS sport was followed in Australia.

“We are always looking to feature sporting organisations who are front-footed in terms of sporting desire, and which have created a legacy;” he said, “Nudgee College fitted the bill on both counts.

“Nudgee College had great enthusiasm for the concept.

“Projects like this require tremendous buy in from everyone — from the school leadership to the coaches and players — and that is what we got from Nudgee College.”

ABOUT THE SEASON

The Season aired in five episodes on Fox Sports in December 2017 and is now available on the College YouTube channel. During the upcoming GPS Rugby season, The Season DVD will also be available for sale at all Nudgee College Rugby home games. This two-disc DVD set includes all five episodes, plus extended and deleted scenes, and audio commentary.

The Season has been nominated for an Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Award. Finalists and the winning documentary will be announced at the awards ceremony on Wednesday 5 December, 2018.
THE NUDGEE VEGGIE GARDEN PROJECT
MS TIFFANY LLOYD

For the second consecutive year, environmental sustainability has been the focus of St Joseph’s Nudgee College’s strategic vision – a vision that has seeped into the day-to-day lives of students with the creation of the Nudgee Veggie Garden.

Year 11 student Kobie Smith is at the forefront of this project, after developing the concept on the back of an assignment he completed in Year 9.

“We were asked to come up with ways to make Nudgee College a more sustainable place,” he said.

“We discussed different ideas, but the common suggestion that kept popping up was developing a vegetable garden for boarders.”

Kobie took action and approached a teacher to try to get this initiative off the ground.

“I still clearly remember sitting in Mr Toovey’s office for the very first time, rocking in my chair and shaking to bits,” he said, “trying to get my message across of how the garden could be a place of encouragement, happiness, passion and, overall, a place where we can give back to others in a different way.”

After the plan was approved, the next step was building the foundations for the garden. This involved pulling apart old lockers, to be used as garden beds, and wheelbarrowing mountains of gravel and soil to the garden’s location at the back of the campus.

Left: Cooper Green, Kewan Busch and Kobie Smith.
Kobie praised the efforts of the boarders who put in many weekend hours on the job. “This could not have been possible without the help and support of the boarders who spent many Saturdays and Sundays helping out,” he said.

“This project has been in full swing for an entire semester, and there has not been a day where we have had to go searching for students to come and take part.”

Kobie credits fellow boarder Sigi Beschel, particularly, as being a great support since the project’s inception. “Sigi has been involved since day one, has given advice when I needed it and helped when final decisions needed to be made,” he said.

From planting the first seed, to harvesting the first crop and then expanding the planting spaces, Kobie said the initiative has had countless rewards.

Looking to the future, Kobie said the goal of the Nudgee Veggie Garden is to go beyond serving the College, and eventually make an impact on the wider community.

“Our hope is to supply fresh fruit and vegetables on a weekly basis to Third Space, an organisation that cooks food and caters for those who are less fortunate,” he said.

“To do this, many boarders are coming together every second afternoon to tend to the garden.”

The students have already delivered produce to Third Space on several occasions.

This initiative is something that Kobie said embraces Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si’.

“It is something that not only looks at the environment on a broader scale, but it also integrates into our social justice programs that focus on us as a Nudgee College community giving back to our brothers and sisters in the wider community,” he said.

With the addition of a greenhouse, as well as new seeds being planted all the time, the Nudgee Veggie Garden project is continually expanding and adding to the culture of sustainability at the College.

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PRODUCE NOW BEING GROWN INCLUDES:

- Beans
- Beetroot
- Carrots
- Celery
- Coriander
- Eggplant
- Kale
- Lettuce
- Onions
- Pak choy
- Parsley
- Snow peas
- Strawberries

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THE NUDGEE VEGGIE GARDEN PROJECT

BEHIND THE STRIPES SEMESTER 1 • 2018
The St Joseph’s Nudgee College grounds are considered one of the larger areas of natural and semi-natural open spaces in coastal South East Queensland. In conjunction with the adjoining Boondall Wetlands, the grounds form one of the most important remaining communities of coastal lowland vegetation in the region.

The Nudgee College Conservation Park measures approximately 35 hectares and extends along five kilometres of waterways and floodplains. This area is particularly unique in that it preserves a freshwater-estuarine-marine ecological sequence, extending from the Zillman Waterholes, along Nundah Creek and into the Boondall Wetlands Reserve.

Currently, there are significant areas of melaleuca (paperbark) wetland, eucalyptus woodland and tidal wetlands with mangroves found nowhere else in Brisbane. A diverse variety of native fauna (migratory birds, gliders, frogs etc.) unique to these vegetation communities is known or likely to occur on College land, making it a special area for biodiversity of flora and fauna within Brisbane.

Nudgee College has successfully secured the protection and enhancement of the natural assets found on campus through a 99-year conservation agreement with the Brisbane City Council. As a result, the College is now a registered Land for Wildlife property, which provides funding, support and services to maintain the natural environment.

We continue to engage College students with their ecologically significant backyard through a series of programs, including tree planting on National Arbour Day, rubbish collection on Clean up Australia Day, the Slum Survivor Immersion for Year 10 students, the Year 8 Student Formation Program Walking the Wetlands, and the Year 6 Walking the Land retreat.

Mr Andrew Hook has recently been appointed to the Identity team as the Teacher in Charge of Sustainability. Here, he shares some of the ways in which the College is contributing to the preservation of local greenery and wildlife.
The Nudgee College Conservation Park measures approximately 35 hectares and extends along five kilometres of waterways and floodplains.
This year marks a significant event in the history of Edmund Rice education in Australia, and in the life of St Joseph’s Nudgee College. Late on 18 November 1868 a party of four men from Ireland arrived in Port Phillip Bay on the clipper Donald McKay. They were led by Patrick Treacy (namely Br Ambrose once he became a Christian Brother).

One-hundred-and-fifty years later, all the works of the Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) can be traced back to these four men. This sesquicentenary is, therefore, an important occasion for us to remember and to give thanks to God for all the blessings that have flowed from this event. In particular, we remember the sacrifice and mission of these pioneers and all who followed in their footsteps as Brothers, teachers and workers in these schools, as well as every family who responded to the spirituality and educational vision of the Brothers and chose that for their sons.

For Nudgee College, the association with that event is even more propitious. Br Ambrose Treacy went on to found this great College in 1891 and asked the youngest of the original four who arrived with him in 1868, Br Fursey Bodkin, to be the first Principal of St Joseph’s Nudgee College. We feel very fortunate to have such a close association with those pioneers.

In his 1991 history of Nudgee College, Fr Ted Boland wrote, “Br Treacy was never Principal of Nudgee, nor even on its teaching staff. Yet he was the true founder, builder and planner. He set its goals… They were the faith, formation and opportunity. Br Treacy wrote no charter, elaborated no philosophy. He was a practical man, but one who knew the value of symbols. He built on the mound and built in a style to suit his site.”

Br Patrick Ambrose Treacy.
To celebrate this piece of history, a gala was held in Melbourne, with Director of Junior School Mr Chris Cawley fortunate enough to attend. Chris summarises the event below.

“When an old culture is dying, the new culture is born from a few people who are not afraid to be insecure.”

— Rudolf Bahro

I had the privilege to attend the gathering in Melbourne to celebrate, and commemorate, the Christian Brothers’ 150th anniversary of their arrival in Australia. Throughout the gathering we were challenged to visit the past, but also to look to the future. The Christian Brothers are not a dying organisation, but one that is coming to a completion. EREA has taken on the role of the Brothers in education, and allowed them to diversify themselves into other ministries. Other roads will emerge, other ventures will be undertaken, and some of these will meet their completion.

The Edmund Rice Ministries today are highly diverse. When Br Treacy arrived, it was about education throughout the colonies. Today, the Christian Brothers are involved in ministries in the Philippines and in prisons; they work in refugee services, study the effects of climate change on our Pacific neighbours; and many more diverse projects.

At the Treacy 2018 Conference, I extended an invitation to Br Ian Robertson to visit Nudgee College upon his return to Brisbane. Br Ian works with communities in the Philippines, in areas where our major fundraiser for the year, ‘Walk to the Philippines’, are direct recipients of our funds. Br Ian arrived the next day and spent the morning with several classes in the Junior School explaining to students the work the Christian Brothers are doing today in this region. I am sure his passion for his work will inspire our youngest men to raise the funds needed to continue his ministry.

