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# illuminare



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# from the Principal

by Darren Atkinson - Principal

Our first edition of *Illuminare* each year is always a wonderful celebration of new beginnings as we welcome the next generation of Aquinas College students into Year 7 and welcome back many past students as parents. We also welcome new staff who are excited and nervous about the year ahead just like the students. As we focus on “Belonging” as our core value in 2019, it is a great time to be commencing at Aquinas College.

Little has to be said as to why this core value is so important, as each of us feels very strongly the desire to belong. Not because we are especially needy - but to belong is a basic human need. One of the reasons I love being part of the Aquinas College community is because we “do” belonging really well!

The research is clear. Multiple studies have found a link between a positive sense of belonging and better academic motivation, lower rates of school dropout, better social-emotional functioning, and higher grade point average. Amongst workers, there are higher levels of productivity, cooperation and collaboration when people report strong feelings of belonging. Clearly it is better for both the individual and the organisation when the members of the community experience high levels of belonging.

So we know it is good to belong, but what can we do to enhance the sense of belonging?

- Our student uniform, which is highly symbolic, represents that they belong to Aquinas College. When students wear full school uniform, it shows they are proud to be members of this community.
- Our College Houses and Homerooms in the Middle Years, or Mentor Groups in the Senior Years. These groups help to overcome the potential problems caused by the size of our community. Breaking it into smaller teams who can get to know each other and build personal, meaningful, effective, face to face relationships. Evidence overwhelming shows relationships through a device simply don't work anywhere near as effectively in sustaining us as people.
- Our School Song is sung with so much gusto and pride at our communal gatherings and its very first line: “*Aquinas has joined us as one...*” is simple, yet speaks volumes.
- Our shared beliefs as we come together as a Catholic community and mean we have chosen to live our lives on the example that was set for us by Jesus.



There is also the enormous range of the extracurricular activities which encourage our students to belong. Whether it be to a sporting team, music group, robotic team, drama group, debating team, sustainability team, social justice group and more these activities bring us together in a sense of common purpose.

But each of these opportunities requires something from the individuals in the community - the decision to participate. Students who chose to be heavily involved in the life of the College also seem to get good learning outcomes. Evidence of this was starkly apparent at our Opening Assembly for 2019, with each of our leaders from 2018 (Siobhan, Matthew, Jordan, Isaac, Chelsea and Sophie) achieving an ATAR over 90 - they are in the top 10% of all Year 12 graduates in Australia. Now this could just be good luck but it is a pattern that seems to repeat. So, the message to students is to get involved in your schooling - don't be a spectator. It's not only good for you, but it's good for everyone else too.

What about the wider Aquinas College community? We hope that through publications like *Illuminare*, our website and social media you too can feel like you belong and we would love to hear from you. Especially if you have suggestions of candidates for our Honour Roll, our Leading Lights, or simply suggestions as to past students who would make interesting profile pieces in future editions. Please contact [illuminare@aquinas.vic.edu.au](mailto:illuminare@aquinas.vic.edu.au).

# the year of Belonging

by Tania Grace - Assistant Principal Mission

**B**elonging – *to feel a connection to a group, place or situation.*

It is seen as a part of human nature to desire acceptance and a feeling of belonging, whether it be family, friends, work, parish or the broader community. When we know we belong, we gain a sense of security, knowing that there are people who accept us; we feel happiness, we feel supported during difficult times, and we feel value and worth as we take on responsibilities and contribute to the group. In 2019, this is our theme: Belonging, the Aquinas Mission's second core value. We are called to be "mindful of our diverse local and global community; we are culturally inclusive and respect the dignity of each individual".

Christians have long believed in the importance of belonging. Belonging is an important message in the scriptures. Jesus did not ostracise people who were seen by the community of the time as unwelcome outsiders. He spoke to women, children, the sick and the poor, the foreigner and the sinner. [In 2014 the Pope said](#), "Our identity is one of belonging. To say 'I am Christian' means to say: 'I belong to the Church. I belong to this People with whom God established an ancient alliance that is always faithful,'" he went on to say, "We are Christians not only because of others, but together with others. None of us become Christians on our own, we owe our relationship with God to so many others who passed on the faith,"

Our 2019 scripture text comes from Romans 12: "We, though many, are one body in Christ". The full text recognises that the Holy Spirit has given us all gifts and these gifts are meant to be shared. St Paul asks us to be humble, to recognise

that we are more than the needs of one person, we are a community. We each have our own experiences, cultures, ideas and talents that when we work together, we can achieve the kingdom here on earth. Aquinas is one part of Christ, made up of students, staff, parents, families, parishes, and the broader community. It is important that we all not only feel that we belong, but that we strive to ensure others feel that they belong too.

