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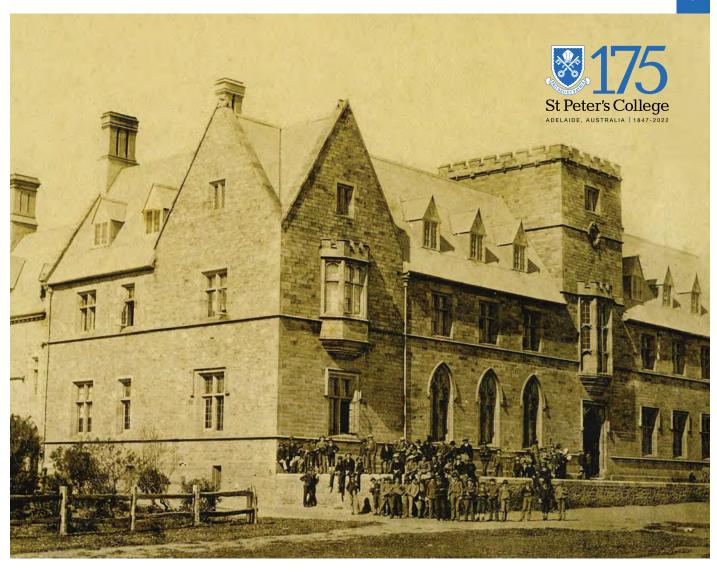
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# Celebrating our community's rich history

In 2021, people across the world weathered another challenging year as a result of COVID-19. It's of no surprise, however, that the St Peter's College community again showed its strength and resilience in the face of uncertainty. In fact, if anything, our students continued to thrive and were grateful to experience privileged opportunities.

In particular, during 2021 we are proud of the continued growth in the arts, academia, sport, outdoor education and service and the ongoing development of confident, compassionate, capable and caring young men who are ready to flourish outside the walls and fields of St Peter's College.

As we approach a significant milestone in our School's history, it is fitting that the challenges we've faced since the pandemic began have been overcome by the values that have served us so well over so many decades – values which have been at the forefront of life at our School since 1847.

Next year, St Peter's College will celebrate its 175 Year Anniversary. As an opportunity to celebrate the School's rich history, enduring traditions and achievements, it's a milestone of immense importance. Our intention is to bring the School community together over the course of the year to reconnect and reunite.

The signature celebratory event will be a Gala Ball to be held on Saturday 6 August 2022 at

the Adelaide Convention Centre. I encourage you to book your tickets now and to start planning for what will be an unforgettable event – an evening to relive and reminisce, with every peer year represented.

Additional events on the calendar include a St Peter's College Community Church Service on the eve of the 2022 school year and a Founders' Day Service commemorating the founding of the School, to be held at the commencement of Term 3.

I look forward to welcoming you to the School in 2022 for a celebration befitting of this historic occasion.

Tim Browning | Headmaster

# Living life in the Spirit

A very special service in the Anglican Church is the sacrament of Confirmation, in which the person confirms the promises made at his or her baptism (by others, if they were baptised as infants).

This is a commitment to living "life in the Spirit", meaning attempting to discern the Spirit's will in every part of the Christian life. During the service, the Bishop lays his or her hand on the candidate's head and prays that they will receive the gift of the Spirit. It is a sacred prayer of invocation, asking the Spirit to guide the person throughout his or her life.

The Confirmation Service in the Senior School took place again this year, when the School welcomed Bishop Denise Ferguson, Assistant Bishop of Adelaide, to the Chapel on Wednesday 22 September for a 7.00pm service of Baptism and Confirmation in the Eucharist. Bishop Denise baptised four students and confirmed 14. She spoke very

warmly of the level of engagement by the students at her meeting with them earlier that week. The students were asked to bring one object with them which symbolised something of their Christian journey and to speak about it. The level of maturity in speaking about their faith was encouraging.

A key part of the preparation was the combined Confirmation/Youth@Saints camp at the School's Finniss campsite on the weekend of 11 and 12 September, led by Father Theo and Rev Ben with the assistance of the Youth@Saints leaders.

The boys and girls participated in a number of physical activities on the camp, as well as times of study and quiet reflection. Water sports, indoor soccer, a wide game, and an evening campfire were followed by reflections on faith, the Bible, the Church, prayer-life, and the Holy Spirit.

#### Youth@Saints

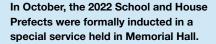
Youth@Saints welcomes boys and girls to participate in Friday night activities in the Pentreath Building at 7.00pm during term time. The group has gained momentum this year, with up to 30 students participating in the enjoyable activities, mixed with some Christian learning in a relaxed environment. All are welcome!

The Reverend Dr Theo McCall | School Chaplain

L-R: Lachlan Mackie (Year 8), The Rev Theo McCall, James Levey (Year 8), Alex Watson (Year 9), Jon Long (Year 8), Oscar Dunn (Year 8), Ethan Chen (Year 7), Leo Dreosti (Year 7), Bishop Denise Ferguson, Yongen Song (Year 7), Emerson Cooper (Year 7), David Noskovic (Year 7), Andrew Hattingh (Year 7), Nathan Randeniya (Year 7), Matthew Lok (Year 8), Declan Brunsgard (Year 9) and Rev Ben Bleby



2022 School Prefects Back row: Nicholas Koh, Luca Paull, Joe Beswick, Thomas Hamilton-Smith, Billy Dowling, William Howard, Noah Browning, Jake Nesbitt, Peter Zhang. Front row: Mr Tim Browning, Aidan Hua, Charlie Wells, Rajiv Paranavithana, Cormac Dwyer, Edward Chipperfield, Oakley Price, Xander Grice, Mr Marcus Blackburn



The newly appointed leaders affirmed their commitment to St Peter's College and promised to adhere to the School motto Pro Deo et Patria by committing to our values of truth, respect and service.

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into official positions. As you lead, may you to look to the interests of others, act with humility, serve, particularly those in the minority, and serve selflessly.

#### **School Captain**

Chirath Lekamge (FLL)

#### **School Vice-Captain**

Aidan Hughes (WDK)

#### **Prefects**

Joseph Beswick (FRR)

Noah Browning (DAC)

Edward Chipperfield (HWK)

William Dowling (DAC)

Cormac Dwyer (WDK)

Alexander Grice (HWK)

Thomas Hamilton-Smith (YNG)

William Howard (HWD)

Aidan Hua (MAC)

Nicholas Koh (HWK)

Jake Nesbitt (WDK)

Rajiv Paranavithana (FRR)

Luca Paull (SHT)

Oakley Price (S&A)

Charles Wells (SHT)

Peter Zhang (FLL)

#### **House Leaders**

#### Da Costa House

House Captain: Noah Browning House Vice Captain: Hugo Wurm

House Prefects: Henry Filsell

James Randall Louis Tolley



# 2022 School Leaders

#### **Farr House**

House Captain: Rajiv Paranavithana House Vice Captain: Lysander Tonkin

**House Prefects:** 

Aiden Juma Jackson Li

Duc Pham

#### **Farrell House**

House Captain: Peter Zhang House Vice Captain: William Begg

House Prefects: William Fitzgerald William McConnel Daniel Nguyen

#### **Hawkes House**

House Captain: Nicholas Koh

House Vice Captain: Daniel Jesudason

**House Prefects:** 

Flynn Carroll William Ryan Casey Van Heuven

#### **Howard House**

House Captain: William Howard House Vice Captain: James Ritossa

House Prefects: Christos Angelopoulos

Oscar Chen

Andrzej Czechowicz

#### **MacDermott House**

House Captain: Aidan Hua
House Vice Captain: Luis Vollmer

**House Prefects:** Fraser Balnaves
Jamie Graves

Ivar Stockhoff

#### School & Allen House

House Captain: Oakley Price
House Vice Captain: William Wadlow

**House Prefects:** 

Scott Hanel

Christopher Hooper

Branson Inns

Alex Lillecrapp

Harry Raff

#### **Short House**

House Captain: Luca Paull

House Vice Captain: Henry Braithwaite

House Prefects:

Wil Carter Nathan Choi

Ethan Lim

#### **Woodcock House**

House Captain: Cormac Dwyer

House Vice Captain: Henry Stewart-Rattray

**House Prefects:** 

Fraser Connel

Antoni Ormsby

Henry Wicks

#### Young House

House Captain: Thomas Hamilton-Smith

House Vice Captain: Tommy Vo

**House Prefects:**Rory Lethbridge
Jarvis Loveday

Patrick Rodgers

- Shasanka Gamage, Chanidu Fernando and Channa Fernando at the Year 12 Students and Parents
   Breakfast
- 2 Gillon McLachlan (W&A 1990) delivers the 174th Speech Day Address
- 3 Henry Chipperfield high fiving students during the Avenue of Honour
- 4 Tom Mocatta, Luke Sikalu and Thomas Crosby at the Avenue of Honour
- 5 Ray Pearson, Director of Boarding, farewells Year 12 international boarder Darryl Chu who was reunited with his family for the first time in over 660 days

# **Farewell Class of 2021**

After 13 years of schooling, our Class of 2021 was fittingly farewelled with a series of celebrations that offered students and families the time to reflect on their experiences, achievements and journey at St Peter's College.

