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LEADING LIGHTS 2016

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In our Year of **Stewardship** we are entrusted to take care of all God's creatures

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS @ AQUINAS

THE TWO KINGDOMS

JUNIOR MUSICAL - 16, 17 & 18 JUNE

The Two Kingdoms is a musical written by former student Alex Lammers (Peer Year 2013). It is an entertaining story about the people of the Plum Plum Kingdom and the Bum Bum Barbarians. A show filled with red carpets, frills, feathers, weddings, a war, a very efficient postal system, characters with very long names, love, hate, more love, break-dancing sheep, moving melodies, stupefying songs, as well as laughter and entertainment in ample supply! Don't miss out on booking for this one! Booking details will be available on our website and Facebook page.

GREASE

SENIOR MUSICAL - 27, 28, 29 & 30 JULY

'Summer loving, had me a blast!' If you are 'hopelessly devoted' to this musical, tell all your friends and suggest 'we go together' because 'GREASE IS THE WORD'!

It has been nine years since Aquinas last performed *Grease* as its Senior Musical. Everybody loves a bit of Kinickey, Sandra Dee, Rizzo, Frenchy and Danny! We expect tickets will fly out the door so be sure to keep your eye on our website and Facebook page for when they go on sale.

See you at the show!

REUNION 2017

In 2017 we will be holding a Reunion Event for all Peer Years ending in '7'. So if you were in the graduating class of 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997 or 2007, spread the word, gather your former school mates and start planning. The event will be held at Aquinas in March, with the date to be confirmed. We provide an afternoon for you to re-connect with former classmates and staff, a chance to tour the College and see if that cupboard you hid in still exists or if your classroom is still there. Come along and enjoy the hospitality of the College. Perhaps plan an event for your specific Peer Year following this. More details will be available shortly so keep up with latest by liking our official Facebook page (Aquinas College Ringwood) or by checking in to our website www.aquinas.vic.edu.au.



FROM THE Principal

Welcome to edition one of *Illuminare* for 2016. Each year we choose one of our core values as a focus and, in 2016, we highlight our fifth core value: Stewardship. Our Mission Statement says: "We encourage our community to respond to the need for sustainability in our contemporary world in light of the Gospel and its call to action." The scripture reference that will help us explore this value as a Catholic School is drawn from Genesis 1:26-28:

"We are made in the image and likeness of God and entrusted to take care of all God's creatures."

Stewardship is a very old belief in the Christian tradition and, indeed, is seen in various forms in other traditions. It is based around the belief that God has entrusted humanity with the fruits of creation and that we have a responsibility to use these gifts wisely. In a practical sense, the Church's teaching on sustainability and care of the environment emanate from this belief in Stewardship. Pope Francis' recent Encyclical, *Laudato si*, was subtitled "On Care for Our Common Home" and drew attention to a number of global environmental issues including pollution and climate change; water; loss of biodiversity; decline in the quality of human life and breakdown of society; and global inequality.

Aquinas College continues to pursue opportunities to develop our understanding of what it means to be a global citizen. Interdisciplinary projects such as Global Green in Year 8 and our vegetable garden nurtured by Year 7 students, whose produce is donated to the Missionaries of Charity, provide a very practical response to our call to Stewardship. A number of new projects are being planned to provide opportunities for the students in all year levels to better understand and take an active role in caring for our environment. We also hope to form a partnership with Melbourne Water to develop an indigenous themed garden and space for reflection on the southern boundary of our grounds later in the year.

Harmony Day celebrations are a highlight of Term 1 and it was wonderful to have two of our Leading Lights, Ms Renae Sayers and Ms Silvana Tedesco, make themselves available to talk to students in Years 9 and 10 about their lives and the exciting careers they have forged. The following day, Renae and Silvana were joined by Mr Michael Sukkar MP, Ms Louise Swinn and Mr Liam Shiels, family, friends and members of the graduating classes of 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, and 2006 for a great afternoon at the College. Unfortunately, Leading Light inductees Jack and Patrick Pierce (The Pierce Brothers) were unable to join us due to performance commitments, but will be visiting us later in the year. An article about our inaugural Leading Lights and Reunion event can be found in this edition of *Illuminare*.

Complementing Harmony Day is our Long Walk as a focus of our Reconciliation Day activities which will be quite special this year as it will be led by the founder, Mr Michael Long, and include twenty-five of our neighbouring schools to share in this powerful gesture. A smaller group will proceed to participate in Dreamtime at the G. Later this term, two groups of Year 11 students are offered opportunities to participate in Immersion Programs in Santa Teresa and Daly River, Northern Territory, which many describe on return as life changing.



The graduating class of 2015 performed extremely well and it was a great privilege to be able to join Yingyi (Winnie) Li, Brent Honey and Chelsea Hyde as they received VCE Premier's Awards recently. Winnie's award was for Top International Student and both Brent and Chelsea's awards were in the area of IT Applications. IT Applications Teacher, Mrs Judy Zuccon, was present to proudly celebrate this success on the day with the students and their families. Brent Honey is one of our College Captains in 2016, ably partnered by Tash Kennedy. Winnie was also the recipient of an award from the Victorian State Government, being named the Victorian International School Student Award for Academic Excellence.

Overall, our 2015 VCE cohort received excellent results with 9.6% of study scores over 40, the highest percentage for over a decade. The median study score remained at 31 (above the state average) and there were some exceptional individual scores from both Year 12 and Accelerating Year 11 students. Winnie Li was Dux with an ATAR of 99.85, closely followed by Tom Coyle with 98.95. All seventeen students in the VCAL stream successfully completed this high school equivalent certificate. Students have progressed to apprenticeships, extended traineeships, university applications or entered the workforce.

It has been a busy but enjoyable start to the year and I thank all who have contributed to ensure 2016 has begun in such a positive manner. I trust you will find this edition of *Illuminare* informative about life at Aquinas College and continue to feel pride in your membership of our community.