So we pray, in this year of Belonging, we can truly create a united community, full of faith, love and hope.



# our 2019 Leaders

## College Captains



**Annelisa Phillips**

This year marks a decade of Annelisa's family being a part of the Aquinas College community, so she has always felt such a strong connection to the College. This is ultimately what inspired her to nominate for the role of College Captain. After all that Aquinas College

has offered her, Annelisa wanted to help uphold the integrity and community spirit that makes the College so special. What has always been a dream of hers has become a reality and for this she is so grateful. As a College Leader, she wants to focus on contributing towards a positive and memorable experience for all of her Aquinas College cohort.



**Josh Glennie**

Josh nominated for a leadership role because he wanted to participate more in College life. He would like to leave a legacy as a good College Captain who helped the College move in the right direction. Josh's best memories of College life to date are winning some

EISM grand finals and speaking at the whole School Assembly. He is looking to events and celebrations that come with being in Year 12.

In ten years time Josh hopes to be a qualified Physiotherapist and to be doing a job that he loves.

## College Vice Captains



**Mia Di Giovanni**

After being Class Captain in Years 7 and 8, Mia nominated for a leadership role in 2019 to make the most of her last year and not have any regrets when looking back at her time at the College.

In the future, Mia would like to work overseas for an ethical or socially responsible, or teach English at an International School overseas. If she were to invite three people to a dinner party, they would be Ricky Gervais and Freddie Mercury for their great sense of humour and entertaining stories; and Vincent Van Gogh as his story is fascinating she would love to hear him tell it.



**Alex Watson**

Year 12 was the perfect opportunity for Alex to explore and enjoy new experiences, like Vice Captain. Last year, he felt honoured to be Senior Music Captain - music is his passion and it was great to get a new viewpoint. Of the many memories since Year 7, Alex's

best memories are of the absolutely wonderful music events at the College including Generations in Jazz and Jazz Night, as well as the opportunity to meet and become friends with his peers. In ten years' time, Alex hopes to be "somewhat of a successful musician", and would like his legacy from his time as Vice Captain to remind everyone to work on what they are most passionate about with the mindset that nothing can get in their way.



**Maddie Carson (Year 12)**  
College Ambassador

After being nominated in her role as College Ambassador Maddie reflected on what it meant to the College. She found that it was an opportunity to give back to the College and serve out her last year representing a lovely cohort. She wants to ensure new and international students feel welcome and accepted both within and beyond the College grounds.



**Emily Limmer (Year 12)**  
College Board Representative

Emily couldn't resist the opportunity to be involved, make a difference and influence the direction of Aquinas College. She wants to be a role model to younger students as well as her peers in Year 12. While Emily may be competitive

she can also relate to people of any age, contributing a positive energy and attitude to her role.

# our 2019 Leaders



## Jules Carboni - Year 11 Captain

As Year 11 Leader Jules is eager to broadcast the voices of his peers so their opinions and requests may be heard. He is taking on the challenge of completing an accelerated VCE subject and hopes to pass on his knowledge of the VCE process to his classmates.

## Bridget Dale - Year 11 Captain

Bridget hopes to help her peers as they transition into VCE and to help the year level come together as a cohesive group. She is looking forward to assisting them to be aware of systems the College already have in place to make the VCE experience better.

## Year 11 Leadership Team

- Tayla Gioia
- Marcus Ballard
- Anita Mugamu
- Johanna O'Keeffe
- Ella-Jade Watkins
- Brendan McHugh

## Year 10 Leadership Team

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|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Natasha Langsdon</li><li>• Sebastian DiSimone</li><li>• Reuben Steen</li><li>• Elise Walsh</li><li>• Mikaela Tenney</li><li>• McKenzie Tilley</li><li>• Chelle Wynne</li><li>• Molly Daley</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charlise Smith</li><li>• Karissa Chowdary</li><li>• Charli Woods</li><li>• Rory O'Brien</li><li>• Alice Mei</li><li>• Grace Scutt</li><li>• Samara Terpstra</li><li>• Flynn Wilkinson</li></ul> |
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## Dylan Tudor - Middle Years Captain

Dylan is looking forward to speaking at different assemblies, getting to know his peers better and all the new experiences and responsibilities that come with this leadership position. He would like to implement some ideas to help make the transition easier into Middle Years.