Valedictory celebrations commenced in Term 3 with the Senior School House dinners. These intimate and personal occasions provided a wonderful opportunity to authentically acknowledge every Year 12 student and for the boys to thank the staff who have supported them throughout their time at the School.

Celebration Day began with a special Year 12 Students and Parents Breakfast outside Old School House before the students joined their House groups for one last time ahead of their final Chapel Service and Communion. Students and their families were then welcomed into Memorial Hall for the Valedictory Muster which showcased the light-hearted side of

the graduating class. Students Matthew
Roberts and Adam Goddard received the Keys
Award; the highest honour for achievement in
co-curricular activities. Matthew and Adam's
performances and attitude to their fields
of Australian Rules Football and Athletics
respectively, act as an inspiration to all students
across the School.

The Avenue of Honour, a much-loved St Peter's College tradition, was boosted this year by the beat of our drum line ensemble and saw our youngest students from the ELC stand shoulder to shoulder with students in the senior years. Students and staff, parents and guardians lined the avenues of the senior campus, in union, to applaud the Class of 2021 as they took a step closer to a life beyond school.

Celebrations culminated in our 174th Speech Day followed by the Valedictory Dinner. Old scholar and Chief Executive Officer of the AFL, Gillon McLachlan (W&A 1990) joined us virtually to deliver an inspiring Speech Day Address and SPOC Chairman, Oliver Sheahan (HWK 2007) officially welcomed the Class of 2021 as old scholars with the presentation of an old scholar tie.

Tim Browning, Headmaster congratulated the Class of 2021 for the way they have handled their final year of schooling. "Each student has met the challenges of 2021 with great maturity and courage with exceptional results achieved across the arts, academia, sport and service. Our Year 12 students are graduating school as confident, compassionate, well rounded graduates who are prepared to seize opportunities and manage the uncertainties that inevitably lie ahead. I wish each student great success as they embark on a world of new opportunities and look forward to hearing about their future endeavours," he said.



















# Valedictory Muster Vice Captain Address

If you had told the wide-eyed Year 8 Rushan, the Rushan that exceeded the word limit for every assignment because he just had so much to say, the Rushan that thought he essentially had this life thing figured out... that St Peter's College would change him into a completely different person by the time he ventured beyond these fields, he would never have believed you.

The thing is, change can seem scary. Change can seem daunting, and we are biologically hard-wired to feel this way. The brilliant truth is, accepting change isn't a sign of unhappiness with who you are; there doesn't have to be anything wrong with you or where you are at. Instead change is about embracing how much there is to learn and how little you know about what will help you grow into a better version of yourself. That is why change is beautiful and something to be embraced.

As we first ventured through the gates into these walls and fields, our parents gifted us an education believing the wonderful opportunities would mould us into respectful young men. The classes we go to, the knowledge we gain from teachers and the co-curricular activities and sports we participate in, all influence our growth in some way, but we don't often appreciate just how much we change each other. It is the people sitting next to you right now; your friends and classmates who have accompanied

you through this wild Saint's journey, the teachers who cared about developing you into the best version of yourself, and your parents who supported you no matter what, who are directly responsible for the changes you have experienced. It is scary to think that others can have such a profound impact on your growth, but it is also inspiring and meaningful.

There is so much that connects you; the experiences you have shared, witnessing each other develop through your early years into the senior years – it's a Saints bond you will always share. You will always remember Meschach Begg's brilliant dance moves at the Blue & White, you will always remember Lachy Gitchsam's insane 'Gitcho Mode'... and you will always remember that Yash Patil was employed at the BeachHouse!

What I most admire about you, the Class of 2021, is that despite all that connects you, it is your differences that empower you. It is your fearless confidence to be yourself. It is ensuring you have your truth heard. It is accepting what makes you unique. All of these differences lift you and everyone around you. It is your distinct characteristics, your unique traits and personalities that you bring to the table, that is a testament to how much there is to learn from each other. Never doubt your capacity to change people and thus change the world, by just being yourself.

It is my hope that St Peter's College has been a place where that individuality, that courage to be just a little different, has been fostered and celebrated. As you venture into your biggest and most daunting life change to date, leaving school and starting a whole new chapter, I ask you to take that confidence of being distinctively you into the world and contribute in your own unique way. That is what I ask of you and have no doubt you are capable of achieving.

It has been an honour to serve you, and to lead alongside School Captain Sam Jackson, from whom I have learnt so much. I don't like of goodbyes, and that indeed makes this change all the more challenging. It is daunting to let go of this place, to close a book full of wonderful memories, experiences and people. So, I'd like to leave you with a quote that helped me process and reflect on this, last year. And of course this wouldn't be a Valedictory Address if some intellectual old person wasn't quoted... "How lucky are we to have had something that makes saying goodbye so hard" – quote, the brilliant... Winnie the Pooh. Thank you.

#### Rushan Khurram | Vice Captain

This is an extract of the address Rushan Khurram delivered during the Valedictory Muster.

- 1 The Captains with visiting students during the National Student Leadership Summit
- 2 The Year 12 Farrell House students at the 2021 Valedictory Dinner Back row: Meshach Begg, Nick Burr, Thomas Byun, Chamith Waragoda, Guy Dello-lacovo, Head of House Alfred Jehle, Wilbur Glaetzer, Orson Stawiarski, Thanasi Christopoulos. Front row: Rushan Khurram, Tom Oldfield, Nivranshu Irkulla, Jeremy Beale, Chirath Lekamge
- 3 Year 12 students Nick Burr, Noah Pitkin, James Loftus and Rushan Khurram at the Rugby Winter Intercol
- 4 Xander Grice (Year 11) and Rushan Khurram during the winning Winter Intercol Debating tournament
- 5 Senior School Captains, Rushan Khurram and Sam Jackson with Junior School Captains Ryan Weinert and Caleb Scott



# Celebrating 58 years of service

Being part of a House at St Peter's College is akin to being part of a family. Each House offers a strong sense of belonging and camaraderie that is developed through the Head of House fostering the social, academic, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of some 80 plus boys; a challenging task that requires a special type of individual.

Our School community celebrates and thanks three outstanding Heads of House; Mr Jon Inge, Mr Daniel Cardone and Mr Alfred Jehle. After a collective 58 years of service as Heads of House, all three gentlemen completed their tenure at the end of the academic year, but will continue as highly regarded members of the teaching faculty in 2022.

To commemorate this occasion, students, staff and old scholars were asked to share reflections, memories and anecdotes, some of which are shared below:

### Jon Inge, Head of Farr House (2000 – 2021)

Described by Farr House old scholars as the "lifeblood at the helm of the mighty crimson tie" and leader of the "mighty eagles", Mr Jon Inge has served Farr House for 22 years. Mr Inge is across everything; he knows the boys in the House extremely well and he genuinely cares about each boy's individual needs as well as those of the House mentors. He encourages the boys to do their best in his "effort-first" approach, to participate and to challenge themselves in all their endeavours.

Signature traits include his extensive emails, his quirky Mentor Brain challenges and his comical use of GIFs. He refers to young members of Farr as 'fledglings' and encourages them with mottos such as "you will go Farr" and "soar like an eagle".

Mr Inge's blood bleeds burgundy and he proudly wears his signature burgundy jacket to all Farr House dinners. The respect and affection for Mr Inge was reflected in the standing ovation he received at his final House Dinner where students presented him an engraved ring featuring a Farr eagle.

#### Daniel Cardone, Head of Woodcock House (2003 – 2021)

It is fair to say the essence and notability of Woodcock House spirit has been forged and refined under Mr Daniel Cardone and his ideals over the past 19 years. It is clear he has an unwavering passion for his students and mentors. The boys fondly describe the Woodcock House culture as a family where they feel accepted and can be themselves.