As the Conference drew to a close, we reflected as a group on who might be sitting around the table to celebrate the 200th anniversary event in 2068. My hope is that a Nudgee College staff member or Old Boy will be present.
In addition to success in the areas of academic learning and co-curricular participation, Nudgee College focuses on men’s mental health and wellbeing through its Student Formation Program. The College’s Dean of Students Mr Peter Todd and Director of Students Mr Sean Toovey are at the forefront of this. Here, they share what Nudgee College is doing to ensure the students’ wellbeing remains paramount.

Schools are not just places where students acquire academic skills. They also help students become more resilient in the face of adversity, feel more connected with the people around them, and aim higher in their aspirations for their future.

With that in mind, at Nudgee College, planning for students’ wellbeing is as deliberate as planning for boys’ lessons in Religion, English, Maths, and Science. Schools that operate with students as their ‘centre’, as with Nudgee College, have seen a movement from concepts of pastoral care and behaviour management of students, to that of a genuine provision of a holistic wellbeing program.

One of the College’s five strategic priorities is “nurturing our boys’ social, physical and emotional wellbeing”. So, what is meant by that, and how do we do it? Of course, Nudgee College is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, and we teach the Habits of Mind skills to create 21st century thinkers and workers. Furthermore, we have an educational approach to students’ wellbeing using the evidence-based principles of Dr Martin Seligman; an approach that has been called ‘positive psychology.’ In doing so, we are working very hard at ensuring our students feel connected, protected and respected.

In positive psychology, wellbeing is a heightened state that is beyond just feeling happy or having good health. It is a condition of flourishing, where we thrive in many aspects of our lives. Wellbeing is not as straightforward as just being happy. Wellbeing looks at lots of different elements that make us complex humans tick. A feeling of wellbeing does not ‘fall on us from the clouds,’ but is based on what we actively do. A sense of wellbeing is based on things that you deliberately do that lead to happiness.

There are five elements that Dr Martin Seligman’s research has found essential to human wellbeing: Positive emotions, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, and Accomplishment (PERMA). In working with all boys, we are attempting to cater for all areas of the PERMA model and give them an opportunity to thrive:

- **Positive emotions: Feeling positive emotions such as joy, gratitude, interest, and hope**
  - Daily prayers of gratitude, mindfulness activities, physical activities and engagement in sports and cultural pursuits, participating in social justice activities, laughing and sharing time with friends, connecting to nature on camps/retreats and environmental activities, and having fun at College activities, in classes and at College events
- **Engagement: Being fully absorbed in activities that use your skills, yet challenge you**
  - Offering curricular and co-curricular programs that cover boys’ many gifts (particularly creative pursuits such as Design Technology, Construction, Art, Drama, Music, and physical activities), tailoring academic and activities programs for each student, student leadership positions, and social justice/environmental projects
- **Relationships: Having positive relationships**
  - Big Brother Program, team sports, bands, school camps, Inter-house activities, vertical PC classes, ample opportunities for boys to spend down-time with each other, and building relationships with teachers and staff
“A school curriculum that incorporates wellbeing will ideally prevent depression, increase life satisfaction, encourage social responsibility, promote creativity, foster learning and even enhance academic achievement.”

Dr Lea Waters, 2014
A crucial aspect of education in the current social and work context is taking on the responsibility of preparing students for life and equipping them with the skills they will need to adapt and think flexibly in an increasingly complex and changing world. Students can expect they will receive the learning opportunities to which they are entitled. There is much debate in the media and in the education profession about the ‘trade-off’ of teaching thinking skills at the expense of knowledge, but this ignores the fact that these thinking skills are required for the changing nature of careers we are seeing now and can expect to see increasingly in the future. Discussed below are some examples of areas that provide students with the opportunity to develop the general capabilities outlined in the Australian Curriculum. Discussed as well is how students gain exposure to activities that develop 21st century skills as promoted in the Queensland Senior Syllabus documents. These are just a few of the recent examples of initiatives and areas in which students are provided with inclusive and student-centred opportunities to learn.

LEARNING SPACES
For the past two Terms, the Year 6 classrooms and surrounds have been redefined to allow more flexible classroom dynamics and lesson structure. Such 21st century thinking includes communication, personal and social skills, and collaboration and teamwork. Allowing students to work individually, in pairs, in groups – and even to move around the classroom at times – helps them to acquire and develop a broader set of skills more appropriate to success in further education and life. The creation of a more open space and some small group and study pods in the common areas is also an initiative designed to instil a culture of flexibility and learning.

ROBOTICS AND STEAM
The Robotics Club continues to thrive and attract enormous interest from students. Participating in robotics allows students to further explore their talents and create machines based on their knowledge of programming.

The Year 5 STEAM program once again was a huge success. Coordinated by Director of Learning and Teaching Ms Natalie Webber, several staff members and Year 9 students helped in a range of activities. The problem-solving opportunities provided allowed students to enjoy a hands-on experience that required teamwork, collaboration and creative thinking.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE
Agricultural Science is a new subject implemented in Year 10 this year, broadening our Science department and providing a greater range of opportunities for students to study in fields that might take them to country areas. There is a demand for agribusiness and other professional fields outside large cities, and Cattle Club Manager and Agricultural Science teacher Dr Rachel Wilson has developed a course that should continue to be popular and grow in the Senior years of study.

PATHWAYS
Considering new and a broader variety of subjects is crucial in providing appropriate pathways for students, especially given the current diversity of the workplace. In the new ATAR system, which will be rolled out in 2019, general subjects make students eligible for an ATAR, and applied subjects will provide learning opportunities for students in fields that interest them without the level of rigour associated with preparing for university or further study. Several VET subjects are offered, providing a fantastic opportunity for students to gain relevant qualifications while still at secondary school. Last year saw the first of our Diploma students graduate, with a number currently enrolled or completing the Diploma of Business this year. The work done by Director of Pathways Ms Lara Morgan and teachers in our Certificate courses is invaluable to many students in their Senior years at the College.

These examples are just some of the many opportunities that exist in the Nudgee College curriculum. All are designed to shape boys in such a way that they gain a depth of knowledge and thinking skills, while enjoying the amazing breadth of activities and experiences that are on offer.
“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”

— Albert Einstein

STEAM Program – Arts (above) and Maths.
The College’s latest digital acquisition enables students to embark on field trips around the world and beyond. The Google Expedition Kit, featuring virtual reality goggles for students and a tablet for the teacher, gives educators the power to guide their students through virtual tours of the International Space Station, Mount Everest, deep under the sea, and even the respiratory system. The teacher can use the tablet to point out particular things to their students, and even pose questions, all while their class is immersed in a virtual world.

Head of Information Technology Mr Richard Bauer said he realised instantly the kit’s potential for education.

“This College purchased the kit as part of the NC Technology Hub,” he said. “I plan to promote and build this area further over the next few years to support teachers with resources that can assist in creating an enriched classroom experience.”

He pointed out that from the sciences, to the arts, to the humanities, virtual reality is not limited to one or two subjects but can be implemented across the curriculum.

The Junior School students had the first opportunity to try out the new equipment during a series of workshops in Term 1.
An essential part of English courses across all year levels is creative writing. Practising this genre is about more than crafting ideas and choosing the right words, important as these are. Crafting a story allows students to unveil the world around them, to consider other perspectives that might have eluded them before and to look at themselves in a new way. Ultimately, it entitles students to produce work that means something to them. Stories have a special place in the culture of our nation and overwhelm the history and spirit of our College. By sharing these Year 12 student stories with the Nudgee College community, I hope you, too, appreciate the insight that Lachlan Driscoll and Tevita Kaitu’u have gleaned about human experience through their study of poetry related to themes of power and manipulation.

MRS MONICA SEE
Head of English, Years 7–12

PRISON WITHIN
by TEVITA KAITU’U (YEAR 12)

I have lived my life at the end of a merciless whip, bound by dignity-suppressing chains, co-existing with week-old faeces and comforted only by freezing, grey, stone walls and a memory of a woman who sacrificed everything for me. There was no easy way to say it. Despite a childhood encompassing all of life’s love, lessons and learning, somewhere along the line, I became enslaved in the prison of my own mind and allowed personal demons to consume me. I was a magnet that attracted bad decisions and repelled anybody who was brave enough to love me in all my brokenness. Two decades were spent drifting senselessly through the motions of life, with no interests, no vision and no purpose, leading me to my life’s nadir – incarceration.

Stepping forward into sudden freedom, the gates of a dark past slammed shut behind me. The heavens abruptly opened, and the calming yet chaotic rain drummed a vision into my head, of my more innocent self, sitting in that old, dilapidated, one-bedroom apartment after school, as rain trickled through the ceiling. We never had much, but I've always had enough. My mother bestowed upon me a richness that no money could ever replace; her love knew no bounds.