Darren Atkinson
Principal

A CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2015

For the first time in our 55 year history, the Dux for 2015 was an International student, Winnie Li. Winnie came to Aquinas College from China in 2014 to commence Year 11. She worked diligently in subjects over her two years at Aquinas, studying Specialist Maths, General Maths, English as an Additional Language, Chinese, Business Management and Accounting in Year 12. Winnie received an ATAR of 99.85 – an outstanding result. Winnie received a scholarship to study Commerce at the University of Melbourne.

Overall, the class of 2015 achieved outstanding results, with 9.6% of our study scores being over 40. This is the highest result in over a




decade and shows the continued dedication of Aquinas teachers and the sustained effort from students supported by their families. As a community we are very proud of this continued achievement.



STUDENTS WITH ATAR SCORES OVER 90 AND THEIR UNIVERSITY OFFERS

Over 90% of students from Aquinas were offered placement at University in 2016. There were 25 students in the graduating class of 2015 who received an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking) of over 90 – an exceptional effort. Their names and their offer of placements are as follows:

-  Thomas Coyle – Engineering/Pharmaceutical Science
-  Naomi Bridge – Arts
-  Jennifer Steiniger – Science
-  Matt Haythorne – Accountancy
-  Gabrielle Scabellone – Arts
-  Micah Veith – Engineering
-  Natasha Alexander – Science/Arts
-  Ebony Harli – Mechanical Engineering
-  Lachlan Evans – Science/Physiotherapy
-  Emily Cossari – Business/Arts
-  Sean Morton – Arts
-  Sarah Tarrant – Criminology/Law
-  Sara Di Simone – Science/Global Studies
-  Adrienne Kalla – Arts
-  Alexandra Clarke – Nursing/Midwifery
-  Martin Li – Commerce
-  Maddison Blanche – Pharmacy
-  Nicholas Harman – Commerce
-  Samantha Renehan – Arts
-  Olivia Button – Nursing/Public Health & Health Promotion
-  Timothy Abbott – Accounting and Information Systems
-  Rhianna Agostini – Naturopathy
-  Natalie Mulligan – Secondary Education/Arts



Congratulations to VCAL student Katie Robinson for being awarded the DUX of VCAL

KEY

-  Monash University
-  University of Melbourne
-  RMIT University
-  Swinburne University of Technology
-  La Trobe University
-  Deakin University
-  Southern School of Natural Therapies

OUR 2016 SENIOR SRC

QUESTIONS

1. What subjects are you studying?
2. What primary school did you attend?
3. Who do you barrack for?
4. Best Aquinas event so far?
5. Hoping to be...?
6. What country would you live in if you could choose?

Natasha Kennedy – Captain

1. Further Maths, Studio Arts, Media, English and English Literature.
2. Holy Spirit Primary School.
3. Hawthorn.
4. Kakadu.
5. Hoping to be... happy and successful in my life after Aquinas.
6. Would love to live in the United States to be closer to my Grandparents who live in Cleveland.

Brent Honey – Captain

1. Maths Methods, English, Accounting and Psychology.
2. Croydon Hills Primary.
3. Hawthorn.
4. Kakadu and Year 10 Boys' Netball (Vic Champions).
5. Hoping to be... a human resources manager in a large company.
6. There is no place like home, so Australia.

Morgan Delaney

1. Further Maths, English, Psychology, Biology and Health & Human Development.
2. St Bernadette's Primary School.
3. Geelong.
4. Presentation Ball, Kakadu and Borneo.
5. Hoping to be... successful in any career path I choose. I am hoping to be a Primary School teacher.
6. Australia is great, but I am hoping to stay in America with my best friend when I finish school.

Meg Deane – Board Representative

1. Maths, Psychology, French, English and Legal Studies.
2. Ringwood North Primary.
3. Mighty Magpies.
4. Kakadu trip.
5. Hoping to be... a lawyer.
6. Would choose to live in France or America.

Manu Lavemai

1. English, Music, Drama, Psychology and Texts & Traditions.
2. St Peter Julian Emyard.
3. Huge fan of NRL team Melbourne Storm.
4. Immersion to Daly River.
5. Hoping to be... a professional actor, teacher or back up singer for Beyonce!
6. I would definitely live in America.



Daniel Callaghan

1. English, English Literature, French, Drama and Environmental Science.
2. Holy Spirit Ringwood North.
3. Essendon.
4. Kakadu.
5. Hoping to be... a screenwriter for television and film.
6. Australia.

Billy Faraday

1. French, Legal Studies, English Literature, English Language and Further Maths.
2. Sacred Heart Primary School.
3. St Kilda.
4. City Experience in Year 9.
5. Hoping to be... Dux.
6. Would live in Australia or the United States.

Jesse Earle

1. Global Politics, English, English Literature, Media and Psychology.
2. St James Vermont.
3. Don't follow AFL.
4. Year 11 Formal.
5. Hoping to be... better than yesterday!
6. Japan, Iran or Finland.

Sarah O'Toole

1. PE, English Language, Studio Arts, Further Maths and Business Management
2. Sacred Heart Primary School.
3. Melbourne.
4. Kakadu.
5. Hoping to be... a hairdresser.
6. Australia.

Jerome Marave

1. English, Maths Methods, Biology, Viscom and IT Formatics.
2. Holy Spirit Ringwood North.
3. Richmond.
4. Kakadu.
5. Hoping to be... happy!
6. Happy to live in Australia.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

RACHAEL PRETE YEAR 7

Cast member in *The Lion King*, Melbourne and Perth

Year 7 student Rachael Prete was cast in the 2015/2016 stage show production of *The Lion King* for both the Melbourne and the Perth season. It was Rachael's first major musical production. Her singing teacher, Sally McKenzie, recommended she audition. With a background mostly in singing and some dance, Rachael's application was successful enough to gain her an audition. In groups of 40-50, performers were required to sing and learn some choreography. Those groups reduced to twenty and again to sixteen and those remaining were placed with male cast members to see how they acted and worked together on stage. A further cut was made, leaving just six performers and after a week of waiting, Rachael was selected in the successful four chosen for the role, that role being young Nala.