Past House Captains reminisce about Mr Cardone's success as a 'Head of House Legend' with his motto of always "giving it a go" leading Woodcock to win multiple highly contested George Murray shields. Despite many boys initial concern in joining the 'pink House', Mr Cardone is always quick to reassure them that the real colour is in fact cerise. The boys speak of Mr Cardone's genuine care for his students adding that "every day, without fail, Mr Cardone is helping a boy, whether it be with school struggles, jugaling sport commitments or bombarding them with shocking dad jokes." A die-hard Port Adelaide supporter, the students presented him a signed Power guernsey at the Woodcock House Dinner, as a token of their appreciation for all he has done.

## Alfred Jehle, Head of Farrell House (2005 – 2021)

Mr Alfred Jehle has cultivated the culture of Farrell House for the past 17 years. An old scholar reflected on Mr Jehle making a "brave decision" take on the role, as "Farrell House was known for coming last at everything." Yet, in a matter of years, under Mr Jehle's guidance Farrell won the George Murray Shield and subsequently became 'The House to be in'. According to students, Mr Jehle always says that Farrell is the House that "aets it right" and he is a firm believer that every House point matters, even if the boys just "get in the pool and flop about, it still counts for House points". Whether it's ice blocks, Coca Cola or chocolate, the boys never go hungry with Mr Jehle. His thoughtfulness extends to both mentors and students and he is known for having a unique ability to inject humour when dealing with difficult situations. As a demonstration of deep gratitude for his service, students presented Mr Jehle with an engraved watch at the Farrell House Dinner.

Thank you Jon, Danny and Alfie or 'Sirs', as the boys respectfully call you, for your service to the School. The respect and admiration shown to you by our students and staff over the years speaks volumes. Your respective tenures are testament to your character, persistence, tenacity and care for your House. As American poet Maya Angelou once said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel," and there's no doubt you have made each and every student feel a sense of belonging and connectedness to your House.











- 1 Angela Norman, Director of Digital Innovation with participants of the SACE Cyber Studies pilot who attended the Women in Cyber Workshop
- 2 Louisa Wagener, Adelaide High School (Year 11), Aidan Eaton, St Peter's College (Year 10) and James Ganley, Sacred Heart College (Year 11) at the launch of the Cyber Studies pilot. Photo credit – Tom Huntley (The Advertiser)
- 3 Rebecca Williams, Cyber Security Advisor at Comunet presents at the Women in Cyber Workshop

# **Designing curriculum for the State**

St Peter's College staff continue to seek out new academic experiences for students that are engaging, meaningful, challenging and will prepare them for the ever-changing world beyond the School's gates.

One such innovative project is the Cyber Studies SACE pilot that has been conducted by St Peter's College over terms 3 and 4 with participation from over 60 students from seven schools across the independent, state and catholic education sectors.

In 2018, St Peter's College identified the need for a SACE Cyber Studies curriculum. The curriculum gap was being highlighted by both growth in career pathways and societal needs as our lives become increasingly coupled to the cyber sphere.

The School's pursuit of this initiative commenced with a meeting with the Minister for Education, who expressed his support, yet saw it as an expensive exercise for the government to undertake. SPSC's belief was that there were other ways the proposal could be achieved; which is exactly what the School set about pursuing.

In 2019, the School applied for funding through the Australian Cyber Security Growth Network, AustCyber. Unfortunately, this support was not forthcoming. By this point, the School's belief in the merits of Cyber Studies for students – and the community more broadly – had only grown. In fact, a view was formed that it was too important for South Australia to lose this opportunity. So, the School decided to back the development independently.

A working group of staff volunteers was assembled, featuring teachers from both campuses and a wide range of faculties. This group worked alongside current students, universities, government representatives and a range of cyber industry partners to design and pilot a brand-new SACE course.

Course content is delivered both in-person and online and is taught not only by teachers in relevant areas of subject expertise, but by industry professionals committed to upskilling students in contemporary cyber practice.

The subject provides a platform for students to engage in discussion and reflection of living in the cybersphere, both on an individual level and in being part of a local community and global society. Students address ethical issues like the influence of values and cultural norms on how people behave in the cyberworld, the risks and threats from cyber-attacks, and how data can be secured.

With the pilot now complete, feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with staff, students and industry partners commenting on the scope, depth and unique delivery of the curriculum.

Year 11 Adelaide High School student Eliza Plouffe provided feedback that educators will be heartened to hear. "The appeal of the Cyber Studies course lays not only in the new content it covered, but also in the new ways of learning it promoted, thanks to its cross-disciplinary and industry-informed approach".

St Peter's College student William Reynolds (Year 10) enjoyed the student involvement in the development of the pilot. "Being involved in the design gave us the opportunity to share what we wanted to learn and how we wanted to learn the content. With the pilot completed it's exciting to think about the different career opportunities this subject could lead to," he said.

With South Australia at the forefront of the growing cyber industry and the importance of cybersecurity in defence, banking, space and so many other industries constantly highlighted, the School is confident this revolutionary program will soon be available to all South Australian students.

Nick Carter | Academic Deputy





# Serving beyond our postcode

Service-based initiatives are an increasing focus in our Junior School. Students learn about the social needs of our wider community beyond our postcode and with support from staff, find a way to address these needs in a meaningful manner.

This year the Junior School has been involved in a number of initiatives including the Hutt St Centre's Walk A Mile, the donation of used football boots for Boots for Boxes, Plant-a-Difference Colour Run and raising proceeds for Anglicare through the Chook Project and Fauna Rescue SA with the Barista Boys. Another initiative which every student has contributed to is the Light Up Vanuatu project.

The Light Up Vanuatu campaign is a joint enterprise between Solar Buddy and SchoolAid, and is supported by IPSHA (Independent Primary School Heads of Australia). The target is to end energy poverty in Vanuatu by 2023 through providing 47,000 solar powered lights to school aged children. Energy poverty affects one in ten people in the world and is defined as a lack of access to clean, reliable, and affordable grid-based energy sources that meet basic everyday needs. Our fundraising efforts aim to give children access to safe and reliable lighting after dusk.

The Light Up Vanuatu campaign kicked off in Term 2 with students running laps around Girdlestone Oval to raise the funds needed to purchase the solar panel kits. Collectively the students ran a half marathon (21km) and raised \$8,700 enabling the School to purchase 350 kits.

Once the kits had been delivered, the boys worked together to construct the lights by connecting the batteries within the solar panels and screwing them together. In addition, every student wrote a letter to the child in Vanuatu who would eventually receive the solar light they built.

With the help of SchoolAid, 350 solar panels are on their way to Vanuatu to help underprivileged children read, do their homework and eat dinner with light – a basic need often taken for granted. In addition, the yellow containers the solar panels are being transported in will serve as water filters providing access to clean drinking water. This has been a joint effort and one that will hopefully make a big impact on the lives of people living in Vanuatu.

Ben Storer | Deputy Head Junior School - Wellbeing and Administration









- 1 Vincent Duong (Year 5) constructing the light from the kit
- 2 Year 1 students Sebastian Roussos and Sam Stokes with the chooks
- 3 Sambhav Tegginamat (Year 6) perfecting his latte art design
- 4 Dan Nguyen (Year 6) brewing coffees
- 5 Year 5 students Oscar Kanellos and Charlie Camp with their assembled solar lights
- 6 Year 1 students Henri Bartold, Jisnu Menon and Oliver Zhang







I have written before about moments when Memorial Hall falls silent. These are moments when you know that everyone is not just listening, but they are fully present, leaning in and at times, quite literally holding their breath.

Grace Tame's visit to the school as part of the Rex J Lipman Fellows Program was, unsurprisingly, one of those moments.

Grace is the 2021 Australian of the Year. She is a survivor of sexual abuse. She told us how, at just 15 years of age, she was groomed and raped by her 58-year-old Maths teacher, in school, every day, for months. We learnt that whilst her perpetrator was found guilty and jailed for his crimes, legislation at the time prevented Ms Tame from telling her story or speaking to the media, despite her perpetrator being quite free to do so. Fortunately for us today, and for those who follow, Grace found the strength, the character and the courage to push for legal reform and, on that September

evening in Memorial Hall, she continued to raise awareness – in the most powerful way – about the trauma and impact of sexual violence.

Grace led us to an inspirational point in her story, where, supported by the #LetHerSpeak campaign, she discovered that dozens of her former school peers and teachers — including some students who had previously tormented her — had signed a petition in support of her right to speak. She articulated beautifully how breakthroughs in healing that might take years to achieve in therapy can occur in a single moment through simple acts of kindness from others.

In his closing words of thanks, Headmaster Tim Browning, referred to Grace as "a profound example of light dispelling darkness." In this regard, I anticipate that the St Peter's College students who attended – as well as those from other schools, and from our wider community – left Memorial Hall that evening, as I did, not just informed but profoundly moved.