## Ally Collins - Middle Years Captain

Ally applied for the position of Middle Years Captain to become a better version of herself - improving her leadership, initiative skills and confidence in public speaking. She is focused on helping the Year 7s transition and implementing new ideas to support Middle Years' students with changes and opportunities.



## Johan Joshi - Year 8 Captain

Johan nominated to be a role model to his peers and have more leadership experience to help him in the future. In this he can make positive changes and help his year level succeed.

## Molly Campbell - Year 8 Captain

As a leader Molly is interested in playing an active role in making decisions which will benefit the College and assisting her peers to strive to be the best they can be. She nominated as a leader to not only support the College, but to also improve my public speaking.

## Middle Years House Captains

**Dominic:** Jesse Meikle and Sophie Stokes

**MacKillop:** Harry Flynn and Ella Grigg

**Rice:** Ryan Webster and Trinity Le

# celebrating our success

## 2018 VCE Results

Congratulations to our Year 12 class of 2018 on very pleasing results, with some exceptional individual scores from both Year 12 and Year 11 students. Our results for this year show an increase in students with ATARs over 80 and 90. Overall, 21 students gained an ATAR over 90 and a quarter of the cohort scored ATARs over 80 which is a fine reward for these individuals. In VCE, 6.5% of our study scores were over 40 and the median study score was 31 which is above the state average.

College Dux for 2018 is College Captain, Siobhan Brodrick, with an amazing ATAR of 99.8 and this score puts her in the best 0.2% of all students in the nation. Siobhan studied English, Mathematical Methods, Physical Education and Chemistry, attaining a perfect score of 50 in both English and PE. Siobhan also accelerated in Psychology as a Year Ten student and again attained a perfect study score of 50. In 2017, she followed up that stellar performance with a 48 in Informatics. She is the College's Kwong Lee Dow scholar and she has been an active member of the AGILE program.

Xintong (Tony) Yan who followed up his 48 for Informatics and his 47 for Visual Communication in 2017 with another great performance, was the runner up with an impressive ATAR of 99.1. In 2018, Tony studied English (EAL), Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. Tony also achieved very highly in his first year University subject.

Our 2018 College Leaders: Siobhan Brodrick, Matthew Cavicchia, Jordan Hendy, Chelsea Tucker, Sophie Farinacci and Isaac Mumford are evidence that contributing fully to the life of the College through service can complement outstanding academic success as they each gained ATARs over 90. Indeed, Matthew who attained an ATAR of 95.1 also scored a perfect 50 for **Business Management**, and his twin brother Tom attained an excellent ATAR of 92.2. Also amongst our top ten achievers are Jackie Mu, Elizabeth O'Connor, Ben Trethewey and Darcey Kennedy.



# celebrating our success

## Students with ATAR Scores over 90 and their University offers

Siobhan Brodrick	B. Medical Science & Doctor of Medicine (Monash)
Tony Yan	B. Science (Honours) (ANU)
Jordan Hendy	B. Biomedical Science (Monash)
Chelsea Tucker	B. Biomedical Science (Monash)
Sophie Farinacci	B. Biomedical Science (Monash)
Jackie Mu	B. Biomedical Science (Monash)
Elizabeth O'Connor	B. Engineering (Honours) (Professional) (Swinburne)
Benjamin Trethewey	B. Science (Monash)
Matthew Cavicchia	B. Commerce (Monash)
Darcey Kennedy	B. Biomedical Science (Monash)
Georgia Fuller	B. Psychology (Honours) (Monash)
Natasha Tenney	B. Business (Professional) (Swinburne)
Luke Mitchell	B. of Commerce and B. of Science (Monash)
Thomas Cavicchia	B. Global Studies (Monash)
Nga Nguyen	B. Commerce (University of Melbourne)
Nick Ou	B. Science (RMIT)
Patrick Nailer	B. Commerce (Monash)
Isaac Mumford	B. Arts (Monash)
Hamish McKenna	B. Film and Television (Honours) (Swinburne)
Noah Edwards	B. Engineering (Honours) (Monash)
Isabella Koikas	B. Occupational Therapy (Honours) (Monash)