Being cast in any musical, especially one with such global recognition as *The Lion King*, required huge commitment from both Rachael and her family. After securing the role, rehearsals were in Brisbane for a month and often there was only one day a week without rehearsal. In Melbourne, the role was shared between four girls which meant two shows and two standbys per week. In Perth, the role was shared between three, so this meant even more performances per week. While Rachael was participating in *The Lion King*, she had Distance Education. This meant she had a tutor with her on week days,



keeping her up to date with school work during rehearsal breaks. The Melbourne season ran from February to November in 2015 and the Perth season from November to February. Rachael plans on being in more big musicals but also loves to perform locally. She is currently in a musical called 'Electricity' with the Fab Nobs and opening night for this show is on 1st July. What an amazing start to a career full of potential for this young performer! Another talented student to keep your eyes open for in the future.

TOBY CROUCH YEAR 8

Golf enthusiast

Fellow putters, look out! We have a talented golfer in our midst who can probably put most of us to shame at the mere age of fourteen.

Toby Crouch, a current Year 8 student, started playing serious golf about three years ago at the age of eleven. His interest in golf came from his Dad, a former Aquinas student, who is quite a good golfer in his own right and who introduced Toby to the game at a young age. With a current handicap of eleven (his lowest ever), Toby plays at Eastwood Golf Club in Kilsyth and spends most days practising or playing there and also works there on a Wednesday. Toby has won numerous club events including the Junior Club Championship, the Junior Matchplay Championships, two Father Son tournaments and two Junior Medals at Eastwood. He was selected to represent Eastwood in the Junior Pennant, which is handicapped against other clubs under the age of eighteen, and was also selected for Colts Pennant (the best five players under 24 at Eastwood), which is not handicapped and is for golfers under the age of 24. During school holidays, Toby plays many junior tournaments at different clubs. His golf idol is Jason Day because Toby loves the effort he puts in to his game and admires the way he is such a great role model both on and off the course.

I have no doubt that in not too many years, we will see or hear the name Toby Crouch on the golf circuit. Congratulations on your continued success and who knows, Toby – there are probably many staff members who would love some golfing tips from you!



JASMINE GRIERSON YEAR 12

Australian Rules Football

Vic Metro Youth Girls Under 18 National Championships

As if Year 12 doesn't pose enough of a workload for students, there are many out there who take on extra-curricular activities in pursuit of their dreams. This is true for Jasmine Grierson, who was selected from a huge number of talented female football players to represent Victoria.

Jas started playing football at the age of eight with the boys after having watched her brother play and she hasn't looked back. She played for Heathmont Jets until Under 14 when girls were unable to continue to play in the boys' league. So she moved to Whitehorse Colts Youth Girls Under 18 and is still playing with them.

Jas was involved in the TAC Dandenong Stingrays Youth Girls Academy program which was one of eight development teams for girls aged fifteen to eighteen from all over Victoria. A few days before Christmas last year, 80 players from these squads were emailed and congratulated for being named in the Vic Metro squad, requiring participation and training from February. The process began with the Youth Girls Academy holding a five-game series during March and April. The first few games and weekly training sessions allowed the coaches to see the strengths and weaknesses of all players. Then the first cut was made, leaving 45 out of the 80 players. Another ten players were cut in March, leaving 35 for the final squad: 27 players to play at Nationals and eight emergencies. During the Term 1 holidays, the squad had a two-day training camp



to replicate recovery including ice baths, bonding, team meetings and nutritional needs of each player for Nationals. The final team was named on the last day and Jas made the cut, wearing number nineteen for the Vic Metro team.

Training for the team was compulsory and was held weekly at Punt Road in Richmond. Personal fitness maintenance during the week was also a requirement. Advice around nutrition and training was taught, providing the players with knowledge that gave them the edge leading into the carnival in May.

As any athlete knows, there is an extreme level of dedication, commitment and training required to succeed at the highest levels. Jas is hopeful of continuing to perform at this high level. The AFL has proposed a Women's AFL league in 2017, paving the way for elite female football players to be involved in a national competition with the best clubs, resources and players. While it is still in the planning stages, the Women's AFL league will eventually allow talented young women to be involved and ultimately achieve their dream of playing AFL football.



Achievement

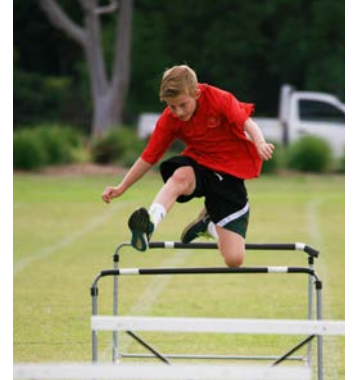
The Vic Metro team won the Grand Final which was played at the MCG on Friday 6th May. Jas was part of the winning team.



SNAPSHOTS OF Aquinas Life



7-9 Athletics Carnival



Year 9 Challenge Walks



Café N9ne





Stewardship



Harmony Day

Opening Assembly



Year 7 First Day



Year 7 Swimming Carnival



Year 12 Immersion



Alumni

Welcome to 2016 – our year of Stewardship. At Aquinas, we have interpreted our theme as looking after each other and our planet. This is definitely an achievable goal if we all work together.

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to the year. In March, we celebrated two inaugural events for and with our Alumni:

Our Reunion Event

Held on 18th March at Aquinas, the reunion event invited former students from each peer year ending in '6' – 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006 – to reminisce and enjoy the company of friends and other former students. Though the numbers were not huge, we are confident that they will grow as word gets around that this will be an annual reunion event. Those able to join us on the day enjoyed the opportunity to eat, drink, chat and have a tour of the College. It was lovely to welcome them back and we trust they enjoyed the afternoon. Details on the 2017 Reunion are on the inside front cover of this edition with plans already under way. Spread the word and let's make this an event to look forward to!