As a student leader our School Vice Captain Rushan Khurram was "particularly moved by Grace's 'power of one' message in which she spoke of the far-reaching ripple effect individuals, no matter how insignificant they feel, can have by standing up and speaking their truth."

We must acknowledge that we are all connected to this issue, and that we all have a role to play. Ms Tame explicitly asked this of us and respond we will.

The School is incredibly fortunate to be able to offer the Rex J Lipman Fellows Program made possible by the generous benefaction of old scholar the late Dr Rex J Lipman AO ED OLH ONM. It is wonderful that Rex's legacy lives on through the program and we thank the Lipman Family for their ongoing support.

Marcus Blackburn | Deputy Headmaster/ Head of Senior School

- 1 Grace Tame, 2021 Australian of the Year
- 2 Year 12 students Chamith Waragoda, Chirath Lekamge with Vice Captain Rushan Khurram, Grace Tame and Mr Tim Browning
- 3 The audience captivated by Jessica Adamson's interview with Grace Tame

### **Art at Saints**

The Visual Arts at St Peter's College has a long history of diversity and creativity. Students have the opportunity to create artworks in a variety of studio areas including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, ceramics and graphic design. All of these activities take place in our purpose-built Art Centre; a wonderful facility that is full of natural light and is incredibly well resourced with traditional artmaking materials and equipment, as well as high end Wacom drawing tablets and software.

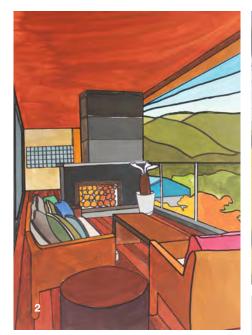
The Art Faculty consistently reaches out to the community and invites artists to work with our students. This year alone internationally recognised ceramic artist, Jeff Mincham, has held Raku workshops, Marra Dreaming indigenous artists have worked with our junior students and in Term 4 we welcomed indigenous artist, Sasha Hill, to work with our Year 7 students to create their own visual narratives using linework, pattern and colour.

Our annual Artist-in-Residence program, now in its 25th year, saw students work with accomplished illustrator Zinia King. Zinia is an illustrator of children's books and her whimsical approach to drawing imaginative characters captured the imagination of our students as they created their own drawings in her style. Their group work project pictured in image 12 is an illustration of all the animals associated with the Senior School House shields.

A recent project undertaken by students of the Art Faculty, at the request of the Headmaster, was the decoration of a shipping storage container placed near Miller Library. The Headmaster's brief was to decorate the container in a way that would camouflage with its surroundings. Whilst the students may have strayed a little from the brief, they were highly successful in appropriating a striking abstract Piet Mondrian design that can be seen from the other side of the campus!

After a COVID-19 enforced hiatus in 2020, it was wonderful to celebrate our students' creativity and involvement in the Visual Arts at our annual Art Show on Tuesday 16 November. Thank you to the parents and friends who attended and to our Art teachers for their efforts in displaying the work of every Art student from Years 7 to 12 for this special occasion.

Scott Russell | Head of the Arts



















- 1 Nathan Randeniya (Year 7)
- Martin Kim (Year 10)
- 3 Evan Nguyen (Year 8)
- Archie Jackson (Year 12) Nathan Randeniya (Year 7) Jerry Yang (Year 12)
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- Ted Bond, Hiueu Pham, Will Greig (Year 10)
- 8 Will Howard (Year 11)
- Alex Cavenett (Year 9)
   James Ritossa (Year 11) decorating the shipping container
- 11 Nick Burr (Year 12)
- 12 Artist in Residence Group Work











- Chathula Kiripitige (Year 12) and Rachel Watkins
- James Ewart (Year 11) and Bernadette Rawson
- 3 School Rock Band performing
- 4 Jake Nesbitt (Year 11)
- and Georgina Birchall
  5 Derek Yang (Year 11) and Madeleine Bardy
- Karan Sethi (Year 11) and Trishna Ramkumar
- Dimitri Savvoulidis (Year 12) 7 and Nikita Paige
- 8 Ned and Harry Mintz (Year 12)
- School Captains Rushan Khurram and Sam Jackson
- 10 Lyla Speed, Sam Steele (Year 12), Eleni Skothos and Marcus Sorvanis (Year 12)
- 11 Jacqueline Gilbert and Nick
- Bowes (Year 11)
  12 Archie Jackson (Year 12) and Erin Starr













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# From the Captains: Blue & White

The annual Blue & White, held in Memorial Hall, has been a popular fixture on the School's major events calendar since 1907.

And whilst the dancing sets may have transformed from the polka and two-step, the event remains a significant highlight for Years 11 and 12 students. It provides a wonderful opportunity for boys to dress up in fancy clothes, or at least something other than their uniform, and join their fellow peers and guests from outside the school, for an eventful night.

This year's theme 'The Chronicles of Narnia', infused a sense of magic and wonder to the night. As students entered Memorial Hall through the old closet, just like in the movie, they were greeted by the snowy expanse of the Ice Queen's lair. Memorial Hall evolved into the elegant marque of Aslan's camp, which was attached to the iconic Blue & White dodgem cars.

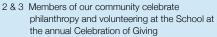
When the boys weren't showing off their moves on the dance floor, they were either taking photos with friends at the studio photography set or mirror photo booths, or were treating themselves to a delicious selection of food, including Turkish Delight! The evening ended on a spectacular note with our very own School Rock Band, consisting of Luis Volmer (Year 11), Chirath Lekamge (Year 12), Guy Dello-lacovo (Year 12), Arvind Pati (Year 12), Peter Zang (Year 11) and Loyd Williams (Year 9), entertaining the crowd with hits such as Bon Jovi's 'You give love a bad name' and the Killers 'Mr Brightside'.

The privilege of hosting and attending such an event, when many students across Australia were in lockdown, was not lost on our guests. As School Captains we were honoured and grateful to have played a key role in creating an event that has so much history and is so meaningful to our students.

Sam Jackson and Rushan Khurram | School Captains

"I cannot express my gratitude enough to the entire School community for granting boys like myself the St Peter's College experience. The past two years have undoubtedly been the greatest years of my life" Thomas Byun (FLL 2021)













# **Celebrating our community**

On Thursday 18 November, members of our community came together to celebrate philanthropy and volunteering at the School at the Foundation's annual Celebration of Giving.

Since 1847, philanthropy has played an important part in shaping St Peter's College and this year, thanks to the support of our wonderful community, the Foundation has raised a record \$2.84 million.

Dr Richard Sawers (ATH 1966), President of the Foundation, spoke of the lasting legacy our growing culture of giving will have for current and future generations through the ongoing renewal of the School and increased scholarship opportunities for students who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to attend St Peter's College.

"The transformation of Big Quad to re-establish it as the heart of academia at the School is just one example of the School's commitment to

the ongoing renewal of St Peter's College", Dr Sawers said.

So too, the establishment of the 175 Year Anniversary Scholarship, Donlan-Bowen Family Scholarship, D'arcy Sutherland Scholarship, Foundation Scholarships, General Excellence Scholarships and the re-establishment of the JW Downer Scholarship, are all examples of our community's commitment to provide talented and promising students, regardless of circumstance, the opportunity to access a St Peter's College education.

Dr Sawers also spoke of the impact of the long-term benefaction of Doug and Robyn Elix, the St Peter's Old Collegians, Adbri, Peter Maddern (MAC 1977), the Doc Ross Family Foundation and the Rischbieth family in providing other needs-based scholarship opportunities.

Recent graduate and a recipient of the St Peter's College Foundation Scholarship,

Thomas Byun (FLL 2011) expressed what it meant to him and his family to be awarded a scholarship at St Peter's College. With aspirations to study medicine, this is something he never thought possible prior to coming to St Peter's College.

Thomas said, "Being in an outstanding environment every day has encouraged me to dream big and has put me on track to achieve my dreams. With the help and support of likeminded individuals, I have been able to pursue my academic endeavours while participating in co-curricular activities at a high level".

Thomas expressed his deep gratitude to the School community for supporting the scholarship program and giving boys, like himself, the opportunity to benefit from all that St Peter's College has to offer.

The Foundation looks forward to supporting more students like Thomas and we wish him all the very best for the future.



## **Keystone: The piece that holds everything together**

Four million page views a year, 6000 visits a day and a reduction in print and paper use by over two million impressions a year are but a few statistics that reflect the resounding success of St Peter's College's Keystone platform; that as its name implies, is the piece that holds everything together.