## award recipients

Patrick Ryan Award - Dux of the College	<b>Siobhan Brodrick</b>
Dux of VCAL	<b>Jasmine Hill</b>
Jan Roczniok Award	<b>Siobhan Brodrick</b>
Paul Monk Award (Religion)	<b>Elyshia Sproule Carroll</b>
Paul Monk Award (English & Science)	<b>Siobhan Brodrick</b>
Dave Mallia Award	<b>Patrick Nailer</b>
Deakin Shield - Dux of Year 11	<b>Katie Cao</b>
Edmund Rice Community Service Award	<b>Annelisa Phillips</b>
Evelyn Hine Award	<b>Olivia McLean</b>
Parents and Friends Awards:	<b>Anthony Jordan</b> <b>Alex Cortes-Gama</b> <b>Flynn Wilkinson</b> <b>Ella-Jade Watkins</b>



# a night of excellence

by Meredith Greenwood - Head Senior Years

In 2015 our whole College Excellence evening - *Celebration* - was introduced to recognise the achievements of students across all year levels. In 2018, this now regular fixture on the College calendar was held at The Grand, Wantirna on Monday December 10. Apart from the presentation of a number of academic, sporting and community awards there was also some arts presentations and a range of wonderful musical performances.

Mr Michael Box, Deputy Principal - Learning implored all students to make their mark on the world, using our current Leading Lights inductees as examples. The recognition provided at this event is not just for academic excellence. An evening like this one is not about winning or beating others, it is about recognition of hard work, endeavour and commitment.

## Individual Awards

Year 11 Dux of VCAL:	Trent Dodd
The Music Award:	Adam Casamento
Visual Arts Prize:	Madeline Clark
The Mark Campbell Award:	Grant Young
Film Fest People's Choice Award:	Grant Young
Australian Defence Force Award:	Jules Carboni
Kwong Lee Dow Award:	Isobel Faktor

## Student Athletes of the Year

Year 11	Shannon Fraser
Year 10	Ruby Crisp
Year 9	Emily Box

## Sports Awards

Nicholas Antonino	Corey Nieuwenhuizen
Angus Button	Annelisa Phillips
Shannon Fraser	Sophie Stokes
Grace Higgins	Sophie Triandafillou
Georgia Lester	Ethan Todaro



# a night of excellence

## Top Achievers

### Year 11

Emma Azzopardi  
Megan Benning  
Katie Cao  
Madeleine Galicia  
Bailey Heron  
Alexandra Kelesidis  
Taylah Knight  
Bryony May  
Hannah McLean  
Annelisa Phillips  
Charli Raaymakers  
Bridget Rankine  
Alison Tran  
Blake Ward  
Lana Wheatfill

### Year 10

Elyse Blythe  
Miranda Button  
Jules Carboni  
Lucas Clarke  
Isobel Faktor  
Jessica Heng  
Bree Henry  
Claire Hurley  
Jade Leonard  
Anita Mugamu  
Mackenzie Pragnaratne  
April Smith  
Cassidy Stephens  
Nick Tellus  
Luca Virgona

### Year 9

Issy Edwards  
Erin Gualano  
Rachel Lock  
Keighli O'Brien  
Rory O'Brien  
Laura Peterson  
Grace Scutt  
Charlise Smith  
Reuben Steen  
Brad Steer  
Mikaela Tenney  
Samara Terpstra  
Elise Walsh  
Flynn Wilkinson  
Charli Woods  
Tanisha Wu  
Chelle Wynne  
Shanae Fantin

### Year 8

Ben Beattie  
Kaelan Boundy  
Brittany Bourke  
Rosie Doherty  
Isabelle Kuyken  
Sam Leonard  
Ned Mooney  
David Mu  
Corey Nieuwenhuizen  
Amelie Pote  
Gaby Steen  
James Ventura  
Grace Walsh  
Abbey Walsh

### Year 7

Chris Barber  
Jackson Boundy  
Molly Campbell  
Shaelee Donohue  
Matilda Dring  
Abbey Fletcher  
Asher Franklin  
Alannah Leech  
Nathan Magpantay  
Jayson Nestic  
Ashlyn Ritchie  
Ben Sette  
Jay Tolentino  
Cassie Wynne