Leading Lights 2016

We acknowledged and recognised the first inductees of our 'Leading Lights' award. This event was a wonderful success. Five of our six nominees were able to be with us on 18th March, along with their family, friends and current and former staff, to be acknowledged and congratulated for their outstanding achievements. It was also fantastic that some of these former students were able to be present on Harmony Day to share their life and career experiences with our current students. Our awardees are pictured on our front cover and the Pierce Brothers, who were unable to attend on the day, will come to Aquinas in November as special guests at Arts Fest. It is a meaningful way for us as a College to recognise the achievements of our former students and we thoroughly enjoyed sharing their stories and following the pathways that got them to where they are today. Thanks to each of them for their contribution to Aquinas and to their particular field of expertise.

Madeleine Kalla
Editor



AQUINAS LEADING LIGHTS

LOUISE SWINN PEER YEAR 1993

ARTS

From an early age, Louise displayed a talent for writing and a voracious appetite for reading. Her passion for publishing began as a child when she would write, illustrate, bind and catalogue books for her own pleasure and that of her younger sister. Louise is co-owner and Editorial Director of Sleepers Publishing House. A much sought after literary professional, Louise freelances as a book reviewer for newspapers including *The Age* and *The Australian*. She is a founding member of the Stella Prize, a major Literary Award celebrating the writing of Australian women.



MICHAEL SUKKAR PEER YEAR 1999

CIVICS

Leadership through service defines Michael in his life and his career as a Federal Member of Parliament. Before entering politics, Michael practised as a lawyer and consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers and Ashurst Australia. In 2013, Michael received his party's endorsement to be the candidate for the federal seat of Deakin, which he won at the 2013 election. As the Federal Member for Deakin, Michael has championed many local causes by delivering funding for better roads and transport, community facilities and public safety and support for small business and families.



SILVANA TEDESCO PEER YEAR 2000

BUSINESS

A leading fashion designer in Australia with her own label and business, Silvana is sought out by celebrities and socialites for her exquisite gowns.

A creative and entrepreneurial woman with a firm belief she was born to be a leader, Silvana began designing at the age of 17. She has explored the fashion world and worked in numerous industries, from skate labels to high-end bridal wear. Silvana is thriving in the bridal industry and is passionate about ensuring every woman who invests in her pieces feels fabulous, instilling a feeling of beauty and confidence within.



RENAE SAYERS PEER YEAR 2003

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

A love of performing, storytelling, star gazing in her backyard as a child, and an email to NASA fuelled Renae's fascination and passion for Science. Now a much sought after International Science Communicator and professional, Renae shares the wonders of Science in an energetic and exciting way, travelling the world, collaborating, performing and teaching. Renae's résumé includes Theatre and Events Coordinator at Scitech in Perth, Science Communications for the Edinburgh International Science Festival and Science Circus Scholar at Questacon. She is employed by Curtin University to assist in growing the Australian Planetary Science Community with NASA.



THE PIERCE BROTHERS PEER YEAR 2006

ENTERTAINMENT

Acclaimed artists, multi-instrumentalists and brothers, Jack and Pat are taking the music industry and the world by storm. With irresistible energy and a world class live show, they are playing sell out venues around the globe and have sold over 50,000 EPs independently from busking and touring alone. The Pierce Brothers share their talent and the stage with big name performers and have signed record deals with Warner, Sony and a publishing deal with Mushroom. They have enjoyed success in the ARIA charts in 2014 and 2015 and are about to release their debut album.



LIAM SHIELS PEER YEAR 2009

SPORT

A talented professional sportsman drafted by Hawthorn Football Club at the age of 17, Liam has played over 120 games at the highest level of AFL up to the start of the 2016 season. Liam's awards include Best First Year Player and Most Improved Player. He has also represented Australia in the International Rules Team. Liam is a valued senior player at Hawthorn and has played an important role in each of their consecutive premierships won in 2013, 2014 and 2015.



FORMER STUDENTS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



JESSICA LYE
PEER YEAR 2002

Victorian rural woman of the year 2016

I was recently awarded the 2016 Rural Woman of the Year for Victoria. The award, which is organised and funded through the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC), was completely unexpected. It was given to me for work I had carried out in the vegetable and potato industries since 2014, as the industry Biosecurity Coordinator. In this role I had the opportunity to take front line action during incursions of potentially devastating exotic plant pests. Biosecurity can have a slightly different meaning depending on the industry. In horticulture, biosecurity is the implementation of practices that mitigate the risk of spreading plant pests. Queensland fruit fly is one common plant pest that affects the horticulture industry. In Australia, biosecurity procedures are carried out by the federal government, state governments and industry. This means that biosecurity includes risk mitigation practices at the level of the federal border right down to the farm gate. These practices or regulations may include testing of imported plant material for exotic diseases, checking plant produce carried by travellers between state lines, or control of people and machinery movements between farms.

So how did I get to this point?

After leaving Aquinas in 2002, I completed a Bachelor of Science at Monash University, majoring in Genetics and Zoology, with a minor in Molecular Biology. My ethos both then and now was to follow my interests. If you are passionate about a subject there is a higher than average chance you will achieve success. #PositiveThinking An honours year at Monash followed the BSc. My year-long research project saw me working in the field of Plant Biotechnology, looking into the genetic basis of alkaloid synthesis in root and leaf tissue. By 2007, I was working as a Research Assistant at the *Drosophila* Molecular Genetics Laboratory at Monash University, and from there I began a PhD in 2008. I found the PhD gruelling and it was a test in stubbornness, but it was also incredibly rewarding due to the friendships I made along the way and worth it for the skills I developed. I finally produced a thesis in 2013, topic title: *Functional characterization of zinc transport genes in *Drosophila melanogaster**.

By mid-2013 I had spent seven years working in a laboratory environment and it was time for a change. It was clear to me that

I might be able to achieve greater impact in a field outside of academia. To this end, I further developed my 'soft skills' during 2013 and 2014 through teaching Science Communication and working as an Alumni Engagement Officer at the Faculty of Science. Eventually it was time to move on from Monash University – I had taken all it could offer me in skills development. In September 2014, I joined AUSVEG, the peak industry body for the vegetable and potato industries in Australia. As Biosecurity Coordinator I could use my science background to good effect, especially when decisions regarding newly emergent plant pests required an in-depth understanding of the pest biology. The role was extremely diverse – no day was the same as the next – and enabled me to interact with growers, researchers, and government.