Despite the potential I reflected in my mother’s eyes, the world didn’t think much of a timorous boy from the wrong side of the tracks – neither did I. I became a living embodiment of the old saying, “show me your friends and I’ll show you your future”. With this insecurity, failure was inevitable. I desired a sense of belonging and a gang of rough, boisterous teenage boys provided that for me. Yet I soon
developed a craving for more than just a sense of belonging. My first theft was like learning to walk after breaking a leg; initially, it was painful and awkward but, in time, it became easier. Before long, I was sprinting, free from pain, guilt and remorse. I became enthralled by the acquisition of money and possessions. However, this was eventually replaced with a craving for the moment and the process. The thrill of stealing became an addiction.

A child without aspirations, a child without faith and a child without values was the perfect recipe for a vicious cycle of addiction. My obsession fuelled other addictions to alcohol and drugs. When I was intoxicated, I was in the thrall of the thrill of the theft. After a robbery, I would search for happiness at the bottom of a bottle. There was no escape. My personal prison eventually became a prison of society’s making.

Utter abandonment by society was one of the greatest pains. Society thought we, the discarded ones, failed to see, but I saw. I saw when a mother walked with me, as I lay homeless and helpless by the side of the road. Society was programmed, like robots, to ignore anyone like me, anyone in deep and desperate need.

The truth was that the hollow cube of concrete that society created for me, adjacent to murderers, rapists and paedophiles, was an escape from the prison I had created within myself. A creaky bed and tattered mattress provided rest for my body, yet my spirit endured constant pain and agony. One hour a week in the yard provided light for the darkness that shadowed my mind. Years behind steel bars provided repose from the ceaseless confinement of my heart.

In my darkest times, the unconditional love and never-ending presence of my mother comforted me. Drowning in a sea of sadness and sorrow, she taught me to swim. When the world saw a delinquent, my mother saw her little boy. When the world wanted to punish me, my mother wanted to care and comfort me. When the world walked away and wanted nothing to do with me, my mother walked with me. Of all the pills I swallowed, the hardest to ingest was the thought of drifting away from all that my mother had raised me to be.

I spent years transitioning between rehabilitation and a perpetual cycle of addiction. My mother was always there. It was as if she was hugging a viper – the more she held on, the more she was hurt. She never left. She taught me everything... except how to live without her.

**Author’s Note**

The inspiration for this story comes from the following line in Judith Wright’s poem *Metho Drinker:* “The cruelty of human eyes that dare not touch nor pity.”

This line perfectly encapsulates the feelings of loneliness and rejection felt by addicts. The poem possesses the theme of the power of addiction, establishing the internal suffering experienced by the individual. This inspired a story of an addict, who reflects on a prison he once had within himself – addiction.

Throughout the story, he makes various comparisons between his time behind bars and the prison present within himself. Therefore, a fitting title for this story was *Prison Within.* Irrespective of his situation, a constant in his life was his mother, who loved him unconditionally. His mother’s compassion and dedication eventually took the ultimate toll on her life. She dies, accentuating the toxic power of addiction in the lives of many.

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**The Price of Law**

by Lachlan Driscoll (Year 12)

The High Court was in disarray. Rebecca Bancroft’s trial was taking longer than expected and the public were growing restless. The murder of Elizabeth Hughes had sparked interest from the hungry media and impatient public, but still there was no verdict from the Judge. Each day of the trial went by seemingly without progress and the accused girl continued to sit miserably in the box. Her melancholy had deteriorated so severely that her head drooped sadly onto her chest like a flower that hadn’t seen sunlight for many days. In the case of the trial, it had been many weeks. By noon on Friday, the Judge decided he’d heard enough from the defence and would rather listen to an old Stravinsky opera than another testimony.

“That’s enough!” he shouted irritably, his commanding voice rolling around the courtroom like thunder. “Take a proper break this time. We’ll reconvene in one hour.”

The audience stood politely as he and Rebecca were ushered from the room, and then they exploded into vibrant conversations.

“The knife had her prints on it!”

“I hear she used to strangle kittens as a child!”

“Elizabeth was her school teacher. Why would Rebecca do such a thing?”

Despite the countless allegations from the prosecution and the equally counteractive arguments from the defence, not one person could predict the verdict that would be reached that afternoon.

The law existed only to suggest and
offer assistance; that was the way the Judge saw it. You could spend your whole life under the restraints of a ridiculous system or you could take the rules as guidelines and do whatever the hell you wanted. The Judge admired those who broke the rules and laughed at those who wanted justice. After all, life was just an elaborate game and rules were made to be broken.

He entered his chambers with a ham-and-pickle sandwich in mind, but this thought was instantly replaced when he saw who was waiting patiently inside. His stern gaze met an older woman with silvery blonde hair in a lavish dress and a worried-looking man in an expensive suit. His stern gaze met an older man waiting patiently inside. His stern gaze met an older woman with silvery blonde hair in a lavish dress and a worried-looking man in an expensive suit.

“Mr and Mrs Bancroft,” he sighed, “this is the second time you’ve disregarded the court’s rules. My chambers are off limits, remember?”

Rules, he thought and suppressed a chuckle. He wandered around to his filing cabinets and saw Fraud sitting on his desk with a cheeky grin plastered across his face. The Judge shook his head disapprovingly at the antick sits, scoffing his state, keeps death his court… there the mortal temples of the King.

Across the room, Fraud grinned. “That’s the spirit,” he said happily. “Get out of my chambers!” seethed the Judge, banging his desk top and sending them scurrying from the room in a panic.

For a moment, the only sound to be heard was the ticking of an antique clock, calming him as he took several deep breaths. Fraud cleared his throat. “One million dollars?”

“Get out of my chambers!” seethed the Judge, banging his desk top and sending them scurrying from the room in a panic.

Fraud cleared his throat. “One million dollars,” he repeated, smiling slightly, “imagine that”.

The Judge glared at him. “Don’t you dare!” he yelled, but, as his associate continued to talk, it was difficult not to listen.

Deep inside him, voices whispered together, urging him to take the deal. Temptation overpowered him. It was too much, and the money was too good. The thick wads of cash bundled together in the bag felt smooth and pleasurable under his fingers, like silk or velvet. Perhaps Wilson Hughes would send Rebecca to a juvenile centre and she would become the subject of countless psychologists over countless years, or perhaps the testimony would be inaccurate and send Rebecca racing into the arms of her relieved parents. The court needed the Judge’s manipulation of justice or the money he would secretly receive for his handy work. Besides, life was just an elaborate game and rules were made to be broken.

Fraud grinned. “That’s the spirit,” he said happily. Clutching the bag of unscrupulous money, the Judge was alone. A bell sounded somewhere in the building. The court was back in session and he was late.

**AUTHOR’S NOTE**

This story shows the corrupt power associated with money and how legal procedures can be jeopardised by the person in charge of them when tempted by the almighty dollar – the noble Judge. The story is based on an excerpt about the demise of kings from the classic play *King Richard II* by William Shakespeare, inspired by the line, “for within the hollow crown that rounds the mortal temples of the King keeps death his court… there the antick sits, scoffing his state, and grinning at his pomp”. In the story, the “hollow crown” represents the power of the judge and “death keeping court” is symbolic of his corruption. Additionally, the Judge’s subversive alter ego, Fraud, was inspired by the “antick” and the abuse of power he causes. The story questions our trust in the people who have power. It alerts our attention to the entity that governs and controls us – the law.
Izaac and Lawson sharing their advice to some Year 7 boarders.
WHY START BOARDING IN YEAR 7?

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

For boarders, St Joseph’s Nudgee College is not just their school, it is their home. The connection that many boarders past and present feel towards the College is obvious whenever they reminisce for days gone past or share anecdotes from within the Boarding Village.

While some boarders only experience a year or two in Nudgee College Boarding, others start in Years 5, 6 or 7, and thus most of their teenage years are shaped by their journey through Boarding.

Head of Murphy Boarding House Mr Ben Ralston has spent years as the Head of O’Brien Boarding House, which is a dormitory for boys from Years 5 to 9.

When boys begin their high school boarding experience in Year 7, Ben said it allowed them to form friendships and develop good habits around study and daily routine under the guidance of experienced staff who provide a caring and nurturing environment.

“I have been able to see the transformation of several boarders I looked after in O’Brien who are now flourishing in a Senior Boarding House,” he said.

“I think that being here from Year 7 has helped these young men really feel as though Nudgee College is a second home to them and has allowed them to mature at their own pace, supported by many great role models.”

College Vice Captain Lawson Saurels has been boarding since Year 7, and said this experience helped him settle in early so he didn’t have to worry about it in his Senior years.