Responding to the increasingly digitalised world, a gap in the education application market was first recognised when the School introduced iPads in classrooms. The requirement for a touch friendly application that would enable students and staff to use content across both iPads and laptops was

identified. Rather than wait for an external party to develop an app, the School formed an ICT Development team and set about designing Keystone, a learning, information and communication platform.

With a philosophy based on personalisation and intuition, the Keystone app has been an overwhelming success since it was launched in 2011. Features such as personalised messages for the user are complemented by intuitive elements such as student specific information appearing top of page. Most significantly the all-in-one app genuinely saves teachers time and enables them to focus on what matters most; supporting students.

Over the past 10 years demand for different applications has seen the development of modules such as Learning Curve; an app that shows continuous reporting on student's academic progress, My Tasks; a platform to manage homework and submit assignments, Sports Zone; a listing of student's weekly fixtures, results and appearances, Online Diary; a diary used extensively in the Junior School and My Photos; a digital asset management database that uses facial recognition to develop personalised photo albums to capture a student's St Peter's College journey.



Aligning with the ICT Department's environmental sustainability strategy, the development of Keystone online forms and experiences has seen the School significantly reduce print and paper use by over two million impressions per year.

As the School embraces the data decade of the 2020s and the intel it provides, our Keystone team dedicate significant resources to gather, organise and present data that is used to inform decision making across the School. The data enables easy monitoring of trends, progress and achievement at a student, class and year level across academia, behaviour, participation and engagement; all of

which can be used to track student personal and social development to enable the tailoring of individual learning experiences.

Perhaps most importantly Keystone is an essential tool used to foster communication and collaboration between parents, students and teaching staff. From the billboards updated daily, to information on excursions, co-curricular, counselling and more, Keystone provides visibility across each student's whole school life.

The Keystone Support Centre plays a key role in the success of the platform by providing students and parents valuable support with technical and operational issues. Together with the Keystone Development team, the Support Centre gathers feedback from users that drives innovation and development of new modules to further improve the platform.

As for the future of Keystone? Well, this rests in the hands of the users. The team thrives on solving challenges through digital innovation so if you have feedback on the platform and its capabilities the Keystone team would love to hear it via the link on the homepage.













# Fostering wellbeing and cognitive development in nature

When you move beyond the walls of the classroom, students become the architects of their collective imagination. The outdoor garden environment provides the space, time and materials for them to build the most magnificent classroom.

This was most evident amongst the joy of our mud day. Literacy became an unforgettable vocabulary lesson to pair with a book study of Wombat Stew and the Three Little Pigs.

Numeracy, a sticky memory of measuring and mixing potions in the mud kitchen, and Science an adventure in speed, motion, and friction.

Research has proven that natural spaces foster the wellbeing and cognitive development of children. Beyond this there is something in the notions of place and possibility that gives poetry to our pedagogy:

It is not half so important to know as to feel. If facts are the seeds that later produce knowledge and wisdom, then the emotions and the impressions of the senses are fertile soil in which seeds must grow. The years of early childhood are the time to prepare the soil. Once the emotions have been aroused - a sense of the beautiful, the excitement of the new and the unknown, a feeling of sympathy, pity, admiration or love - then we wish for knowledge about the object of our emotional response. Once found, it has lasting meaning. It is more important to pave the way for the child to want to know than to put him on a diet of facts he is not ready to assimilate (Carson 1998).

It is in this space, of nature pedagogy, that the School will be expanding our Early Years Program. From 2022 the boys will be able to attend our Extended Hours Program from 1.00pm – 6.00pm each day. The curriculum will be grounded in the benefits of nature pedagogy, joy and wellbeing and will complement the morning Preschool Program based on the Early Years Learning Framework and the principles of Reggio Emilia Approach to Education.

Holly Baulderstone | Head of Early Years

# **Around the grounds**











- 1 Cross Country Captain, Charles Lewis (Year 12)
- Nicholas Koh (Year 11) ponders his next move at the Winter Intercol Chess match
- 3 Alex Waters (Year 10) 1st XI Hockey
- 4 Glen Li (Year 7) at the Winter Intercol Table Tennis match
- 5 SAAS Open A1 MVP Harry Bruce (Year 10) during the Open 1st Basketball Intercol
- 6 1st XVIII Football vs Rostrevor in the Indigenous Round
- 7 Rugby 1st XV at the Winter Intercol
- 8 Year 9 students Joshua Moro, George Griffith, Max Walsh, Hugh Hazell and Maxwell Williams at the Pedal Prix 6 hour race
- 9 Victorious Winter Intercol Debating team Shachin Ravindran (Year 12), Xander Grice (Year 11), Anthony Pham (Year 12), Chirath Lekamge (Year 12), Rushan Khurram
- 10 1st XI Soccer team defeat Scotch College Melbourne to retain the John Roe Shield Back row: James Wallwork (Year 10), Henry Filsell (Year 11), Henry Chipperfield (Year 12), Josh White (Year 11), Harry Lienert (Year 11), Ethan J Allison (Year 11), Bailey O'Neil (Year 10) Front row: Orlando Sagrillo-Yeaman (Year 12), Connor Murphy (Year 12), Wil Carter (Year 11), Vikesh Shrestha (Year 11)
- 11 Victor Dang (Year 12) during the Squash Exhibition match



#### **Basketball**

Our Basketball Program finished the season strongly with the Open 1st team topping their pool and qualifying for the state tournament. Special mention of Harry Bruce (Year 10) who was awarded the 2021 SAAS Open A1 Basketball Most Valuable Player and was also named in the SAAS Open Basketball Team of the Year. Both the Open Bs (seven wins/ two losses) and the Open Cs (six wins/three losses) were amongst the top teams in their competition. Our Middle 1s capped off their outstanding season with eight wins and one loss. 2021 was the first season to feature a stand-alone Year 7 competition. Our three teams played extremely well, finishing with winning records.

#### Chess

Chess continues to grow with 70 boys actively involved in the inter-school season and SPSC the most represented school in the competition (4 Division 1 teams, 5 Division 2 teams and 2 Primary A teams). Captain Chathula Kiripitige (Year 12) and Vice Captain Ben Brierley (Year 12) led the boys through another successful season, bringing home strong wins each week across all divisions.

#### **Cross Country**

Our Cross Country team consisting of 24 boys secured both junior and senior inter-school trophies. The season concluded with the inter-school relay championships, in which our Year 7 students won the primary category and our junior and senior teams finishing second. SAAS Cross Country Champions awards were collected by our Open Boys, Middle Boys and Primary Boys teams.

#### **Debating**

Excellent development has been witnessed across our Junior, Intermediate and Senior debating divisions in both technical skill and confidence. Across the season, teams experienced the whole gamut of wins and losses, warranting vital learning experiences on the technicalities of case presentation, rebuttal and points of information. One of the season's highlights was SPSC's split-decision win (2:1) by our Senior A1 team in the Intercol that also secured the John Bannon Shield. Xander Grice (Year 11) was awarded the Best Speaker Medal.









#### **Football**

320 students participated in 13 teams across our Football Program this season. Small group training sessions were continued, a new rotation system was introduced to give boys more opportunities across different positions and new coaches provided students fresh ideas and great insight. The 1st XVIII had a great pre-season hit out defeating Melbourne Grammar School 125 – 44 on their home turf. Consistent results were recorded across the season and it was pleasing to witness the rapid improvement of many boys and great leadership qualities shining through in all ages of our program.

#### **Hockey**

In 2021 we continued to welcome boys beginning their Hockey journey into our Middle School teams. The boys worked tirelessly to develop their skills and understanding of game structure and a win in their Intercol match was a fitting conclusion to the season. Our Senior teams have shown great development this year with the introduction of strength and conditioning sessions complementing the skills and match play focus on the pitch.

A superb effort in the School Sport SA Hockey Championships and a deserving silver medal, followed by a stoic and hard-fought effort in our Intercol was a great way to conclude our season.

#### **Pedal Prix**

The season opened with racing at The Bend Motorsport complex for the first time. Our

four teams performed admirably with both our Senior and Junior teams (Vector and Dinoco) finishing second in their respective categories. Despite the season ending prematurely because of COVID-19 the boys continued to train hard, improving their strength and endurance.

#### Rugby

Skills sessions commenced in late April with record numbers joining the program across three squads. The season opened with a 7s tournament that served as a great skills refresher and extended conditioning session. The 15-a-side component of the season was truncated by COVID-19 lockdowns and opposition team forfeits, but this did not stop the boys from attending training upwards of four times a week and implementing an exciting attacking game plan under excellent tutelage when playing matches.