## Learning Area Awards

### Year 11

Callan Broderick  
Phuong Khanh Cao  
Eloise Chaston  
Caitlin Cooke  
Trent Dodd  
Bronte Faraday  
Madeleine Garcia  
Matea Grigic  
Bailey Heron  
Alexandra Kelesidis  
Hannah McLean  
Nicolaas Peterson  
Lauren Ridler  
Christian Sorace  
Julia Southward  
Emma Watt  
Lana Wheatfill

### Year 10

Daniel Barber  
Elyse Blyth  
Jules Carboni  
Lucas Clarke  
Emily Lechner  
Jade Leonard  
Georgia Lorenz  
Anita Mugamu  
Mackenzie Pragnaratne  
Jack Rankin  
Cassidy Stephens  
Nicholas Tellus  
Luca Virgona  
Leon Walshe

### Year 9

Sarah Crosbie  
Sebastian Di Simone  
Christina Doan  
Stefanie Etchells  
Shanae Fantin  
Erika Gesthuizen  
Danny May  
Tianyi Mei  
Rory O'Brien  
Emilia Santoro  
Reuben Steen  
Bradley Steer  
Mikaela Tenney  
Zara Toet  
Flynn Wilkinson  
Michelle Wynne  
Tanisha Wu

### Year 8

Brittany Bourke  
Kaelan Boundy  
Amy-Kate Davis  
Isabella Flack  
Zachary Hanrahan  
Monika Heng  
Sam Leonard  
Ned Mooney  
David Mu  
Corey Nieuwenhuizen  
Rainier Palao  
Alexander Robinson  
Gabriella Steen  
Jay Tolentino  
Joanna Tosti-Guerra  
James Van Der Linden  
Grace Walsh  
Gabrielle Walshe

### Year 7

William Axon  
Mason Bartlett  
Jackson Boundy  
Matilda Dring  
Andrew Eyhorn  
Johan Joshi  
Jasmine McGill  
Ella Motteram  
Jayson Nestic  
Sally Spicer  
Aaron Steer  
Jay Tolentino  
Samuel Tsoukatos  
Chloe Zidis

# welcome to new staff

In 2019 we have the pleasure in welcoming new staff to the College

## **Michael Wilcock**

*Assistant Principal - Staff  
Executive Leadership Team*

Before joining Aquinas College, Michael was an educator in Catholic education, most recently at Cardijn College. in South Australia, a career that has spanned 33 years. During this time Michael taught Mathematics and Science, with a speciality in senior Physics.

He is passionate about education and brings a wealth of experience across a range of different contexts having worked in both single sex and coeducational schools. Michael has a passion for teaching Physics and has taught senior Physics at both Year 11 and 12 for over 20 years. He has also held the position of Chief Moderator for Physics with the SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) Board as well as being a Setter, Vetter and Exam supervisor.

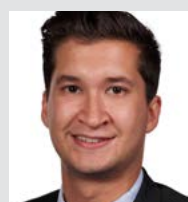
Michael's role at Aquinas College will see him working closely with the staff, supporting them to perform their professional responsibilities to the highest possible standard. Michael holds a Masters Degree in Teacher Development and is keen to bring new ideas to an already vibrant community that values excellence in teaching and learning.



Michael is married to Simone and has two daughters, Phoebe who has graduated as a Registered Nurse and Nina who is currently completing Year 12 at St Aloysius College in Adelaide.

As a proud South Australian he supports the Adelaide Crows!

## new members of our team



**Aiman Aiashi**  
Humanities & English



**Elena Bai**  
Maths & Science



**Julia Barr**  
Hospitality GAP Program



**Lauren Bourke**  
English & Drama



**Sharna Cousland**  
English



**Therese Dennis**  
French & English



**Ian Gould**  
Religious Education



**Jessica Jacobs**  
Lower Brass Teacher



**Heidi Johnson**  
French & Humanities



**Catherine Kearney**  
English & Humanities



**Sharon Marino**  
Laboratory Technician



**Jai Melchiorre**  
PE/Sport GAP Program



**Karen Myers**  
Maths & Science



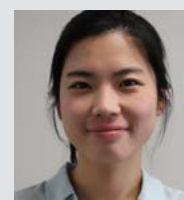
**Marita Stretch**  
Religious Education



**Heidi Vandenberg**  
Art GAP Program






















**Natasha Vasiliou**  
Accounting & Business Management



**Mina Yu**  
Piano Teacher

# farewell to staff

At the end of 2018, we said farewell to some of our team and thanked them for being a part of the Aquinas College community.

