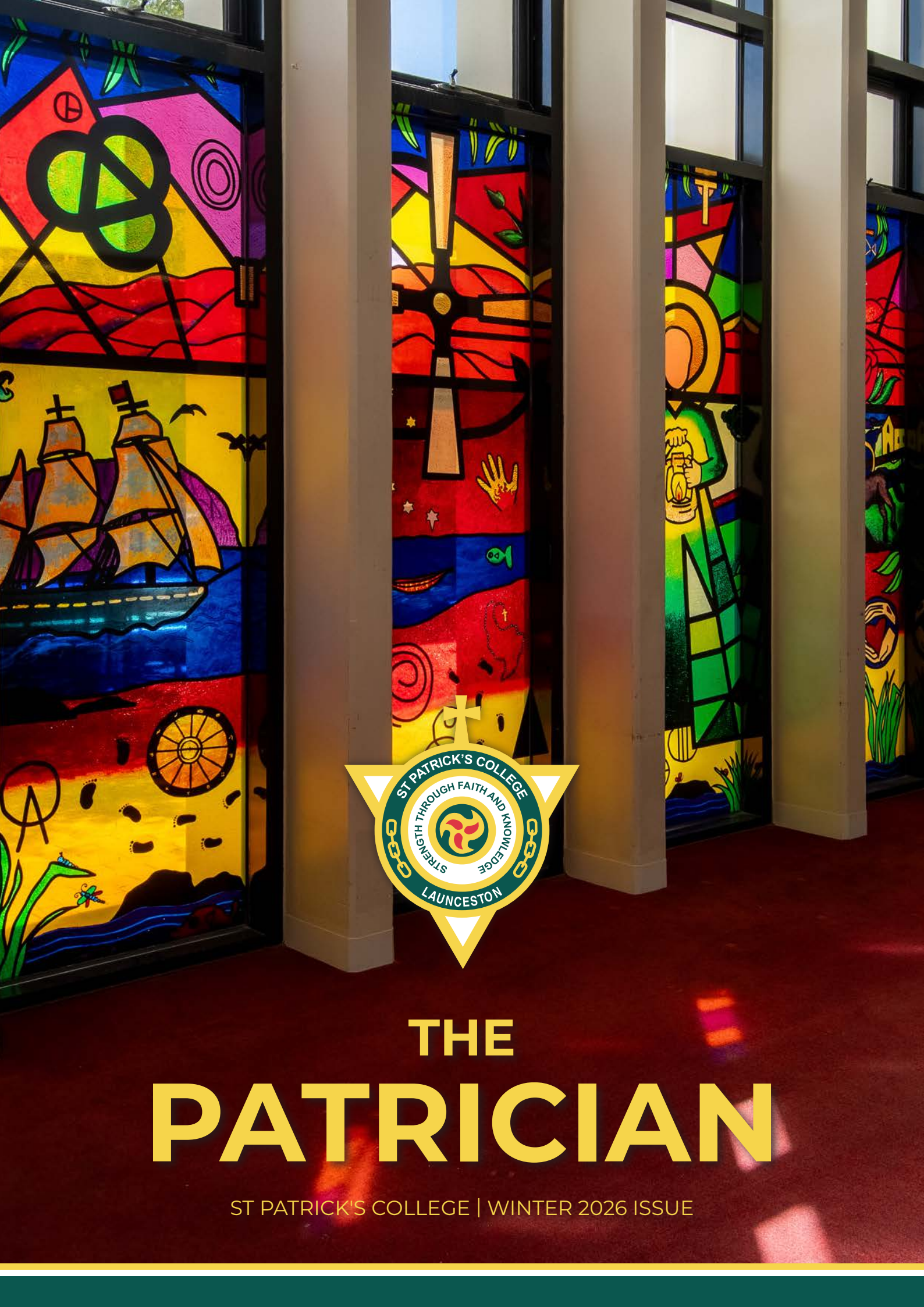

THE PATRICIAN

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE | WINTER 2026 ISSUE

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The Patrician is the community magazine of St Patrick's College and its forerunners, Sacred Heart College, St Thomas More's School and Marian College. The magazine features news from the College and the broader community of Old Collegians.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the beautiful Kanamaluka with trees and stunning skies. The birds chirping and singing, the wind rustling through the leaves.

This land is rich with life. Deep with history. We live on strong Country splashed with splendid features. Rolling mountains scatter the land. Crystal blue seas.

For this Country, as small as it may be, no matter where I am, its beauty never fails me.