In June 2015, I was made National Manager - Scientific Affairs, and placed in charge of the Minor Use and Environment programs for the vegetable industry. The new role was a steep learning curve in management, both of people and projects.

Ultimately, my role in raising biosecurity awareness in the vegetable and potato industries led to my nomination for Victorian Rural Woman of the Year. As the award recipient, I will receive a \$10,000 bursary to undertake a project that will aid rural industry. My project will include a study tour to the US and development of a biosecurity workshop for Victorian vegetable growers. I hope that the workshop will be used as a pilot framework that may be rolled out nationally and across horticulture. As the awardee, I will also attend a leadership course, and an Australian Institute of Company Directors course. The national RIRDC Rural Women's award will be announced towards the end of 2016.

So far, 2016 looks to be a truly exciting year. Since leaving Aquinas my career has felt like a roller coaster ride, with ups and downs and speeding up at a steady rate. My advice to Aquinas graduates is to grasp every opportunity to gain experience and broaden your skill set, even in a field unrelated to your chosen career direction. You never know when those skills will become desirable to an employer, or be of service during tricky situations.



FARRAH ALLAN

PEER YEAR 2003

Photographer

My name is Farrah and I graduated from Aquinas in 2003. I live in South Yarra in a tiny apartment with my lovely bearded husband, Wayne, and our beautiful one year old daughter, Summer.

I've been running my own business as a full time Wedding Photographer for the past four years. I've travelled all over Australia for weddings and have photographed international weddings in China, Mexico and this year I'm off to the USA and Fiji. I get to be a full time Mum, I work when I want and I travel for it. I absolutely love my job.

My journey at Aquinas didn't have the smoothest beginning. I struggled with identity, friendships and fitting in of course. Aquinas offered an amazing pastoral care program at the time and I'm forever grateful for a couple of very special teachers who helped me come out of my shell. I later made life-long Aquinas friends and we still see each other regularly. It's quite surreal seeing our children playing together.

My favourite subjects were French, Information Technology and Visual Communications (Graphic Design). I loved Graphic Design and being able to explore all the various mediums, including photography. Aquinas had the best Vis Comm classes – it was very advanced in what was made available to us as students. Even though I didn't study Photography as a subject, I was still allowed to experiment with it in my Vis Comm class. I had access to a dark room and I learned basic film developing skills – I was absolutely fascinated by it. I also remember spending many lunchtimes in the library learning Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator just for fun. Who would have thought I'd end up using these skills in my job?

Due to the competitive nature of the creative industry, I took a conservative path at uni and studied Business, majoring in Marketing and Information Systems at Swinburne. During uni I worked part time at a photography lab and continued to learn more about film processing and all the emerging digital technology. Photography was still a side hobby and I never thought it could be a full time job.



At my last year of uni I decided to go on exchange to France and study International Business for a semester. It was the most eye opening experience. I made some amazing friends, practised my very bad French and adventured everywhere in Europe.

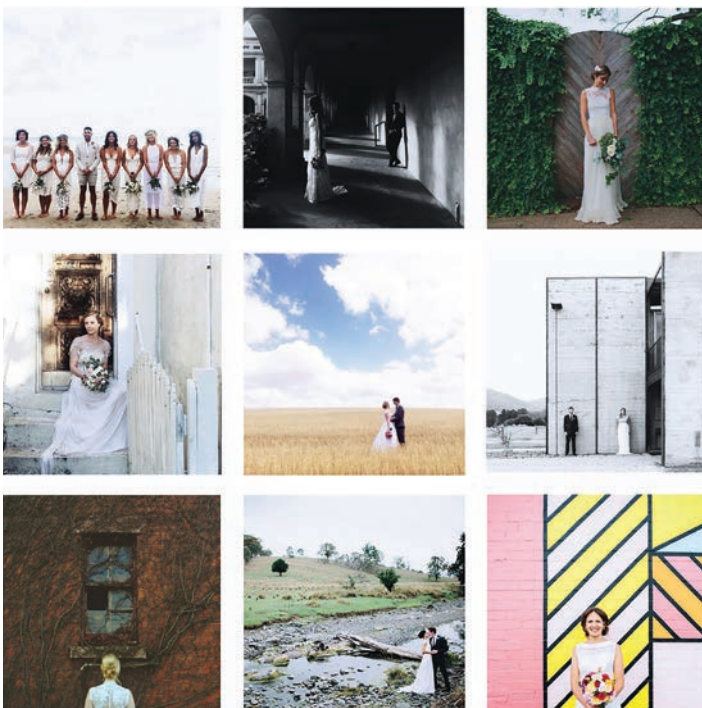
When I finished uni, I was offered a graduate position as a business analyst in a well-known corporate company and I worked my way up in the same company for six years, heading towards Project Management.

During those six years my love for photography grew more and more. My husband and I travelled almost every year, which I took as an opportunity to use a Mamiya m645, an old vintage camera that my dad had gifted to me. I put all our travel photos and my other personal works on a blog and Instagram and it started to get recognition from professional photographers. I suppose that is the beauty of social media. Instagram wrote an article about my work and I gained many followers. From there I received inquiries for weddings and I soon realised I had to quit my job to pursue photography as a career. I'm very blessed that I've been able to turn my hobby into a career.

If you are a student interested in making a career in the creative industry, here are a few tips for you:

1. You do not need expensive equipment to produce art. My travel film camera was \$100.
2. Create a website and curate it to show your best work.
3. Get involved in social media: start a blog or use many of the social media platforms.
4. Continue to fine-tune your style by experimenting and practising.
5. Network with other artists and collaborate.
6. Learn how to run a business.
7. Finally, enjoy what you are creating!

Thank you to Aquinas for getting in touch with me to share my story. I'd be happy to answer any questions via email mail@farrahallan.com or via instagram www.instagram.com/farrahallan.