#### Soccer

18 teams competed across the Junior and Senior School with over 270 students registered. All age groups progressed well, earnt impressive victories and, most importantly, thoroughly enjoyed their Soccer experience. The 1st XI recorded some excellent victories including a convincing 7-1 win over Scotch College Melbourne. They narrowly missed the knockout semi-finals on goal difference and lost a close Intercol contest 2-1. Overall Intercol results were outstanding and demonstrated the strength and depth of our Soccer program with victories at 2nd XI, Mid A and Mid B levels.

#### Squash

Five teams were fielded through Year 8 to Open divisions of the North-Eastern Schools Competition and overall the players enjoyed a successful season. Our Division 1 and Year 10 Blue teams made it through to the Grand Final. Our top Squash players competed for the first time in an exhibition Intercol this year with the intention for the game to become a permanent fixture of the Intercollegiate competition.

#### **Table Tennis**

Over 100 boys participated in 11 Table Tennis squads, including a newly formed development squad, specifically dedicated to Years 7 and 8 students. Our Middle A1 and Open A2 squads finished second on the SAAS Shield ladder with the Middle As taking out the Intercol. The major highlights came from our Open A1 squad who, undefeated all season, won the SAAS Shield. In what was one of the closest, most tense competitions, the Intercol was secured with a 12-8 rubbers, 43-30 games victory.



# **SPSC's Scouting history**

St Peter's College's Scouting history dates back some 99 years to 1922 when then Headmaster, Reverend Julian Bickersteth suggested Scouts as an activity to engage Boarders on Saturday afternoons.

Inaugural Scoutmaster Major Malcolm "Micka" Forbes (staff 1920 to 1946), established the 1st Scout Troop comprising 25 boys and paraded outside the Preparatory buildings. Initial expeditions included trips to the Adelaide Hills or suburban beaches on weekends. By the end of the first year, the popularity of the program saw the 1st Scout Troop grow to 46 members grouped into five patrols.

A 2nd SPSC Scout Troop was formed out of ever-increasing interest in the Senior School hosting its first camp at Kooyonga Estate near Henley Beach. The Scouts would organise local hikes in Belair National Park and surrounds to larger ventures held on the Murray River, Kangaroo Island, Flinders Ranges and the Grampians. The annual Easter Camp was a highlight of the year.

In 1924 several student Scouts were fortunate to attend the 2nd World Scout Jamboree at Wembley, London, an event that was held in connection with the British Empire Exhibition.



Among the 33 young South Australian Scouts that participated in this event, seven were from the St Peter's College Scout Group: Rymill, Bednall, Crawford, Rowe, Mehrtens, Mitchell and Corbin. Their voyage to London began in early June for the August event before returning to Australian shores in late October. An extract from Henry Rymill's diary about their adventure, has been published in the August 1924 St Peter's College Magazine.

As part of the state-wide celebrations for the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in 1957, a large-scale theatrical presentation was performed in Memorial Hall over a three-day period. The Jubilee Gang Show was a mixture of mass singing, comedy performances, and

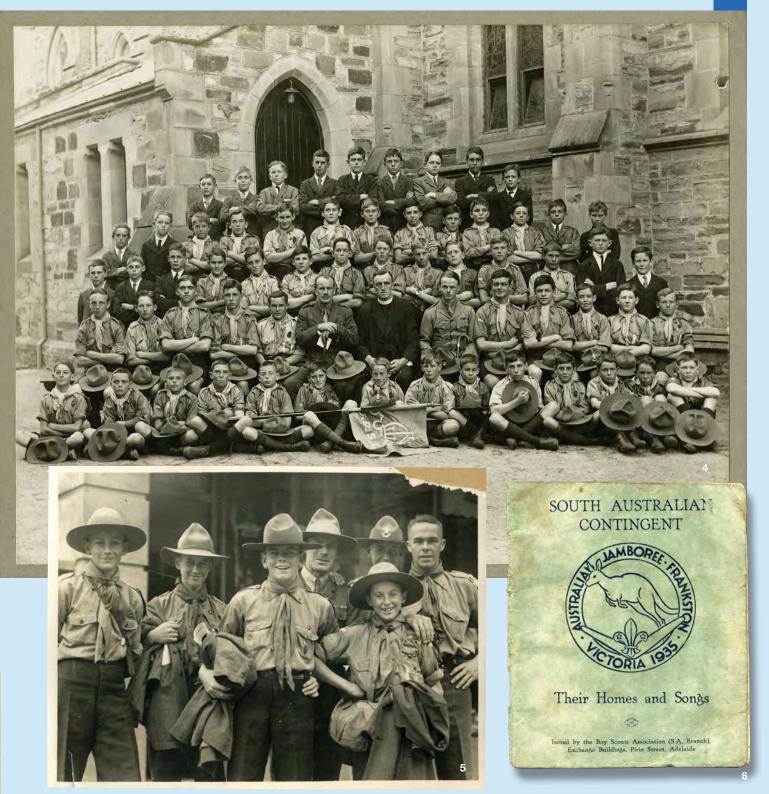
pantomimes all supported by an orchestra, and performed to high standards with enthusiasm. The cast was made up of SPSC and PAC Scouts, and any other scout past or present. This event and those that followed, are fondly remembered by St Peter's College old scholars.

Horace Matters, Ken Fowler, Henry Rymill, Ken Kirke, Norm Howard, Len Horne, and Fred Dyer are but a few names who have influenced the love of outdoor activity for boys, providing the opportunity of physical training, teamwork, and a chance to get away from urban facilities and comforts. The SPSC Scout Group ceased to operate onsite in the mid-1990s coinciding with the introduction of the Outdoor Education Program as part of the School's curriculum. Today's 'Pushing the Boundaries' program is designed to enrich student's spirit and broaden the depth of their experiences within a natural environment.

This article has been written from the research of Richard Scott Young (DAC 1954), a St Peter's College Archive volunteer. For further information, contact the School Archivist, Andrea McKinnon-Matthews, on archivist@stpeters.sa.edu.au.







- 1 Boy Scout camp 1928; then Headmaster Rev Julian Bickersteth mucking in with the boys
- 2 Scout camp at Mr and Mrs Gordon's property at Port Willunga. L-R: AC Smeaton, AR Lamphee, BK Johnson, JB Forwood, BR Gordon, ABC Wilson, JH Alpers. The photo is from an album created by Rev Charles Swan (staff 1947 to 1971)
- 3 Easter Camp 1928 Mr Norman Brookman's estate near Kuitpo Forest. Mr Brookman very kindly offered a carrier to transport the Scouts' tents and equipment to the site
- 4 1st and 2nd SPSC Boy Scout Troops 1923. Micka Forbes (Scoutmaster) and Rev Julian Bickersteth in forefront
- 5 Boy Scouts 1928
- 6 Jamboree Booklet 1935 belonged to WA Gilbert (SHT 1937)
- 7 Scout Jamboree c1937. Photo is from an album donated by WA Gilbert (SHT 1937)



# Life at Saints











- Shikhar Golla, Harry Duncan, Nicholas Young, Daniel Le, Muhammad Aarish, Elijah Lee on Year 3 Camp
   Alex Molga (Year 6) performing at

- Alex Molga (Year 6) performing at Jazz @ the Gov
   Year 3 students perform at the Orchestra and String concert
   Rob Green, Jett Hastings (Year 9) Paty Morris (Year 12), and Amanda Bruce at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days
   Sony Camp participants enjoying a visit from the Metropolitan Fire Service















- 1 SA Secondary Schools State Sailing Champions 2021, Albert Howard (Year 10), Sailing Captain Sam Steele (Year 12), Joshua Murray (Year 8), Ian Irwin (Year 10), Jackson Li (Year 11) and David Taylor (Year 9)
- Li (Year 11) and David Taylor (Year 9)

  2 Lachlan Jones (Year 7) during filming of the
  7 Up project
- 3 Year 12 students Alex Karytinos and Wilbur Glaetzer in character for the Senior Drama production. She Beturns
- production, She Returns
  4 Nason Gau (Year 2) performing at the
  Years 1 and 2 Concert
- 5 The Exploration Society fishing on the Yorke Peninsula
- 6 Henry Braithwaite (Year 11) stacking cans during the Pyramid of Cans competition
- 7 Year 6 students Charlie Gauvin, Callum McLachlan, Jordy Brown and Sarvin Mahadavan at Years 3 to 6 Sports Day