This is the Country of the Palawa who have cared for the lands and waterways since time began.

From the Principal

Mrs Liz Illingworth

A JOURNEY THROUGH 42 YEARS OF ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

In 1983, I commenced Year 7 at Marian College at Newstead. There were four Year 7 classes and four Year 8 classes back then. Having come from St Finn Barr's, I arrived at Marian alongside the same friends I had known throughout primary school. The facilities weren't exactly state-of-the-art; I vividly remember the science lab, a kitchen, the sewing room (in a house next door), the library, and the tuckshop.

I can't remember much fuss about the amalgamation with the boys and our subsequent move to Prospect in 1984. However, a few things do stand out: the distinct lack of a uniform (we didn't really have one during that transitional year), being called "Marian - St Patrick's College," having no sports houses that first year, and classrooms that were incredibly basic. I remember when we were given the opportunity to vote for the official school name. If memory serves, the options were Guilford Young, Marian St Patrick's College, or St Patrick's College. I also remember the new uniforms being showcased and trialled over my Year 8 and Year 9 years. Looking back, it was all a bit messy!

I finished Year 12 in 1988. There were about 74 of us in our graduating year, and at that time, the total student population of the College was 854. It was during this final year that the soil was turned for the College Pool, capping off a period where various minor improvements had been made during my time at the school. As a student who genuinely liked school and wasn't easily fussed, the massive changes didn't mean a whole lot to me at the time. Looking back though, it was a period of monumental change for Catholic Education in Launceston, and the decision to amalgamate the girls' and boys' schools was undoubtedly a great one.

What I remember most about my time at St Patrick's College was the sheer variety of sports I was involved in, alongside the amazing teachers who not only guided my learning, but invested their personal time into coaching and mentoring me. It was definitely due to the impact of those educators that I chose to follow in their footsteps and become a Health and Physical Education/Mathematics Teacher.

Like many ex-students, I was incredibly keen to return and work at the College I loved so much. I came back to St Patrick's as a Graduate Teacher in 1993 and remained on staff for 14 years, loving every minute of working in such a supportive community alongside people who kept the students at the centre of everything they did.

In 2023 I was fortunate enough to return to the College yet again. Returning, I found a vibrant place of learning and activity where the staff remain just as invested in the young people who arrive each morning.

How the College has grown! In 1984 as a Year 8 student, the student population was 915. When I returned in 1993 as a teacher, the numbers were 1011, and by the time I left in 2004, there were 1245 students. Today, the College boasts a student population of 1582.

Now, 42 years after the amalgamation, St Patrick's College continues to hold an excellent reputation in the local community. Our facilities are second to none, enabling us to offer a diverse range of subject areas and levels to suit our entire student body. As a College with our eyes firmly on the future, we have continued to expand our Vocational Education and Training (VET) offerings. Students can opt for a traditional Academic Pathway, where our cohorts perform exceptionally well, or a Vocational Pathway featuring qualifications in Construction, Electrotechnology, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality, Coaching, Fitness, and Animal Care. These pathways combined with a Co-Curricular Program that is second to none across Sport, Music, the Arts, Drama, and Outreach, St Patrick's College truly offers something for everyone.

Later in this edition of *The Patrician*, you will read about the large number of ex-students who return to work here. I know there is a very clear reason for this, and I am sure for many of the staff it goes back to the experience that they had as students, the impact that staff had on them, and the subsequent vision that they too can make a difference in the lives of our current students.

St Patrick's College is a proud Catholic College, and I know that we continue to offer the same excellent experience to our young people that has been provided since 1873, when the Presentation Sisters first opened Sacred Heart College in Launceston.

If you have not visited the College in a long time, please join us for a special Old Collegians' tour on Wednesday 25 November at 6pm*. We will start with soup and sandwiches from our Ballygriffin Cafe, and then you will be amazed by our facilities and the outstanding offerings available to the students of today.

*Registration for this event is essential for catering purposes - please register through the Old Collegians' Portal: stpatricks.co/OldCollegianTour or scan the QR code.

Old Collegian News

A Journey of Faith: Student to Bishop

From his days as a student at St Patrick's College to his current role as the 9th Bishop of Ballarat, Bishop Mark Freeman's journey has been guided by faith and service. We reached out to Bishop Mark about his memories of St Patrick's, the friendships that influenced his vocation, and the lessons from his time at the College that continue to guide him today.

What are your strongest memories of your time as a student at St Patrick's College?