“That is truly where the friendships and bonds start to be created,” he said.

“I felt I was helped and supported well as a younger boarder.”

Year 11 student Izaac Fiorini was living in Dubai before he moved into Nudgee College Boarding when he was in Year 7. His father had also boarded at the College, and Izaac said he felt privileged to continue that tradition.

“I loved watching the Nudgee spirit videos growing up, and I would watch the 1st XV video over and over again before arriving at Nudgee College,” he said.

From fast-making friendships to getting the hang of community living by the end of his first year of high school, Izaac said there were many benefits to his early start in Nudgee College Boarding.

“Starting off in Year 7 has helped shape me, in good times and in bad, into a true Nudgee College man,” he said.

“From an endless sleepover with your mates, to waking up five minutes before morning training, boarding is also just such a convenience for everyday life and study.”

While going into Boarding can be daunting for some boys, Izaac and Lawson agree that the best way to adjust is to get involved.

“From academics to sport, and even supporting others through their sports and co-curricular activities, it is imperative that you get involved,” Izaac said. “You meet new people and time goes a lot faster when you’re having fun.

“There’s always a calling to something, so don’t be afraid to put your hand up and give it a go.”
The start of 2018 marked a busy time of the year for all things Nudgee College, with much excitement as the ‘restart’ button was pressed, and the school year started again. For me, it was more of a case of a ‘new start’ rather than a ‘restart’, as I began my first full year as Foundation Manager and, as well, my first year as a Nudgee College parent.

Many parents would have heard from me at the information evenings at the start of Term 1. During these events, I think I spoke with nervous, but appreciative, admiration of what Nudgee College had presented me. Admittedly, it was a very short experience of just a few months, but it had already provided sufficient evidence of what awaited me as a father of a young man growing up in 2018. As I said at the time, it was both the beginning of my own journey as well as that of my son Josh (Year 5).

While there have been unexpected bumps in the road, a few unwanted tough father-son conversations, and many more early-morning drives to sports training, one thing that has become a constant enjoyment is experiencing the positivity with which Nudgee College engages my son, as well as his peers. I experience this not only in the conversations I have with my son, but as I walk the campus, witness morning tea and lunch gatherings and College Assemblies, as well as observing music lessons and standing on the sidelines of the sports fields.

I share this because, as I speak to more and more current parents – as well as Old Boys of Nudgee College – I find my own, potentially naive, views about Nudgee College being sounded back at me from the people with whom I speak. While my involvement is just nine months old, their collective recounting of experiences spans years and decades, but with each individual journey being one of utmost appreciation for what Nudgee College gave them. During these conversations one thing remains a given, and that is the desire for Nudgee College Old Boys to contribute in whatever way they can back to the College. Understandably, it is because of the depth of their gratitude towards Nudgee College, and in the knowledge that they have benefitted from someone else’s generous contribution towards them as a young man. These Nudgee College Old Boys are simply continuing in the same generous spirit that permeates Nudgee College, both past and present.

If ever there was a marker for the value of Nudgee College to its community, I believe it is this willingness for its individuals to give back.

The Nudgee College Foundation was established in 1984 to honour this spirit of generosity, ensuring a vibrant and vital future for our College and its students, and I invite you to stay tuned over the upcoming months to discover ways you too can contribute to the wonderful community that is Nudgee College.
The first cohort of Year 5 students to start their St Joseph’s Nudgee College journey in the Junior School began in 2008. Since then, the Junior School has been a vibrant and welcoming part of the Nudgee College community, enabling many Year 5 and 6 students to shift from their local primary school to the big and busy world of Nudgee College with ease.

Director of Junior School Mr Chris Cawley has been at the helm of this part of the College since the start of 2012. Chris is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Junior School, working closely with the Student Formation and Learning and Teaching areas of the College to ensure all Year 5 and 6 students are thriving pastorally and academically.

In 2017, the College appointed Junior School teacher Mr Paul Cazzulino to the position of Program Leader – Curriculum Development. Paul’s role involves working with Heads of Subject to ensure a seamless academic program as students transition from the Junior School to high school.

Including Paul and Chris, who are also Year 6 core teachers, the Junior School houses 14 full time teaching staff. This group consists of Year 5 core teachers Ms Maria Egan, Mr Michael Ford, Mr Damien Raciti, Ms Susan Reid, Ms Natalie Roach, and Mr Anthony Steele, as well as Year 6 core teachers Mr Corey Braithwaite, Ms Jai Dwyer, Ms Heather Hume, Ms Andrea Kewley, and Ms Nicolette Beecham. Advancement teacher Ms Charmaine Greatrex also works in the Junior School to support students who need further help with their school work.

Ms Gail Du Mont, Ms Julie Chambers, Ms Melissa Grant, and Ms Meredith Henderson work in the Junior School as teacher aides. They are responsible for providing additional support to students, both in and out of the classroom.

Finally, the Junior School department would not function as efficiently as it does without the administrative assistance of Ms Michelle Grieve. She is the first point of contact for all Junior School parents and is noted for her ability to solve any problems that might arise.

The Junior School’s caring and compassionate staff have the best interests of students at heart and are dedicated to ensuring they have the best preparation for life in high school and beyond.
36 EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

MR JARROD TURNER
As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, St Joseph’s Nudgee College supports the work of its fellow Edmund Rice institutions. Here, Mr Jarrod Turner, a Donor Relations Manager for Edmund Rice Foundation Australia, discusses the work of this organisation.

As an international development organisation with a global footprint, Edmund Rice Foundation Australia (ERFA) has seen first-hand the impact an empowering education creates. Our commitment is to support people and their communities to develop the life skills to change their own world and be a force for positive change around them.

Members of the Nudgee College community have been fantastic supporters of ERFA throughout the years, and it has been great to continue to build this relationship since becoming neighbours at the start of the year when we moved to the MacKillop Building on the College campus.

Nudgee College has been involved with two main areas over the years—the Philippines and Papua New Guinea.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG)**

In PNG, ERFA supports Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities National Unit (CSNU), which is the head organisation that supports the work of 19 inclusive education resource centres across the country.

With an estimated 413,000 children with disability in PNG, CSNU works to ensure access to high-quality education and healthcare, and provides an opportunity for these children to be more fully included in society.

In 2017, ERFA funds supported:

- Extensive needs analysis on children with disability in three new regions, with the view to establishing additional resource centres
- Establishment of an eye and vision service in Port Moresby and renovation of the Bouganville centre
- Training for optical technicians in both the Port Moresby and Bouganville centres
- Further education of key CSNU staff in ophthalmic science and business administration

This year, ERFA is supporting the construction of a new office building in Port Moresby to provide space for national trainers and staff who will lobby the government of PNG for long-term funding.

**THE PHILIPPINES**

In the Philippines, ERFA supports programs in Maasin and Kabankalan. These programs, combined, directly impact almost 20,000 people, with a far wider impact on the greater communities.

Edmund Rice Ministries (ERM) in Maasin City operates two outreach offices in the centres of Palo and Bato. The Palo centre was established following the world’s deadliest landfalling typhoon Haiyan, which killed more than 6300 people. Five months after the event, a reported 2998 individuals needed rehabilitation management, functional care and assistive devices. These included people with pre-existing disabilities and others who had sustained injuries in the typhoon.

The Philippines is one of the most disaster-prone areas in the world, ranked fourth among countries hit by the highest number of disasters over the past 20 years, according to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

People with disabilities are extremely vulnerable in times of disaster, yet they are often ignored or excluded at all levels of disaster preparedness, mitigation and intervention. Programs in Maasin work to build networks, to provide training for healthcare workers, families and carers of people with disability, to screen for disability prevention, and to strengthen healthcare and treatment. The programs also work with the poorest families to provide nutritional support and livelihood training to enable them to generate income. Another focus of the program is to strengthen relationships between youths and parents and to promote the rights of children and youths.

In the Kabankalan region, the major industry is sugarcane. Remuneration to workers is very low. Generally, these workers are squatters on land owned by the sugar plantations.

ERM Kabankalan works to empower the very poor through community education to help them to extract themselves from extreme poverty through:

- Inviting poor families to form themselves into communities with ongoing training, support and interest-free loans so they can create income in ventures such as piggeries, small ‘sari sari’ shops (convenience stores) and rice sales
- Ensuring the education of one child from selected very poor families, supporting them through to employment and providing a second chance at education to community youth
- Providing training and supervision of community-based health leaders to ensure access to basic health and social care
- Making a positive difference to the environment through education, advocacy and other activities

ERFA will contribute a total of A$15,000 to support ongoing programs in the Philippines this year.