- 1 You Yi Chen (Year 6), William Bouchard (Year 4), George Eastaugh (Year 4), Louis Snow (Year 4), Patrick Reeve (Year 4), Nicholas Cleanthous (Year 4) and Ishaan Parasiviam (Year 4) enjoying RoboCup Junior State Competition
- RoboCup Junior State Competition

  The southern building starting to rise as part of the Big Quad redevelopment project
- as part of the Big Quad redevelopment project

  3 Dr Peter Harbison (HWK 1946) donating his 1946 Opie Medal to the School, with Vice Captain of Football Felix Packer (Year 12), Captain of 1st XVIII Matthew Roberts (Year 12) and the Captain of Football Morgan Ferres (Year 12)





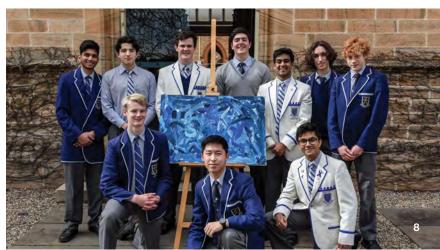






- 4 Judges Rachael Leahcar, Ella the guide dog, Jeri Williams and Georgia Brass with House Singing winner Clayton-Dyer's Daniel Spyrou (Year 6) and Sebastian Harms (Year 6) Patricia Bartholomaeus and Jasmine Taylor
- 5 Sebastian Van Niekerk (Year 3) during Footstep Dancing Lessons
- 6 Blaise Howes (Year 10) and Ethan Howes (Year 8) with their father Luke Howes at the 2021 Father Son Breakfast
- 7 Arasmia Hanna, Ben Storer and Julia Procopio on RUOk day
- 8 Senior School students with the 8th annual Blue Week artwork pledge. Back row: Arvind Pati (Year 12), Arthur Drayton (Year 12), Sam Jackson, Luis Vollmer (Year 11), Rushan Khurram, Guy Dello-lacovo (Year 12), Loyd Williams (Year 9)Front row: Jack Blackburn (Year 12), Peter Zhang (Year 11), Chirath Lekamge (Year 12)





# Old scholar events and reunions



#### **Old Scholars' Annual Dinner**

The Saints old scholar community came together to celebrate over 150 years of tradition at the 2021 Old Scholars' Annual Dinner in Memorial Hall in July. Guests enjoyed an exclusive interview with Brownlow Medallist, Lachie Neale (S&A 2010) which was screened at the event. The AFL star sat down with SPOC President, Oren Klemich (DAC 1978) to chat about his time at St Peter's College and the highlights of his football career to date. Congratulations to Don Sarah AM (DAC 1954) who was awarded the Collegians' Award on the night for his outstanding and meritorious service to St Peter's College over many years.

#### **Combined 10 Year Reunion**

We welcomed back the Classes of 2010 and 2011 for a combined 10 year reunion in July. Both cohorts celebrated with a welcome from the Headmaster, School tour conducted by Mr Jon Inge and Mr Mark Colsey, drinks in Da Costa Dining Hall followed by the Old Scholars' Annual Dinner in Memorial Hall.

#### Celebrating 150 years of Intercollegiate Football

Past and current 1st XVIII players came together to honour 150 years of tradition on the eve of the sesquicentennial Intercollegiate Football Match in August. The first Intercollegiate Football Match between St Peter's College and Prince Alfred College was played in 1871 and it was wonderful to host those who have represented our great School in football and an even greater privilege to have Dr Peter Harbison (HWK 1946) present his coveted Opie Medal from 1946 to the School. This is the first Opie Medal to be donated back to the School and it is a wonderful addition to the School's archive collection.







- Don Sarah AM (DAC 1954) was awarded the Collegians' Award at the 2021 Old Scholars'
   Annual Dinner
- 2 Tim Browning, Headmaster enjoying the company of old scholar Sir James Hardy OBE (HWK 1950) at the Old Scholars' Annual Dinner in July
- 3 The 2011 cohort at the 10 year reunion in July
- 4 Members of the Class of 2010 celebrating their 10 year reunion
- 5 The combined 10 year reunion













- 6 The Old Blues Luncheon Committee
- 7 Year 12 students enjoying a BBQ hosted by St Peter's Old Collegians to welcome them as new members of the old scholar community
- 8 Richard Harris SC OAM (FLL 1981), Chris Clarkson (FLL 1981) and Phil Astley (FLL 1981) at the Old Scholars' Annual Dinner
- 9 Old scholars and their partners at the 32nd Old Blues Luncheon in October
- 10 Past 1st XVIII players at the 150th anniversary of the first Football Intercol

#### **Old Blues Luncheon**

It was wonderful to welcome old scholars aged sixty and over and their partners to the 32nd Old Blues Luncheon in Da Costa Dining Hall in October. Guests were entertained with a tour of the School, a School archive display, and a wonderful musical performance by some very talented students. Thank you to the Old Blues Luncheon Committee, Master of Ceremonies Tony Keynes (SCH 1970), our student volunteers and to Dean Hewitson (S&A 1982) of Hewitson Wines for generously sponsoring the wines for the event.

## Welcome BBQ for Year 12 students

In October, St Peter's Old Collegians hosted a BBQ lunch for the graduating Class of 2021 to welcome them as our newest old scholars. Outgoing Year 12 students received a SPOC cap and were invited to join the ten official SPOC Sporting Clubs on offer. The Association extends a warm welcome to the Class of 2021.

#### **Milestone Reunions**

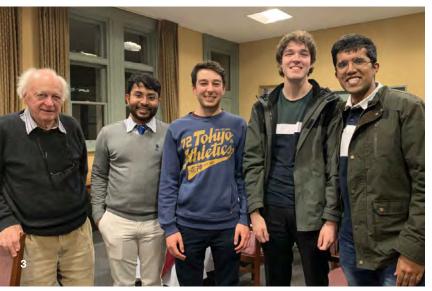
The combined Milestone Reunions scheduled for November 2021 were unfortunately postponed due to ongoing border closures and feedback from our old scholar community. We hope to inform cohorts who should have celebrated reunions of alternative arrangements in the nottoo-distant future.

We look forward to providing further opportunities for old scholars to reconnect in 2022 when the School will celebrate its 175 Year Anniversary.

# Old scholar Intercol results









Old Scholars' Week events and activities were postponed in July but fortunately most of our Intercol matches between St Peter's Old Collegians and Prince Alfred Old Collegians were rescheduled in the latter half of the year. Thank you to our convenors and to all who participated.

#### **Intercol Pool**

SPOC were victorious in the Intercol Pool competition in August. SPOC finished with 30 wins to PAOC's 19 wins. Congratulations to Michael Brock (YNG 1971) who was awarded the 'best individual' trophy.

#### Intercol Basketball

The Old Scholars Intercol Basketball was held at PAC in September. SPOC got off to a great start with the C team winning the 'Trim Cup' 45-40. SPOC's B Team were too good for the Old Reds taking home the 'Strangways Cup' 41/22. The A Team fought hard but were

outscored by PAOC 46/58. Congratulations to the Old Reds for winning the 'Coronia Cup' in the A game.

#### Intercol Bridge

The annual Bridge match between old rivals, St Peter's Old Collegians and Prince Alfred Old Collegians, was played in PAC's Prince Philip Theatre in early October. SPOC emerged winners with the final score being SPOC 54 / PAOC 50. Thank you to Robert Black (SHT 1956) for coordinating our players and congratulations to the SPOC team.

#### **Intercol Chess**

The Old Scholars' Chess Intercol took place at PAC in September. SPOC took an early 3-0 lead and only needed a draw or a win on one of the remaining three boards in order to take the match. However, PAOC were able to bring it back with the final result being a 3-3 tie.

#### Intercol Squash

Congratulations to the Old Reds for winning the Old Scholars' Intercol Squash match in October. Princes were too good for us on the night, winning the match 5-1.

#### **Intercol Badminton**

St Peter's Old Collegians Badminton Club won the Old Scholars' Intercol Badminton against the old rivals, 7 games to 2. Well done to our players and thank you to convenor Isaiah Luc (HWD 2015) for organising our side.

#### **Intercol Water Polo**

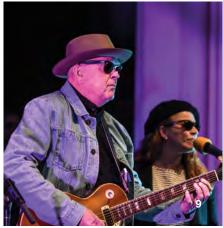
The inaugural Old Scholars' Intercol Water Polo match was held in the Burchnall Sports Centre in No.ember. SPOC were victorious, winning the match 8-4. We look forward to making this match an annual tradition with our old rivals. Thank you to convenor James Powers (HWD 2011) and well done to all participants.