			Clara Buckley	20 years of service
			Melissa Parker	19 years of service
			Jim Finlayson	15 years of service
			Kim Bentley	11 years of service
			Lorryn Wellman	9 years of service
			Tim Lee	6 years of service
			Matt Hufer	5 years of service
			Natasha Mackinnon	3 years of service
			Claire James	3 years of service
			Brianna Shannon	2 years of service
			Jessica Yang	2 years of service
			Fiona Thompson	18 months of service
			Katerina Forrester	18 months of service
			Gabrielle Bert	1 year of service
			Belinda Leeton	1 year of service
			Jack Brown	GAP Year
			Georgia Redfern	GAP Year
			Kate Woodstock	GAP Year
			Kate Varnam	Under a year
				
				

# snapshots of Aquinas life



*Oh may we never forget.*



# opening assembly



*Hand in hand now, we will stand now, et Ardere.*

# second generations

We welcome former students who are now Year 7 parents in 2019

STUDENT NAME	PARENT NAME	PEER YEAR	STUDENT NAME	PARENT NAME	PEER YEAR
Bianca Alipan	Ingrid Alipan (Robertson)	1993	Joshua Leahy	Katrina Leahy (Skedden)	1994
Kane Barclay	Michelle Barclay (Bray)	1994	Kate Lindsey	Claire Lindsey (Corrigan)	1990
Lincoln Barclay	Melanie Barclay (Hess)	1997	Cameron Livingstone	Jason Livingstone Rachel Livingstone (Coffey)	1990 1990
Ryan Boland	David Boland Jennifer Boland (Edelmaier)	1994 1994	Taya Loughron	John Loughron	1990
Cody Boland	Michael Boland Naomi Butler	1997 1997	Aidon Maffia	Hazel Maffia (Cleary)	1995
Noah Chivers	Sarah-Jane Chivers (Pearce)	1989	Fintan Markic	David Markic Kerrilee Markic (Smith)	1987 1990
Summer Hayek	Catherine Cleary	1994	Charlotte Martin	Adam Martin Kate Martin (Barr)	1994 1994
Lachlan Collins	Danielle Collins	1991	Georgia May	Matthew May	1985
Amelia Cullen	Simon Cillen	1993	Anelise May	Trina May (D'Souza) Nicholas May	1986 1986
Andrew Dowling Horgan	Shaun Dowling Horgan	1978	Jaclyn McCallum	James McCallum	1985
Summer Earle	Nicolle Earle (Spencer)	1988	Thomas Nedza	Christopher Nedza	1998
Alice Edwards	Steven Edwards	1993	Tom North	Nicholas North	1994
William Falzon	Karen Falzon (Jones)	1988	William North-Coombes	Daniel North-Coombes Fran North-Coombes (Sorace)	1994 1993
Archie Flynn	Sean Flynn Maree Livy	1990 1990	Frances Pezzano	Vince Pezzano	1992
Olivia Gough	Catherine Gough (Newton)	1991	Tate Prasad	Elizabeth Prasad (Flanagan)	1986
Troy Green	Stewart Green	1987	Stella Smirk	Sarita Smirk (Young)	1989
Lachlan Grey	Kerrilee Grey (Thomas)	1992	Billy Baynes	Johana Stafford	1993
Ava Grigg	Sharlene Grigg (Bray)	1993	Mikaela De Vries	Karen Stait	1995
Leo Henderson	Simone Henderson (Blankenstein)	1992	Lachlan Sturdy	Jarrod Sturdy	1994
Natalia Hristidis Georgia Hristidis	Marita Hristidis (Skinner)	1998	Kane Tucker	Nolene Bradshaw	1989
Joshua Jackson	Darren Jackson	1991	Hayden Turner	Melissa Turner (Jackson)	1990
Abbey Janssen	Ann Janssen (Macklin)	1987	Lachlan Warton	Michael Warton	1986
Ethan Jones	Shane Jones Cecilia Jones (Visser)	1986 1990	Riley White	Simone White (Bowker)	1994
Samuel Knox	Kerrie Knox (Toivonen)	1989	Darcy Young	Catherine Carroll	1984
Liam Kuyken	Jacinta Kuyken (Knox)	1989			