We run several events throughout the year that we would love members of the Nudgee College community to attend. For details of these events, visit www.erf.org.au/events.

For more information on ERFA and the programs we support, please email jturner@edmundrice.org.

CSNU meeting area.
As the College’s Archivist, Mr John Sayer comes across memorabilia and stories from the past that range from outstanding, to fascinating, to downright odd. In his Portal to the Past, John shares a story he had been told that he found particularly captivating.

WILLIAM ‘BILL’ GEORGE JOHNSTONE (NC 1899)

MR JOHN SAYER
Almost every day I am graced with interesting and amazing stories and inquiries regarding the intriguing past of St Joseph's Nudgee College and our Old Boys. In February this year, I received a phone call from Ms Lynn Marshall, who resides near Noosa. She was inquiring about her father who, in my words, spent five minutes at Nudgee College (this translates to one term). Yes, the date in the title line is correct. I was speaking with a person whose father had attended Nudgee College in the first decade of its history. Most similar conversations span three or maybe four generations. His story is extraordinary and, even though he was here only for a short while, his journey could mirror so many of his fellow Nudgee College Old Boys.

He arrived at the College with Reg McWhirter (of the famous family’s shop in Brisbane’s Fortitude Valley). The Brothers recorded his name as William George Johnson (spelt incorrectly), but it was his home address of Mountain Park at Dalveen that ensured we had found the correct record. Lynn’s brother, Barry Johnstone, who lives on the outskirts of Tenterfield, has given me some wonderful background about his father’s time at the College.

After experiencing his early days at Nudgee College, the reality of boarding life back then impacted Bill greatly. There is a popular descriptor among boarding folk that refers to the actions of boarders who run away as ‘window leave’. Barry tells the story of Bill tying sheets together and using the makeshift rope to climb down from the upper level dormitory window to make his exit.

Sadly, when he was very young, Bill had seen his father killed in a horse-riding accident, so he understood life’s harshness. After having made the decision that Nudgee College was not for him, he joined a boatload of horses that were heading to South Africa to support Australia’s efforts in the Boer War. On arrival, he put up his age and enlisted in the Engineering Corps, building bridges for the army as the Boers retreated.

While giving a dying mate his last drink, Bill was shot and wounded. At the end of the war, in 1904, he was discharged and then worked on the Cape to Cairo railway as a blacksmith. As happened with so many others of the time, Bill succumbed to the sting of the tsetse fly and became very ill. However, his time on this Earth was not yet done. He recovered, but not before he was told to stand in his vertical coffin, in order that measurements could be adjusted.

Survivors were granted long-service leave by the railway. Bill used his to travel the British Isles and Europe. He then accompanied friends to the United States of America and was in San Francisco in 1906. Fortunately for him, on the night of the famous San Francisco earthquake of that year, he was visiting other friends in San Mateo, out of the city. Although he survived, tragically his friends didn’t and he lost all his possessions. He then found a job with the McLeod River Lumber Company as a foreman for the maintenance department.

He worked for the company until 1914 when he retired and returned to Australia. As a departing gift, the company gave him a gold watch, and, incredibly, it still works to this day.

From 1914 to the 1920s Bill became one of Queensland’s biggest cattle dealers until his fortunes took a hit in the depression years. With his remaining finances, he bought into the Warwick Motor Company Garage that sold Willys-Knight, Willys-Overland and the Dodge range of vehicles. Barry says that Bill taught many how to drive, as that was part of car sales in those days. He was one of the pioneers of the famous Warwick Rodeo, which began in 1929. Apart from being well known and liked, Bill Johnstone could be described as a well-travelled adventurer, a great entertainer and a pioneer of the motorcar industry of his time. According to Barry, his father hated injustice and bullies, and was always ready to help anyone in need.

In 1925, Bill undertook an amazing adventure – driving a Willys-Knight overland from Warwick to Darwin. This journey is well documented through the Stockman’s Hall of Fame in Longreach. In brief terms, he and three friends drove this vehicle in a way that tested it against every threat the outback could provide. When the roads disappeared or were washed out, the band of travellers took to the railway lines and ran the car over the sleepers. They traversed wet and virtually impassable terrain. When a particular crossing meant they had to use a high bridge over a gully or watercourse, any slip meant death, destruction or damage – not a good trifecta.

After 24 days of travel, they arrived in Darwin. Records of the day report that the car’s engine hummed softly and there were no creaks or loose bolts after the 2460-mile journey. Needless to say, the return journey was made by boat – a leisurely 10 days to Brisbane, then up the range to Toowoomba and on to Warwick. These men were not stupid. They had made their point. Why do it tough?

Bill Johnstone married late in life to a younger woman. Together they raised two children who survive to this day. I suspect there might be other relatives who attended Nudgee College over the years, as the Darling Downs has been a powerful and generous supporter of the College from its beginnings.
To draw attention to the National Day of Action Against Bullying on Friday 16 March, hundreds of students gathered on Ross Oval to spell out the word 'courage'.
Above: For the third year in a row, the College’s Great Wheelbarrow Race team won the schools division, and broke the record set by the previous year’s group with a time of 6.31.01hrs.

Right: Nudgee College Old Boys Ryan Dowse (NC 2008-12) and Adrian Lascu (NC 2013-15) were members of the Australian Under 21 Indoor Cricket team to win the 2017 World Indoor Cricket Federation (WICF) World Cup.

Below: In May, Netflix film The Kissing Booth, which stars Nudgee College Old Boy Jacob Elordi (NC 2014-15), was released on the streaming service. Stay tuned for information on the release date for one of Jacob’s next projects, HBO TV movie Euphoria.
Above: Two 2017 Seniors have been accepted into prestigious international universities. Corbin Duncan (NC 2013-17) will be attending Harvard University in the United States, and Matthew Holmes (NC 2010-17) will be attending New York University Abu Dhabi.

Left: Earlier this year Nudgee College Old Boy Nathan McSweeney (NC 2012-16) was a batsman for the national cricket team that competed in the Under 19 Cricket World Cup in New Zealand. The Australian side made it to the Final, but were defeated by India.

Below: Year 12 student Elijah Tabuarua has been selected in the Australian under 19 volleyball team.

NC EVENTS

Nudgee College Anzac Ceremony.
ANZAC Ceremony

On Tuesday 24 April, 2000 people gathered on Ross Oval for the College’s annual Anzac Ceremony.

This year’s guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Jason Groat (NC 1989-93), Deputy Director - Recruiting Delivery at Defence Force Recruiting. During his speech he spoke about national identity and gratitude towards the men and women who have served in the armed forces.

“Walk up to a soldier and thank them for their service, because I can assure you, it will not be forgotten,” he said.

The College also welcomed Christian Brothers’ Congregation Leadership Team members Br Peter Dowling, Br Julian McDonald and Br John Casey for the ceremony. The Brothers, who reside in Rome, were in Australia as part of their tour of the Oceania Province.

During the ceremony, members of the many different groups who make up the Nudgee College community laid wreaths of remembrance.

The ceremony concluded with special guests walking across the oval through a guard of honour formed by the Year 12 students.
Edmund Rice Liturgy

Saturday 5 May was the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, and to commemorate this occasion, a liturgy was held Tuesday 1 May on Wilkes Oval.

Dean of Identity Mr Stephen Meara said this provided an opportunity to celebrate and remember the legacy of the founder of the Christian Brothers, and how members of the College community continue to live out his charism every day.

“Edmund’s dream of providing an opportunity for young men to learn, to be supported in a compassionate community of faith, and to have no option or choice denied to them simply because of a want of knowledge and learning, continues to animate the lives of our College and our young men,” he said.

Nudgee College Old Boy Fr Marty Larsen (NC 1989-92) presided over the liturgy. His animated presence and friendly nature appeared to spark joy in all who had the opportunity to hear him speak.

The Wilkes Oval setting is a rarity for a College liturgy, which added to the sense of significance for the occasion.
Opening Mass and Senior Investiture

On Friday 2 February, the College community offered their blessings to the 2018 Seniors through the annual Opening Mass and Senior Investiture in the Christian Brothers’ Conference Centre.

Bishop Ken Howell, the Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane Archdiocese, celebrated the Mass, and delivered a thought-provoking Homily touching on the themes of optimism, community support and fulfilling one’s potential.

“When your parents first looked at you when you were born,” he said, “they saw a child with bright promise, and knew that there is for you a life ahead, with the wonder of discovery, adventure and the potential to learn at every step of life’s journey.

“Yes, there will be difficulties and challenges ahead, but let’s be more optimistic – that you will not only survive problems but, through growing and learning, will learn how to thrive.”