### **SPOC** highlights

#### Olympians: Henry Frayne (WDK 2007) and Angus Dawson (S&A 2018)

Congratulations to Henry Frayne (WDK 2007) and Angus Dawson (S&A 2018) for representing Australia at the Tokyo Olympic Games. Henry became a three-time Olympian when he competed in the Men's Long Jump in Tokyo, having competed in London in 2012 and Rio in 2016. Angus raced in the seventh seat in the Australian Men's Eight. At the age of 20, Angus was the youngest member of the Australian Olympic Rowing Team in Tokyo. The entire Saints community are extremely proud of your achievements Henry and Angus.

# The Angels 'Battle of the Bands' performance with John Brewster (HWD 1966)

Australian rock royalty performed in Memorial Hall at the School's annual Battle of the Bands competition in August. Students were treated to an amazing performance by The Angels' guitarist, John Brewster (HWD 1966), and The Screaming Jets vocalist, Dave Gleeson. John and Dave joined the Staff Band to perform The Angels' hit 'Marseilles'. Battle of the Bands co-founder Sam Greenwood (FRR 2010) also attended.

#### **SPOC Football Club - Division C8 Premiers**

Congratulations to SPOC Football Club's D Grade who took on old rivals, Prince Alfred Old Collegians in the Grand Final in September and won by 72 points. The D Grade are the 2021 Adelaide Footy League Division C8 Premiers, comprehensively winning the grand final game from the first bounce.

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- 1 Intercol Squash team, L-R: Robert Hunt (S&A 2005), Sim Goh (SHT 1992), Mark Esau (FLL 1972), Ben Esau (SHT 2002), Ramon Pathi (FLL 1993) and Punala Kiripitige (HWK 2016)
- 2 SPOC were the victors at the inaugural Old Scholars' Intercol Water Polo match in November
- 3 SPOC chess players, L-R: Alan Irving (HWK 1956), Punala Kiripitige (HWK 2016), Stephen Daenke (HWK 2012), Martin Daenke (HWK 2018) and Akash Gowda (YNG 2016)
- 4 SPOC won the 2021 Intercol Bridge Match.
- 5 Angus Dawson (S&A 2018) represented Australia in the Australian Men's Eight Final at the Tokyo Olympic Games
- 6 SPOC Badminton Club won the annual match againts the Old Reds
- 7 Three-time Olympian, Henry Frayne (WDK 2007) represented Australia in the Men's Long Jump at the Tokyo Olympic Games
- 8 The triumphant SPOC B team at the Old Scholars' Intercol Basketball
- 9 The Angels', John Brewster (HWD 1966)
- 10 SPOC Football Club D Grade 2021 C8 Premiers



### **SPOC** highlights

#### Dr John Skipper AM (HWK 1938) celebrated his 100th birthday at St Peter's College

Dr John Skipper AM (HWK 1938) celebrated his 100th birthday in October. It was wonderful to welcome John and his son Robert Skipper (HWK 1968) back to the School for a special birthday celebration with the Headmaster and our School Captains. Congratulations to John on reaching this remarkable milestone.

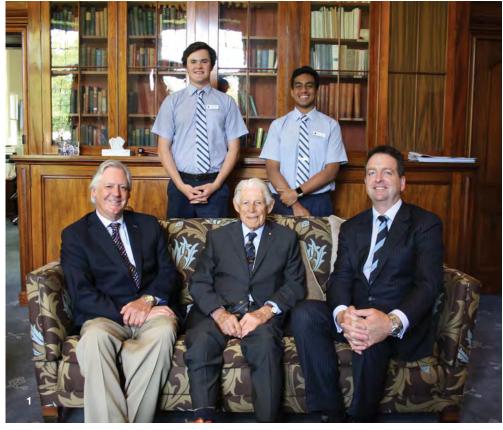
#### Matthew Goh (YNG 2015) awarded physics prize

Congratulations to our newest Rhodes Scholar, Matthew Goh (YNG 2015) for being awarded the TH Laby Medal by the Australian Institute of Physics. This annual award recognises the top Physics Honours or Master's thesis in Australia.

#### Dr Mark Sheppard (FLL 1936) revisits the School at 102 years of age

In November we welcomed one of our oldest old scholars back to the School for a very special visit. Dr Mark Sheppard (FLL 1936) attended the School from 1933 to 1936 and married his late wife Mary in the School Chapel in 1943. During his visit, he enjoyed a tour of the School, musical performances by some talented students and morning tea in the Headmaster's Office. Dr Sheppard loved meeting our School Captains and Prefects, comparing notes and reminiscing about schooldays.

After leaving School, Mark pursued a career in medicine becoming a General Surgeon and General Practitioner. For many years, Dr Sheppard operated a varicose veins clinic and dedicated much of his career to developing methods to treat the condition. Dr Sheppard served in both World War II and the Vietnam War as a Medical Practitioner and viewed his service record in Memorial Hall upon re-visiting the School. It was an honour to welcome Dr Mark Sheppard back to St Peter's College and we hope it brought back many happy memories of his time at St Peter's College.









- 1 Dr John Skipper AM (HWK 1938) and his son Robert Skipper (HWK 1968) joined the Headmaster and our School Captains to celebrate John's 100th
- 2 Rhodes Scholar, Matthew Goh (YNG 2015) was awarded the TH Laby Medal by the Australian Institute of Physics.
- 3 At 102 years of age, Dr Mark Sheppard (FLL 1936) is one of our oldest old scholars and it was an honour to welcome him back to St Peter's College in November
- 4 Following a special School tour, Dr Mark Sheppard (FLL 1936) enjoyed morning tea with the Headmaster and some of our student leaders



#### **Know our staff**

## Adele Turner Senior School Art Teacher



#### What ignited your passion to teach?

My Mum loves to tell anyone who will listen that I had decided to be an artist by the time I was three years old. However, it was my Year 11 work experience placement at an OSHC Centre that cemented my desire to be an Art Teacher. The placement led to a part time job and I was put in charge of running the Art and Craft activities. I realised that I loved helping others to develop their skills and confidence in Art and Design, and seeing the creative solutions students came up with to the problems I posed. This is something I continue to love about my job, 20 years later! Creating art myself has also remained an important part of my life and I have either held or participated in art exhibitions all over the world

#### What personal qualities do you most admire in people?

Honesty is the quality I admire most in others. To be able to admit when you are in the wrong, to display vulnerability, and stay true to your moral compass even when others around you may not, is definitely not always the easiest path to take. I also admire creativity, open mindedness, and perseverance.

#### What's an interesting fact no one knows about you?

I have lived and worked in the UK, Turkey, Thailand, the Philippines, and Australia. I speak Turkish fairly well, because when my husband and I arrived in Cappadocia (central Turkey), the only people who spoke English were the local English teachers at the college we worked at. I had to learn the language to survive!

#### What is the best advice you have received and who was it from?

When I was at both school and university, I placed a great deal of pressure upon myself to achieve high grades. I regarded anything less than an A- as a failure. My husband, Adam, has enabled me to recognise that the learning journey is of more importance; a letter or number is often only partly indicative of the learning that has occurred. This is not to say that I don't still strive to achieve my best, or encourage others to do so – it simply means that I don't place undue emphasis on results, and enjoy the process of learning far more.

#### What behaviour or personality trait do you most attribute your success to and why?

'Success' to me is not so much about notable career-based achievements, but more about who I have become as a person. I would say that the character traits of love, kindness, empathy and creativity have given me the push to travel and place myself in new and unfamiliar situations, to help people wherever possible, and to see the world from the perspective of others. I also believe that these traits greatly assist me in my chosen career path.

#### Christopher Sanders Year 6 Teacher and Year Level Coordinator



#### What ignited your passion to teach?

I always wanted to be a journalist but changed my mind during Year 12 when I was heavily involved in children's outreach groups at my local church. I have always loved learning and not surprisingly it is one of my top character strengths. I knew from the start of my university studies that teaching was my profession and I could not see myself doing anything but.

#### What personal qualities do you most admire in people?

I admire people who are loyal, hardworking and demonstrate perseverance.

#### Do you have a mantra or philosophy you try to live by?

Plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit. As an educator it is my hope that I am able to help students grow and flourish.

#### What behaviour or personality trait do you most attribute your success to and why?

Taking healthy risks is important, as is not being afraid to give something new a try and persisting if you do not succeed right away. My most significant personal successes have been achieved by backing myself in and having a go.

# If you could swap roles with anyone in the School for a day, who would it be with and why?

I would happily swap with anyone who works in one of our libraries. I love reading and sharing books with others and have no doubt this would be a joy-filled day.