# where are they now?



## Darren Jackson

Peer Year 1991

*"I graduated in 1991 and was one of four from my family who attended Aquinas College. My wife Tanya and I are business owners, managing Sportsguru and Rock Solid Shelving. My son Josh, who commenced Year 7 this year, previously attended St. Bernadette's Primary School, where his younger brother Rhys is in Grade 1. We are all very excited to be a part of the Aquinas College community again."*

## Nicolle Earle

Peer Year 1998

*"I graduated in 1988 and went to Melbourne University to study Arts and Education. I moved to Broome after graduating University and ended up living and teaching in Western Australia for ten years. I returned to Melbourne and moved back to Mitcham, the area I grew up in. I am currently an English teacher at Whitefriars College. We have had two children graduate from Aquinas College already, Jesse (PY 2016) and Maisy (Year 11, 2017). Summer is so excited to follow in their footsteps and Ryder, our youngest is currently in Grade 3 at St James Primary, Vermont."*

## Glen Grandy

Peer Year 1994

*"I was recently honoured with being inducted into the Victoria Police Sporting and Welfare Association Hall of Fame. In my HSC year of 1984, I was chosen to represent Australia in the Asian Oceania Youth Ice Hockey Championship (Under 18) and I was provided some financial assistance by the College to assist with my travel to Japan."*

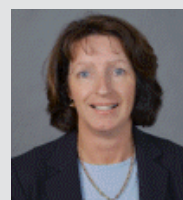
*"I've been very fortunate to be able to combine my sport with my work as well as all the related health benefits that sport brings."*

## Steven Edwards

Peer Year 1993

*"We are proud to be continuing our family association with Aquinas College which began in 1971 with my sister Toni Edwards. Since then all ten of John and Robyn's kids attended the College and they were soon followed by the grandchildren. I completed Year 12 in 1993 and with Alice beginning Year 7 this year we begin the 46th year of an Edwards at Aquinas College. There have been only three years where no Edwards attended the College (1994-96). In 2019 Alice joins her cousins Millie and Emily (Year 12) and Isabel and William (Year 11)."*

Pictures of Robyn with her ten children and her grandchildren.



## in memoriam

Julie Hinrichsen

Julie Hinrichsen was a teacher at Aquinas College in the 1980s and 1990s teaching

Psychology and French. With her gentle demeanour yet very high expectations, she was able to ensure students succeeded and achieving high results, especially in VCE Psychology. Julie was an inspiring teacher, a great mentor to teachers early in their career, a wonderful colleague, a dedicated homeroom teacher and held in the highest regard by the whole community.

Sadly Julie passed away in early January 2019 after losing her battle with cancer. We offer our thoughts and condolences to her family.



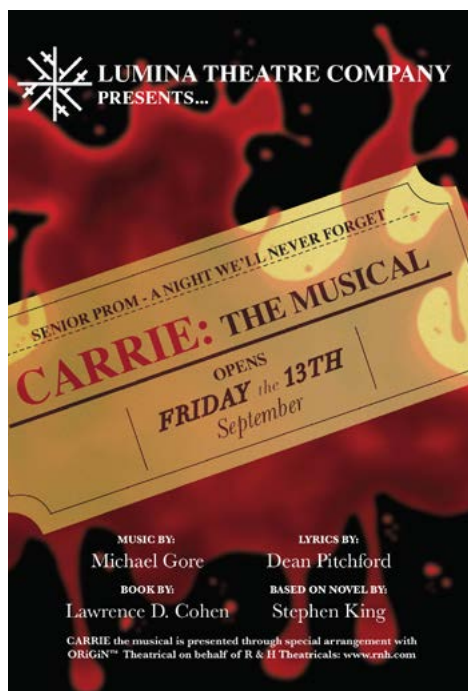
# lumina theatre co

Lumina Theatre Company had a wonderful 2018 season, with strong sales for all four performances of Legally Blonde. Featuring a stellar cast (of humans and canines), the production was nominated for a Lyrebird Award for Best Choreography by Madeline Pratt.

While Legally Blonde may be a tough show to follow, Lumina are delighted to announce their production for 2019 will be **Carrie: The Musical!** Music and lyrics by Michael Gore and Dean Pitchford (Fame), book by Lawrence D. Cohen (screenwriter of the 1976 film Carrie), based on the original novel by Stephen King.