Each year at this significant event, the College invites a special guest speaker to inspire the students and wider community. This year Professor Jim Nyland, Associate Vice-Chancellor at Australian Catholic University, fulfilled that duty.

“Those who experience such rich learning here at Nudgee College understand that they have an obligation to apply their knowledge through service-leadership to make the world a better place,” he said.

The stirring speeches continued as the ceremony progressed, with College Captain Angus McDonald addressing the room about hope, opportunity and Nudgee spirit, prior to unveiling the 2018 Senior motto, ‘to lead is to serve.’

“Nudgee College is a school where every student can find a place to belong,” he said, “and where every one of our talents and skills have the opportunity to grow and develop.

“We create a bond, not only with our beloved school, but with each other, laying the foundation for a community and a brotherhood that will remain a central part of all of our lives long after we leave this College.”

At the end of the Mass, the Year 12s were presented with Senior badges, thus starting their journey into their final year of secondary schooling.
Open Day

More than 1000 people attended Nudgee College’s biggest Open Day for the year on Saturday 12 May. From 10.00am to 2.00pm, guests enjoyed student-led tours, barbecues, music performances, science experiments, a Japanese cooking demonstration, water rocket launches, giant chess games, and much more. Various parent support groups at the College set up displays under a large marquee in Edmund Rice Mall, allowing prospective families the opportunity to chat to current parents. There was also a Q&A session in Tierney Auditorium, where guests could direct questions to the staff, students and a parent.

The Football and Tennis home game versus Toowoomba Grammar School coinciding with the event provided a great atmosphere, and allowed visitors to get a taste of what the Activities Program has to offer.

The College will also be holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 14 August to allow prospective families to experience a regular school day at the College. Register to attend at www.nudgee.com.
Edmund Rice Way Opening and Blessing

On Friday 25 May, and after years of planning and construction, the College’s new road Edmund Rice Way was officially opened and blessed. The ceremony took place outdoors beside the new McKennariey Centre car park, which allowed guests to enjoy the early evening sunset.

Member for Nudgee Leanne Linard MP was in attendance for the occasion, and said she was glad the State Government could contribute to this worthwhile project.

GPS Centenary Launch

This year the GPS Association is celebrating its centenary. The launch of this milestone occasion was held at the College on Monday 19 February. Several hundred guests attended the event in Ryan Hall, including students, staff and representatives of key groups from the nine member schools.

Former Australian international cricketer Mr Michael Kasprowicz was a guest speaker. Michael is a Brisbane State High School Old Boy, and is also a current parent at the College. He was joined by Orange Sky Laundry founder and Gregory Terrace Old Boy Mr Nic Marchesi and Orange Sky Head of Operations and Gregory Terrace Old Boy Mr David Tubb.

College Principal Mr Peter Fullagar said the event provided an opportunity to recognise the past, the present and the future of this prominent association.

“It was a celebration of what these outstanding schools share through being a member school of the GPS,” he said.

The taglines for the centenary year, ‘spirit of fellowship’ and ‘GPS - 100 years strong’, have and will continue to appear prominently at all GPS events throughout the year.
Ladies’ Auxiliary Easter Morning Tea

Due to the growing demand of tickets for the annual Ladies’ Auxiliary Easter Morning Tea, this year the event moved from its traditional Ryan Hall venue to the larger Christian Brothers’ Conference Centre space. The guest speaker for this event was Ms Nicole Hard, who is the General Manager for Suited to Success, a company that assists clients overcome the barriers to employment by providing clothing for job interviews and life skill programs. In support of Suited to Success, many guests brought items of clothing or toiletries to donate.

The event took place on the final day of Term 1, allowing guests to catch up with friends and enjoy a high tea prior to the Easter holiday break.

Boarders’ Evening on the Green

More than 110 Boarding families joined together at the College on Friday 8 June for the first annual Boarders’ Evening on the Green. Despite the wet weather, all attendees appeared to be in great spirits, enjoying refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with fellow Boarding families.

The event also featured an Inter-dorm Touch competition on Wilkes Oval, of which Murphy House emerged victorious. The Learning Centre undercroft provided the perfect setting for families to escape the wet weather, while still enjoying the surroundings of the Nudgee College campus as they mingled and spectated the touch games.

Right: Declan Kenny, Lawson Saurel, Andrew Hynes, Tom O’Regan, and Joe Franciscus Reuben at the Boarders’ Evening on the Green.
NC ACTIVITIES

Cricket Season Launch.

Above left: Joe Burns with Junior School students at Cricket Season Launch.
Above right: Jimmy Maher and William Kettleton at the Cricket Season Launch.
CRICKET

SEASON LAUNCH

The 2018 GPS Cricket season kicked off for St Joseph’s Nudgee College in traditional fashion, with a T20 match pitting the 1st XI against the Bulls Masters for the Season Launch. The event needed to be postponed for a week due to poor weather, however, this didn’t stop the crowds from turning up to Ross Oval for the rescheduled match.
Several Old Boys returned to the College as part of the Bulls Masters team, including Glen Batticciotto (NC 1994–98), Jimmy Maher (NC 1990–91), Mitch Connolly (NC 2013–17), Elton Flatley (NC 1992–95), Connor Sully (NC 2013–17), and Connor McFadyen (NC 2013–17). There was also a familiar face in the crowd, with Brisbane Heat player and Old Boy Joe Burns (NC 2002–06) turning up to enjoy the festivities. Students were entertained with crowd catches, jumping castles and some brilliant on-field entertainment, while the parents and supporters enjoyed Friday afternoon refreshments as they watched the action.

Bulls Masters opening batsman Glen Batticciotto fired up the crowd with a blistering century, hitting 10 sixes to all parts of Ross Oval. He even managed to send one through a Ryan Hall window in a top-class innings.

The 1st XI did an excellent job in their pursuit of 245, with Mitchell Pascoe playing some fine strokes in his 53-run innings, but the Bulls Masters emerged victorious on the day.
During the season there were a couple of standout players who earned national honours. Year 10 student Noah McFadyen was chosen to be part of the Australian under 15 cricket team after his strong performance at the National Under 15 Championships on the Sunshine Coast. This team will participate in the National Under 17 Championships later this year before playing Pakistan in Dubai in December. Year 11 students Mitchell Pascoe and Jet Liebke were selected in the Australian under 16 cricket side. They competed against Pakistan in a six-match series in Melbourne in April, with the Aussies going down on runs alone with a final series score of 3-3.

CROSS COUNTRY

After a season of intense runs and close meets, the College’s Cross Country team travelled to Limestone Park at Ipswich on Wednesday 30 May to contest the GPS Championships.

The 10 Years runners got the team off to a good start, earning second place overall. The 11 Years runners followed, with Gus Moloney, George Gillam and Angus Durkin finishing in the top 10. Overall, the team won their age
day, there were many standout performances. Stephen Lean and Nelson Birogi sprinted to the finish line and crossed it together with only 0.1 sec separating them.

After a long day of competition, the College wound up in fifth place, which was a great achievement, Jaimee said, considering several athletes’ injuries and illnesses over the season.

“We managed to score four points more than last year, which is significant in Cross Country,” she said.

“The dedication and commitment every single boy showed, not only on the day, but since we started training in January, have been phenomenal.”

DEBATING

This year’s Senior A Debating team, consisting of Jacob Howie, Lachlan Driscoll, Matthew Pescatore and Angus McDonald, excelled in both their preparation and delivery.

In Round 1 they came up against St Joseph’s College, Gregory Terrace, and tackled the dual-citizenship saga that has plagued members of parliament in recent times. Despite a spirited debate, the blue and white opened the season with a loss. The following round, versus The Southport School, also resulted in a close loss.

In Round 3, however, the boys rallied to earn a win over renowned debating school Anglican Church Grammar School, arguing the topic of the commodification of Indigenous culture. The team followed up this performance with a successful Round 4 win over Brisbane State High School.

The Round 5 debate, versus Brisbane Grammar School, proved to be particularly intense, with the students arguing the issue of whether schools should become gender neutral. While it was close, the team ultimately went down 2–1 in an adjudicators’ split decision. In the final round of the GPS season, the team was defeated by Ipswich Grammar School.

Debating Captain Jacob Howie said he was happy with the team’s performances.

“Each and every one of you, through your dedication to, and enthusiasm for, the Debating Program, has improved so much,” he said.

“I have no doubt that next year’s season will bring even greater achievements.”
Football Premiership-winning team and supporters.

Below: Harry Arnison during 1st XI GPS Football match.