SECOND GENERATION

FAMILIES 2016



ANTON-WILSON FAMILY

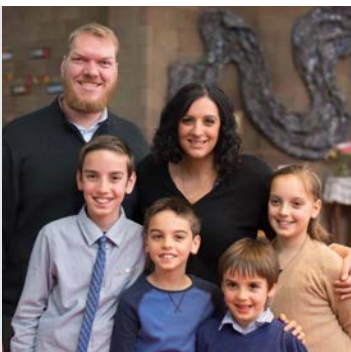
We welcome the Anton-Wilson family to Aquinas. Isabel graduated in 1986, is married with two children and works as a public servant.



ENGLISH FAMILY

Welcome to the English family. Kellie was a student in 1988. She has two children, one in Year 11 and one in Year 7. Kellie is a lawyer.

STEEN FAMILY
 Welcome to the Steen family. Jo graduated in 1996 and is married with four children. The eldest, Reuben, started at Aquinas in 2016. Jo spends her time being a mum and is a secondary school teacher.



REES FAMILY
 Both Lucas and Jessica are former Aquinas students from the class of 1993. Welcome back both of you. They have three children – Amelia, Thomas and Annie – and run their own plumbing business, Rees Plumbing.



SVRAKOV FAMILY

Welcome back Wayne and the Svrakov family. Wayne graduated in 1992. He is married with three children and works as a general manager.



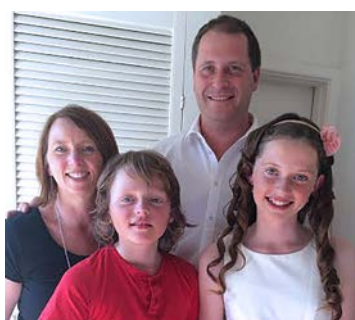
MORAN FAMILY

Welcome to Aquinas again Nick and Kellie, both 1992 graduates. They have three children. Nick runs an IT Company and Kellie is a primary school teacher.

DISNEY FAMILY
 Welcome to Kristi and the Disney family. Kristi graduated in 1991 and is married with four children. Heath started Year 7 this year. Apart from being a busy Mum, Kristi is a nurse.



SCUTT FAMILY
 Welcome to the Scutt family. Both Adrian and Caroline graduated in 1992. They have three children: Grace, Thomas and Lucy. Adrian is Principal at Our Lady's Ringwood and Caroline is an exercise physiologist.



DALEY FAMILY

We welcome back to Aquinas Matt Daley who graduated in 1989. Matt is married with two children and is a lifestyle coordinator for Uniting Agewell Strathdon.



JOBLING FAMILY

Welcome back Jason (1988) and Samantha (1991), both former students. They have two children, Joel and Savannah. Jason is a self employed landscape gardener and Samantha is the owner of Bee Brazilian Beauty Salons.

MANCARELLA FAMILY

Belinda graduated 1988 and is an accountant. She is married with three children: Josh in Year 10, and twins Marc and Ben in Year 7.



GLENNIE FAMILY

Welcome to the Glennie family. Craig graduated in 1990 and Cate in 1991. They have three children: Josh, Sam and Sophie. Craig is an electrician and Cate is a registered nurse.



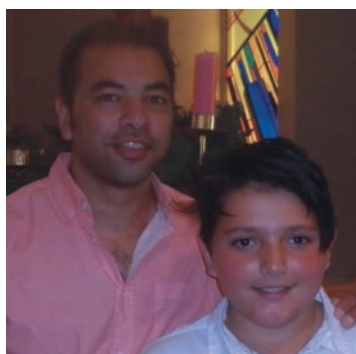
DEMPSEY FAMILY

Welcome to the Dempsey family. Darren graduated in 1993 and is married with three children. Darren is the Retail and eCommerce Business Director at Royal Canin (a subsidiary of Mars Petcare).



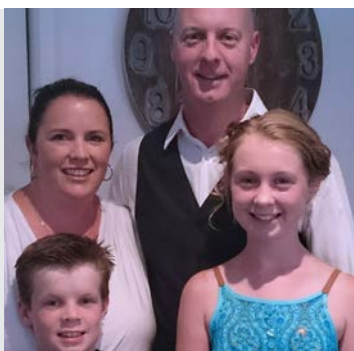
HUSSEY FAMILY

Welcome back to Renarto who graduated in 1987. He is married with one child, Kobe. Ren has spent twenty years in Retail Sales Management and is currently employed as a customer care consultant.



HINEY FAMILY

Welcome back to Steve and Sally who are both former students, graduating in 1993. They have two children: Jasmine and Josh. Steve is a paramedic for Ambulance Victoria and Sally is an accounts manager.