*Carrie: The Musical follows the story of Carrie White, a reclusive senior bullied for her quiet nature and her possessive mother, taking place in the final week at high school before prom. After a traumatic incident in the showers after gym class leaves her humiliated by the "in" crowd of Chamberlain High School, Carrie's life and the lives of those around her take a turn as some try to make amends for their past actions, while others only fight fire with fire. But once it gets to prom night who knows what will happen, after all, your senior prom is a night you'll never forget...*

Production season will be from Friday 13th September to Saturday 21st September in the Mahon Theatre, Aquinas College, with auditions taking place in May.



For all information regarding auditions, events, ticketing and special offers follow Lumina Theatre Company @luminatheatreco on all social media.

# “the Bloods”



## Join the Club

If you are considering becoming involved with a progressive, family oriented Local Suburban Football Club, please contact one of the following club officials.

### Terry McEvoy

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### Jack McDonald

Secretary

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0430 130 520

The Aquinas Old Collegians Football Club is looking forward to another big year. The Bloods are in tremendous shape ahead of the 2019 season both on and off the field. All four sides - Senior and Reserves Men's, Women's and the Under 19s - have been tearing up the training track since late last year in preparation for round one on Saturday April 6.

The senior leadership group for the year was announced recently with James McMahon, Jarrod Sund, Matt Prouse and Michael O'Malley taking on these key roles. Announcements for our other teams will follow soon.

With pre season camps and practice matches just around the corner all four sides are gearing up for the season ahead. The Club has welcomed local business Demak Timber as a major sponsor for the next two years. Barry Plant (Heathmont and Ringwood) and Swinburne University remain valued supporters of the Club.

The Club remains committed to providing a fun and enjoyable atmosphere in which to enjoy the great game of Australian Rules Footy. Anyone who wants to give it a go should come down and have a kick.

Go Bloods.

*United our hearts will remain*

# Important Dates



*Honouring*  
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The Aquinas College Honour Roll recognises the outstanding leadership and achievement of former Aquinas College students. The Honour Roll is a special way of acknowledging to the College community contributions that are seen to be outstanding and can to inspire future generations of young Aquinians.

**We are calling for nominations now for the 2019 Honour Roll.**

Honour Roll nominations are only for former students of the College. It is expected that former students nominated will understand that Aquinas College was their major school of secondary education .Nominate a potential inductee onto the Aquinas College Honour Roll for 2019.

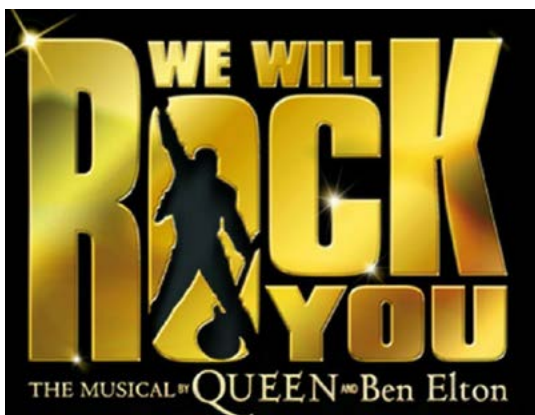
Contact the Registrar on [registrar@aquinas.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@aquinas.vic.edu.au) or [Use this link to nominate.](#)



## Junior Musical

**19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd June**

Featuring some of the most popular songs ever written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The classic story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out and soon Beast and his household may be doomed for all eternity. This “tale as old as time” will fill you with delight.



## Senior Musical

**31st July, 1st, 2nd and 3rd August**

We Will Rock You follows two revolutionaries as they try to save rock in a post apocalyptic world. Featuring the songs “Another One Bites the Dust”, “Bohemian Rhapsody”, “Killer Queen”, “We Will Rock You”, “Somebody To Love”, “We Are the Champions”, and many more. We Will Rock You has been performed in 28 countries around the globe and seen by more than 16 million people. Our Senior students won’t disappoint getting their “rock on”!



## Share your news

We would love to hear from our Aquinas College Alumni. Share your news about births, engagements, marriages, in memoriam or outstanding achievements to feature in upcoming editions of Illuminare.

If you have any historical information for our archives, we would love to take copies for our archives.

Email your news, photos and information with your contact details to:  
**[illuminare@aquinas.vic.edu.au](mailto:illuminare@aquinas.vic.edu.au)**

## Our Website

[www.aquinas.vic.edu.au](http://www.aquinas.vic.edu.au)

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