Below right: Vidur Sehgal during 1st XI GPS Football match.
**FOOTBALL**

With 47 teams competing in over 300 fixtures, the 2018 GPS Football season showcased both the high levels of player talent and engagement within the Nudgee College Football Program.

The 1st XI’s season began with 6-3 victories against both Brisbane State High School and St Joseph’s College, Gregory Terrace. Despite starting the season with two high scoring wins, the team stumbled mid-season with a 2-2 draw against Ipswich Grammar School and a 1-0 loss to Toowoomba Grammar School. The bye round that followed allowed the team to rest, which turned out to be exactly what was needed going into the final four games. Rounds 6, 7 and 8 resulted in victories, and the team entered their final round match versus The Southport School with a Premiership on the line. When the final whistle sounded, the blue and white were 3-2 up, and thus the 1st XI earned their first outright GPS Premiership since 2003.

**MUSIC**

**GPS SHOWCASE**

The GPS Music Showcase always features exceptionally talented students, but this year’s event was made even more special as the first GPS Centenary year event. Record-breaking crowds of well over a thousand guests descended on the Queensland Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 22 February to enjoy 450 students from across the GPS Association perform in Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra and Choir ensembles.

His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, joined parents, friends and VIP guests at the Centenary celebration. The Governor shared his delight at the incredible standard of music and the wonderful spirit of fellowship shown by the students and staff.

Nudgee College Year 12 student Tom Jackson performed an incredible guitar solo that delighted the audience. Tom was also part of the Concert Band with fellow College musicians Meecham Hollister, Marcus Cutuli and Ben Miller. Conal O’Leary and Sam Schimming played in the Orchestra, while Latham Angove, Lachlan Barnett, Janindu Edirisinghe, Shannen Gerard Solker, Michael La Monaca, Rodin Martin, and Samuel Mills formed part of the Choir.

The Junior School students take part in their GPS Music Day of Excellence at the College in August.

**MUSIC SOIREE**

The popular Music Soiree returned this year, showcasing the talents of Nudgee College’s many musicians and ensembles. On Monday 4 June, parents, staff and friends gathered in the Christian Brothers’ Conference Centre to see how the student musicians were progressing as they develop their talents through the College Music Program.
Above: Tom Jackson at the GPS Music Showcase.
Below: Mitchell Doyle at the Music Soiree.
ROWING
The Nudgee College 1st VIII faced an up-and-down season this year. Coach Mr John Bowes said the boys worked extremely hard during training sessions, and claimed their first regatta of the season the week prior to Head of the River. The 1st VIII race at Head of the River was an extraordinary battle between the top-three crews, with The Southport School placing first, just 0.1sec in front of Nudgee College, followed by Anglican Church Grammar School in third place. Overall, the Rowing Shed managed to secure the highest number of points to earn the Old Boys' Cup for the fifth consecutive year.

A little over a week later, a crew of College rowers headed to Sydney to compete in the National Championships. Darcy Carmody, Leyton Friedrich, Patrick Long, Ben McMillan and Zane Kirk won gold in the Under 17 coxed quad, and Patrick Long also came away with a second gold medal in the Under 17 single scull.

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA
In July, 13 of the College's rowers travelled to England to compete in the Henley Royal Regatta. The regatta attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors, as well as Olympic rowers and crews from prestigious educational institutions such as Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, and Yale. Nudgee College was only the fifth school from Australia to ever be invited to compete at Henley.

The College entered two crews into the competition; an VIII in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup, and a quad in the Fawley Challenge Cup. The quad came up against Monmouth Comprehensive School in their first race, but were unfortunately defeated and knocked out of the heats. The VIII crew claimed victory over the King's School, Chester by two and a half lengths in their first race. They then followed that up with a win over St Edward's School, which put them in the final eight. The crew's last race in the heats saw them come up against internationally renowned rowing school Eton College. They battled hard but were bested on the day by a strong opposition.

Dean of Boarding and former Rowing Director Mr Christian Oneto, who accompanied the tour group, said the crews were extremely happy with their efforts at the regatta and have thoroughly enjoyed this once in a lifetime experience.
The College's Swimming team has developed significantly over the past few years. From coming last in the 2016 GPS Swimming Championships, to finishing fifth in 2017, the boys were determined to improve again. And improve they did, with the Nudgee College swimmers finishing third at the GPS Centenary Swimming Championships on Friday 2 March at Chandler.

Swimming Director Mr David Proud said he was most pleased with the team's relay efforts. The swimmers earned 62 points out of a possible 100 in these events and claimed four top-three finishes. The Junior team also managed to earn a podium finish, taking out third place.

In April, the College swimmers were again put to the test at the Australian Age Swimming Championships in Sydney. Three boys returned with medals: Lachlan Gilbert earned silver in the 200m breaststroke and bronze in the 100m breaststroke, Thomas Connellan won silver in the 200m freestyle, and Thomas Raymond claimed a bronze for his effort in the 1500m freestyle.

**TENNIS**

Twenty-two teams took to the courts for the blue and white during the 2018 GPS Tennis season.

The 1st IV team of Seth Macute, Alec Reverente, Patrick Kropp, and Sebastian Hanna started the season off with a draw versus Brisbane State High School. The following seven rounds of matches saw plenty of strong hits and exciting rallies, and produced a mixture of results. The 1st IV finished the season in equal fifth place with Brisbane State High School.

**Volleyball**

The first half of the GPS Volleyball season was plagued by injuries to the 1st VI. Despite this setback, the team produced promising results, with a win over Ipswich Grammar School in Round 3, and over Toowoomba Grammar School in Round 4.

In the second half of the season, the team had to play three tough opponents: Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane Boys' College and Anglican Church Grammar School. Despite losing all three matches, coach Mr Ezra Burtt said the boys produced some excellent setting and hitting.

“While it wasn’t the outcome we were hoping for,” he said, “we held our heads high throughout the season and demonstrated what we are capable of.”
Above: 1st VI GPS Volleyball.
Below left: Elijah Tabuarua during 1st VI GPS Volleyball match.
Below: Patrick Kropp during 1st IV GPS Tennis match.
The St Joseph’s Nudgee College Arts Committee warmly invites you to join us for the 2018 Dimensions NC Art Festival Opening Night Gala.

Enjoy an evening of fine food and wine, lucky door prizes and entertainment, plus the opportunity to view and purchase works by talented feature artists, exhibitors and students.

TICKETS $65 PER PERSON
Including a four hour canape and beverage package.

PURCHASE ONLINE AT dimensionsnc@nudgee.com
NCOBA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It is a great honour to lead the Nudgee College Old Boys’ Association (NCOBA) Executive again in 2018, and we are looking forward to a busy and productive year. Our goals are simple; to support the College and its community, and to ensure that a useful and fulfilling engagement occurs within the brotherhood of Nudgee College Old Boys. Our annual program is full of activity, from our presence at the College’s annual Anzac Ceremony and College Open Days, to our Business Breakfast, the Memorial Mass, our regional and corporate networking events, and many more. As each year progresses, I find more and more Old Boys attending our events and seeking engagement for both social and career-driven purposes. We are determined to provide the best alumni activity possible, and I believe we have improved greatly as an organisation in recent years.

I would like to ask that all Old Boys keep their contact details up to date at www.ncoba.com.au, and make the effort to turn up and engage. We are doing our bit, so please make sure you support us when you can.

My sincere thanks to my fellow NCOBA Executive members, Principal Mr Peter Fullagar, Dean of Students and NCOBA College representative Mr Peter Todd, Foundation Manager Mr Marc Elich, and Alumni and Community Manager Ms Laura Jiew for their support of the NCOBA’s activities. It is a team effort, and I am very happy with the outcomes we achieve together.

MR HUGH HAMILTON
NCOBA President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A long table at the Alliance Hotel was filled with Old Boys for the Annual General Meeting and Dinner on 15 March. It was a significantly bigger group than in previous years, and I would like to thank proprietor and fellow Old Boy Mr Nick Gregorski (NC 1990-93) for accommodating the event and serving us a great meal. Plenty of spirited discussion occurred and ideas for future Old Boy activities were tabled, with some particularly good ideas emanating from some younger Old Boys. Detailed reports were provided on reunion activities and forward planning for relevant Old Boy events. NCOBA President Mr Hugh Hamilton provided a summary of some achievements for the year, and Principal Mr Peter Fullagar thanked the NCOBA for their efforts in supporting the College. Old Boy Mr James Delahunty (NC 1951-61) brought to the attention of the group the 50 year anniversary of Old Boy John Fraser’s death while serving in Vietnam. The group then took a moment to honour the memory of John. The NCOBA Executive of Mr Hugh Hamilton (President), Mr Andrew McNamara (Vice President), Mr Doug Carrigan (Treasurer) and I (Secretary) was confirmed for the year ahead. Andrew delivered an outline of the new calendar event, JR’s Big BBQ Under the Marquee, which was well received by attendees. Finally, special mention was made of the ongoing success of events for senior aged Old Boys. Thank you to Mr Vince Rao for leading these activities, as well as the very significant annual Memorial Mass.