FORMER STUDENTS NOW YEAR 7 PARENTS

STUDENT NAME	PARENT NAME	PEER YEAR
Lucinda Powell	Dianne Powell (Beale)	1985
Sinead Dunbar	Kathryn Dunbar (Walshe)	1984
Charlie Dempsey	Darren Dempsey	1993
Lacey Heveren	Phillip Heveren	1994
Sebastian Sandoval	Karina Sandoval	2001
Brianna Fitzmaurice	Sean Fitzmaurice	1980
Reuben Steen	Joanna Steen (Mansour)	1996
Isabella Alipan	Ingrid Alipan (Robertson)	1993
Jeremy Abrams	Benjamin Abrams	1997
	Belinda Abrams (North-Coombes)	1997
Ethan Fitzsimons	James Fitzsimons	1992
Kelsey Markic	David Markic	1988
	Kerrilee Markic (Smith)	1990
Kobe Hussey	Renarto Hussey	1987
Jessica Chapman	Lorelle Chapman (Cooke)	1989
Damien Pelosi	Antonieta Pelosi (Fraraccio)	1984
Heath Disney	Kristi Disney (Johnston)	1991
Danny May	Bradley May	1989
Alannah Svrakov	Wayne Svrakov	1992
Ben Anton-Wilson	Isabel Anton	1986
Jamie Macdonald	Glen Macdonald	1989
Marc Mancarella	Belinda Mancarella (Lucius)	1988
Ben Mancarella	Belinda Mancarella (Lucius)	1988
Alex Sorace	Vincent Sorace	1994
	Jenni Sorace (Barlow)	1994
Shanae Fantin	Jenny Fantin (Bordignon)	1982
Chloe Ross	Nicole Ross (Gulley)	1990
Molly Daley	Matthew Daley	1989
Mitchell Butler	Neville Butler	1986
	Tracy Butler (O'Brien)	1986
Bryce Cosham	Mary Cosham (Fitzgerald)	1978
Toby Box	Philip Box	1988
Emily Box	Philip Box	1988
Amelia Oldfield	Judith Trig	1988
Sam Glennie	Craig Glennie	1990
	Cate Glennie (O'Connor)	1991
Jasmine Hiney	Stephen Hiney	1993
	Sally Hiney (Mills)	1993
Daniel English	Kellie English (Simister)	1988
Isabella Moran	Nicholas Moran	1992
	Kellie Moran (Lobosco)	1992
Cassie McCallum	James McCallum	1985
Amelia Rees	Lucas Rees	1993
	Jessica Rees (Pote)	1993
Grace Scutt	Adrian Scutt	1992
	Caroline Scutt (Manion)	1992
Riley Prasad	Elizabeth Prasad (Flanagan)	1987
Olivia Loughron	John Loughron	1990
Brodie Woolhouse	Danielle Woolhouse (Matheson)	1994
Danny Raaymakers	David Raaymakers	1984
	Katrina Raaymakers (Rankine)	1985
Ashley Sedunary	Vincent Sedunary	1980
	Andrea Sedunary (Denver)	1984
Xavier Pravidur	Benjamin Pravidur	1994
	Marita Pravidur	1994
Joel Jobling	Jason Jobling	1988
	Samantha Law	1991
Mlkayla Boland	Michael Boland	1997
	Naomi Boland (Buttler)	1997
Bianca Richardson	Melanie Richardson (Gleeson)	1987
Nicholas Marshall	Peter Marshall	1989
	Paola Marshall (Perez)	1989
Daniel Knox	Kerrie Knox (Toivonen)	1989

THE AQUINAS OLD BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

'THE BLOODS'

Aquinas Old Collegians Football Club was formed at a meeting of all interested parties held on the 18th February 1981 in the Parish Hall of Our Lady's Ringwood. We proudly carry the name and colours of Aquinas College as we compete in the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA).

We are extremely grateful to the College authorities for all their support and for making available the use of the College ovals and change room facilities, etc. for our teams to train and play their home games throughout the season.

Over the past 35 years, our club has stamped itself as a very family focused football club. We compete in the very strong VAFA competition and in the 2016 season, we have two senior open age teams and an under 19 team competing.

Russell (Barney) Barnes is in his third season as coach of our senior team; Damien Naismith is in his second season as coach of our reserves team; and Craig (OX) Glennie is in his first season as coach of our under nineteen team. The majority of our playing group are former students of the College.



In common with all sporting teams, recruits other than players have to be sought and they are just as important as our players. We require an army of helpers to fill the positions of trainers, goal and boundary umpires, timekeepers, coach's assistants and canteen managers, to name just a few. We are very fortunate to have several volunteers who initially offered their services back in the early 1980s to help our Club on match days, and they still remain active on our current match day roster. We will warmly welcome any former students who may like to become involved with the Old Collegians Football Club. Everyone can be given a worthwhile and interesting role supporting the club.



In 2013, the Aquinas Junior Football Club (AJFC) was formed and in November, 2015 AFL Victoria gave approval for the AJFC to affiliate with the Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL). This new club is actively pursuing plans for some junior teams to be formed for the 2017 season. The new teams will be entered to play in the YJFL's Sunday competition.

Fostered by the Aquinas Old Collegians Football Club, the AJFC's vision is to be the junior football club of choice for students attending Aquinas College as well as for students attending other schools in the area. The AJFC will be providing high quality coaching and development for its players in an enjoyable, family friendly environment. The AOCFC and the AJFC have both committed to effectively help and support each other to ensure that both clubs thrive and a strong football presence is further enhanced at the College for both junior and senior footballers.

AOCFC is continually looking for opportunities to engage with new families, sponsors, players, supporters and helpers. If you are considering becoming involved with a progressive, family oriented, local suburban football club, please contact one of the following officials.

Parents and players keen for more information or who would like to get involved are invited to contact the AJFC by email at juniors@aquinas.com.au or by phoning Gavan Harkin (0419 117 652) or Barry Jess (0418 314 849).

We would love to see you!

Join us at Aquinas on a Saturday to support our teams. To check fixtures for game locations and times, simply go to the VAFA (Victorian Amateur Football Association) page. Seniors are in Division 3 as are the Reserves and the Under 19s are in Section 4/5.

OLD BOYS WHO HAVE PLAYED 100+ GAMES



Brendan Phyland	100 games
Daniel Zuccon	101 games
Jason Langford	101 games
Russell Foster	101 games
Callum Cormack	101 games
Jack McDonald	105 games
John Dwyer	105 games
Terry Alford	105 games
Chris Williams	106 games
Simon Jones	106 games
Michael De Navi	107 games
Dominic Langdon	108 games
Andrew Coster	108 games
John McNamara	109 games
Phil Heveren	109 games
Ben Volombello	110 games
Dean McKellar	110 games
Jason Hacking	110 games
Anthony Wright	111 games
Brett McKellar	111 games
Liam King	111 games
Andrew Hyland	112 games
Saul Downes	112 games
Peter Smith	114 games
Brad O'Connor	114 games
Sam O'Loughlin	117 games
Rory Leavey	117 games
Andrew Cultera	117 games
Damien O'Loughlin	118 games
Peter Dunne	118 games
Michael Jess	119 games

Brian Boland	119 games
Jason Hughes	120 games
Kevin Cox	120 games
Brendan McKenna	122 games
Phillip Jurkovsky	122 games
Hayden Hewitt	122 games
Lachlan Barnes	122 games
Steve Kenny	126 games
Lachlan McDonald	126 games
Steve Edwards	126 games
Scott Kelly	128 games
Alistair Bethune	128 games
Jason Crouch	129 games
Peter Davison	130 games
Jason Livingstone	131 games
Bernard Spiess	133 games
Gary King	134 games
Don Hodge	134 games
Cliff Lyng	139 games
Tony Grierson	139 games
Bernard Moran	144 games
Daniel Denbraber	144 games
Nick Morrison-Story	145 games
Paul Harper	148 games
Matthew Slattery	149 games
Greg Clifford	150 games
Robert Moran	151 games
Damon Savaris	154 games
Matthew Hunter	154 games
Gary Davies	155 games
Peter Kvietelaitis	159 games

Chris Wooden	160 games
Chris Jeffrey	161 games
Adrian Williams	162 games
Damien Wright	166 games
Anthony Whelan	167 games
Michael Boland	167 games
Greg Evans	173 games
Pat McCafferty	180 games
Michael O'Halloran	182 games
Adam Lorkin	183 games
John Hunt	186 games
Gerard Wright	188 games
Andrew Barrie	189 games
David Phelan	191 games
Craig Rogers	201 games
David Boland	207 games
Cameron Colliver	208 games
Aaron Kinghorn	214 games
Trent Harkin	214 games
Leigh Toomey	219 games
Craig Glennie	219 games
Sean Flynn	219 games
John Ryan	224 games
Rob Chapman	230 games
Michael Van Ker Koven	231 games
Mark Wilkinson	237 games
Sean O'Loughlin	247 games
John Jess	249 games
Peter Grierson	261 games
Shane Livingstone	300 games
Marchi Tarulli	317 games

PROUD
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LUMINA THEATRE CO.

The Aquinas community is proud to formally announce the introduction of an Amateur Theatre Company in Ringwood: Lumina Theatre Company.

Lumina Theatre Company (or LTC) will offer Aquinas alumni and the wider community with an opportunity to be connected by their shared passion for the performing arts. Members of the community will be able to perform in musicals or engage in their love for the theatre by watching live performances.

Our very own Aquinas alumni formed this new amateur theatre company. All committee members were involved in various aspects of the performing arts while at Aquinas and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. For the past six months, the committee has been working hard to develop and promote an alumni theatre company in Ringwood. Members of the LTC committee wanted to pass on and share their love for musicals to the rest of the community.

The current committee includes:

Declan High, President (2013)

Favourite musical: *Les Misérables*

Chiara Weymes, Vice-President (2014)

Favourite Musical: *Phantom of the Opera*

Sarah-Kate O'Byrne, Secretary (2013)

Favourite Musical: *Wicked*

Jayne Rozario, Treasurer (2013)

Favourite Musical: *Singin' in the Rain*

Sophie Bengough, General Representative (2012)

Favourite Musical: *Sound of Music*



FAME – THE MUSICAL

COMING TO THE MAHON THEATRE IN AUGUST

Lumina is very proud to announce *Fame – The Musical* as our inaugural production. It is set in New York City's celebrated high school for the performing arts. *Fame – The Musical* is a bittersweet but inspiring story of a diverse group of students as they commit to four years of gruelling artistic and academic work. With candour, humour and insight, the show explores the issues that confront many young people today. The 2016 production of *Fame* will be led by:

Director: Ryan Turner

Musical Director: Stephen Amos

Choreographer: Georgia Velleley

This young talented team will shape Lumina's first production due to hit the stage of the Mahon Theatre in August this year.

Anybody interested in partaking, or who wants to find out more information, should contact LTC via email at:

lumina.theatre.company@gmail.com or on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/luminatheatreco.

Lumina Theatre Company Presents

Cabaret & Trivia Night

A fun-filled night with a myriad of talented individuals!

When Friday 24th June

Where O'Driscoll Room, Aquinas College

Time 8pm, with canapés & pre-dinner drinks

Cost \$25

Attire Smart Casual

Book now on 'trybooking'

<http://bit.ly/1TK4P9e>



AQUINAS Archives

BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE

It sounds like a simple request: “We need some photos for the reunion”. In reality, it was hours of work for our Archives team, putting ourselves in the shoes of past students and doing our best to choose engaging photos that would bring back memories for students from 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006. Many of these photos were not digitised and some only existed as negatives, meaning we needed to experiment with technology in order to produce the best results for display at the Reunion. This had the added advantage of adding hundreds – if not thousands! – of photos to our growing digital archive of images of Aquinas College.

We often notice a lack of information available on the earlier years of the College, so it was lovely to meet with students from that time who were able to share stories with us. It was an absolute delight to see people looking at the photo boards or identifying themselves and their fellow students in old class photos. These are the people who bring the social history of the College back to life and it was a pleasure to talk to them.

After all of our hard work, it was wonderful to be part of the Reunion and to see people enjoying our noticeboards and displays with such enthusiasm.



THE OMEGA BOOK

Do you remember the Omega Books? They were special publications, compiled and edited by the Year 12 cohort as a record of their final year at the College. Unlike the more formal yearbooks, the Omega Book was a bit more casual and often contained examples of humour and reflected the culture of the time.

Nowadays, our Year 12s receive a memento of their year in the form of a USB. Although the technology may have changed, it is still a reminder of the enjoyable and social aspects of a student’s final year at Aquinas – a necessary antidote to the stress of final exams.

At present, we have the 1981 and 1982 senior campus yearbooks and the following issues of the Omega Book: 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1999-2001. We would very much like to know if an Omega Book was published in the intervening years (1993, 1996-8). Do you have any information around the missing copies? If you are able to donate an Omega Book or lend it to us for scanning, we would love to hear from you.

MEMORIES OF THE MAHON

This year sees the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Mahon Theatre and we are on the hunt for items and stories that we can add to the Archives. Were you involved in the opening? Do you have any memorabilia from that first performance? Do you recall the Theatre being built while you were still a student?

Can You Help?

If you have any copies of the Omega Book that you are able to donate or loan for copying, or if you have stories or memorabilia relating to the opening of the Mahon Theatre, please contact Vandana on 9259 3012 or jaggivx@aquinas.vic.edu.au

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If you have information pertaining to past students, in particular: births, engagements, marriages, in memoriam or outstanding achievements, please email them to illuminare@aquinas.vic.edu.au with your contact details. We look forward to hearing from you.

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