MR TONY GLEESON
NCOBA Secretary
BULL DUST DINNER

In early May, I attended the Beef Australia expo in Rockhampton as a representative of the NCOBA. It was a great opportunity to connect with a number of Old Boys and meet some of the Cattle Club students representing the College at the event. On Wednesday 9 May, the triennial Bull Dust Dinner, formerly the Bull Dust Luncheon, was held at Restaurant 98 in Rockhampton. A highlight for me was the dinner panel discussion, with Old Boy Alex Gibbon (NC 2009-10) articulating how his experience at the College, particularly in regards to the Activities Program, helped him progress through his career as both a professional sportsman and a cattle stud owner. It was great to see the links remain strong between the College and Central Queensland. Mr Brian O’Reilly has done a great job developing a high quality rural education program over the last 30 years, and it looks to be in very capable hands with the transition to Dr Rachel Wilson. The boys who participate in the Cattle Club are fortunate to have passionate leaders running the program.

MR BRENDAN WILLIAMS
NC 1988-92

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The NCOBA annual Business Breakfast was well attended at the Victoria Park Golf Complex, with guest speakers Hon. Dr John McVeigh (his father, Hon. Tom McVeigh attended the College in 1946), Mr Paul McLean (NC 1971) and Mr Corbin Duncan (NC 2013-17). The topic for this year was ‘philanthropy in business’ and the speakers shared their various experiences with the audience. Federal Member for Brisbane, Mr Trevor Evans MP, was also present and highlighted the forward path for Brisbane as a leading city in Australia. The group of about 80 Old Boys and guests enjoyed the chance to celebrate their recent successes, reconnect with old friends, as well as meet and network with many other Old Boys.

MR TONY GLEESON
NCOBA Secretary

Right: Business Breakfast.
Right top: James Keely, Matthew Weaver and Rodney Lunt at the Business Breakfast.
Far right corner: Paul McLean at the Business Breakfast.
NUDGEE COLLEGE OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION

REUNION WEEKEND

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

2.15PM - 1ST XV vs TSS ROSS OVAL
Rally your mates for a get together on Old Boys’ Hill or bring your family to watch the game.
Supporting the Ladies' Auxiliary Tuckshop & BBQ.

3.30PM - BOARDERS’ BASH
Follow the crowd to the Edmund Rice Mall for an after game BBQ and refreshments hosted by the
Boarding Parent Support Group. Another chance to gather as part of the Nudgee College community.

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JR’S BIG BBQ UNDER THE MARQUEE

This year about 100 attended our inaugural luncheon at the Brothers Rugby Club in Albion. We invited special guest Mr Tony McGahan (NC 1989) who was also a former teaching staff member of the College, and is currently an Assistant Coach at the Queensland Reds. Tony talked about his experiences at Nudgee College and how it helped shape him for his future career. He gave generously of his time and was greatly received by the crowd.

Another highlight of the afternoon was the ‘bomb’ catching competition won by Nick ‘Scooter’ Moloney, otherwise known as the star breakaway from the 1992 1st XV. Superb food was provided by JR’s Smokehouse, and we were well looked after by the Brothers Rugby Club staff.

Thank you to Mr Michael Evans (NC 1988-92) who provided the entertainment for the day, as well as our sponsors the Rocklea Hotel, owned by the Ingham-Myers family, the Port Office Hotel, owned by Mr Nick Gregorsi (NC 1990-93), and D&D Event Hire, who have kindly offered to donate 10 per cent of any event hire by a Nudgee College family to the Jack Ross Bursary.

The aim of this event was to raise funds for the Jack Ross Bursary, and was very well received by the Old Boys community. We look forward to running this event again in the future.

MR ANDREW MCNAMARA
NCOBA Vice President

Chris Campbell, Mike Shadforth, Kieran McCarthy, Michael O’Brien, John Siemon, and Will White at JR’s Big BBQ Under the Marquee
MELBOURNE REUNION

A solid crowd of Victorian based Old Boys met at the Swan Hotel Richmond on Friday 25 May, prior to heading to AAMI Stadium for a cracking Rebels versus Sunwolves Super Rugby match. We were visited just prior to the game by Old Boys and Rebels squad members Sam Jeffries (NC 2005-09) and Tom Moloney (NC 2007-11), who chatted to all in attendance. Old Boys from various trades, industries and professions networked and reconnected throughout the evening, and Mr Marc Eslick (College Foundation Manager) and Mr Hugh Hamilton (NCOBA President) provided a worthwhile discussion on the continued engagement offered by NCOBA events, and the importance of the Jack Ross Bursary. Our thanks to Old Boys Mr Sean O’Donnell (NC 1980-81) and Mr Josh Dawson (NC 1998-2002) for coordinating an excellent event.

MR TONY GLEESON
NCOBA Secretary
The Nudgee College Old Boys’ Association Inc. request the honour of your presence at their Annual Memorial Mass.

**SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2018**

7.30am Mass at the College Chapel, followed by breakfast in the Boarders’ Dining Room

This event is to celebrate the lives of deceased Christian Brothers, Nudgee College Old Boys and members of the Nudgee College family. This is a Nudgee College community event hosted by the Nudgee College Old Boys’ Association Inc.

Gold coin donation towards the Jack Ross Bursary.

**RSVP ONLINE AT NCOBA.COM.AU**
Confirmation of your attendance is requested by Friday 19 October 2018

**FOR FURTHER QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT:**
oldboys@ncoba.com.au or call 07 3865 0316
IN MEMORIUM

The NCOBA and the College would like to acknowledge the Old Boys who have passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

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OLD BOYS AT COLLEGE ANZAC CEREMONY

On Tuesday 24 April, and in the presence of the students of Nudgee College, former servicemen Nudgee College Old Boys, special guests and community representatives, we paused and thought about those who fought for our freedom and our country.

The lighting of the flame was carried out by official guest Lieutenant Colonel Jason Groat, Deputy Director - Recruiting Delivery, Defence Force Recruiting (NC 1989-93), while the presence of the 1st Signal Regiment Catalafque Party, Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera provided the military pomp.

The prayer service was conducted by Nudgee College Chaplain in Residence Fr John Gillen SM, with College students participating in the laying of the crosses and the poppies. The solemn laying of the wreaths to honour the fallen followed, in which the NCOBA was represented, as well as other College community members. Then followed the Ode by College Captain Angus McDonald and the playing of the Last Post.

The ceremony concluded with an address by Nudgee College Principal Mr Peter Fullagar, followed by a spectacular guard of honour across Ross Oval, formed the Year 12s, as the official guests returned to Ryan Hall for refreshments.

During a stunning, sunny day on Ross Oval, it was a very moving and meaningful ceremony to commemorate Nudgee College Old Boys who served, and those who gave their lives for their country.

MR VINCE RAO
NC 1955-56

OLD BOYS AT OPEN DAY

At the College’s Open Day, I represented the NCOBA alongside Mr Andrew McNamara (NCOBA Vice President) and Mr Aldo Varricchio (NC 1987-91). It was great to meet a number of prospective parents.

We found that a lot of families were very interested in the ongoing role the NCOBA can play in the lives of their sons. The pride for the College demonstrated by all support groups, and their willingness to share this with potential new members of the community, added to the atmosphere of the day.

MR BRENDAN WILLIAMS
NC 1988-92

VALE SEBASTIANO ‘BEN’ PREVITERA
(NC 1947-50)
4 OCT 1932 - 23 JUNE 2018

As well as being a legendary physician, Dr Ben Previtera was known for his great sense of humour, love of Nudgee College Rugby and sport in general, his genuine commitment to his family and friends, strong faith, and love of a good long chat with anyone. His devotion to best practice medicine, and the teaching of that knowledge was recognised throughout his career, culminating in the decision by James Cook University and Townsville Hospital to establish the ‘Ben Previtera Teaching Award’ in 2008 for accomplished hospital registrars. He led by example on all fronts, displaying integrity and commitment to the cause and genuine interest in, and commitment to his patients and community. His intelligence, humour and decency will be sorely missed by all Old Boys who knew him. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

MR TONY GLEESON
NCOBA Secretary