The college was much smaller (around 400 students) at that time, but I do recall the friendships formed and the importance of these friendships for every aspect of life. Our gifts and capacities were encouraged. For me (not being a sportsman) this meant things like debating and public speaking.

Looking back, how did your time at the College help shape your vocation to the priesthood?

Being given responsibilities as the years progressed gave me the confidence to embark on the road to becoming a priest. Two others from my year group pursued vocations - Paul Phillips spent a number of years as a Christian Brother and David Ranson also became a priest and is currently the Vicar General and Diocesan Administrator for the Diocese of Broken Bay, NSW. Their friendship certainly encouraged me to follow the path that led to my becoming a priest.

What have been the greatest joys and challenges of serving in leadership roles within the Church?

I loved being a priest in Tasmania and valued the leadership positions I held over the years. I was Vicar General for 12 years (2005 - 2017) and Chancellor from 2023. These roles, together with being a Parish Priest on the West Coast, in Ulverstone, Devonport, the Huon Valley, Launceston and Bellerive/Lindisfarne gave me the joy of working closely with people in all sorts of experiences in their lives. The same involvement brought its challenges, especially when supporting people during times of grief and loss. The many changes in society over all the years I have been a priest (since August 1984) have brought about joys and challenges. Importantly, I have tried to be myself and give of myself and just being prepared to accompany people in whatever has been their experience.

How has life changed since becoming Bishop?

The main change is in terms of my connection with the various communities and parishes. I go to parishes as the leader rather than as the person who is able to get to know the people and work with them and walk alongside them in everyday life. I have also been overwhelmed by the number of meetings I am expected to attend and the Boards and Committees I am now part of because I am the Bishop of the diocese.

I certainly didn't expect to become a bishop at this stage in my life, but what I received from my years at St Patrick's College (1967-1970 at St Patrick's Preparatory College, York St and 1971-1976 at Prospect Vale) has certainly provided a good foundation for my role as 9th Bishop of Ballarat. I have drawn on my connection with St Patrick's College in an aspect of my crest the lion (representing Tasmania) is presenting to the world what is in fact the centrepiece of the College crest. I hope that I can always present strongly to the people of the diocese of Ballarat (and to the whole Church), the faith and knowledge I gained from my years at St Patrick's College.

"Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness and love!"

A REPORT ON THE RELIGIOUS LIFE AT
ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE.
1976

1976 has seen the better bridging of the gap between school and parish, between instruction and liturgical participation. Towards the end of the First Term many of the local priests met with the Headmaster, Br. Brandon, to try to formulate an efficient form of chaplaincy for the College. As a result of that meeting every class level at the College, has its own chaplain, with Form 3 a larger group having access to the services of two priests. The clergy who are assisting in this way are Fr. D. Allen, the Vocation's Director, who cares for all classes in that direction, Fr. Michael Delaney, who looks after Form Six with Fr. Pax, O.F.M., (Form 5), Fr. Terry Rush (Form 4), Frs. Hugh Shearer and Philip McCormack (Form 3), Fr. John Nagle (Form 2), and Fr. Don Smith, M.S.C., (Form 1) forming an efficient programme of intense religious instruction supplementing private class and communal prayer in the form of the Mass and the Sacraments. Hopefully this network of Chaplaincy will continue for many years to come.

As this is the first magazine produced by the College for many years, it would be remiss of us not to mention the fine record the College has attained in Religious Service, over the last few years. 1974 saw the Final Profession of Br. Bonniwell and 1975 was an even greater year for the College with the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Anthony Fletcher and the Final Profession as a Christian Brother of Br. Michael Leonard. These three young men all attended the College in the 1960's before going to Melbourne for their studies. Joining these three in the ranks of Religious Life are a number of our recent old boys. Sean McManus is studying and teaching as a Christian Brother and Mark French, Bernard Durkin and Peter Izard are all in Melbourne studying for the Priesthood. It is the fervent prayer of the College that many more of our young men will be called by God to serve as priests and brothers.

During the year, there have been many occasions when each class has had the opportunity of attending the Mass. The whole school community joined in a Spirit of Unity and Thanksgiving to celebrate the opening of the school year, the investiture of the prefects and the presentation to the College of this year's Student Council. This Mass was celebrated by Father J. Nagle, assisted by the local clergy and our recent Old Boy Priest, Father A. Fletcher. On the feast of our patron, St. Patrick, the Eucharist was celebrated in the chapel by Father E. Lloyd, Adm., the Parish Priest. The feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Patroness of the Christian Brothers, saw two Masses celebrated at the College; one for Forms 1-3 and another for Forms 4-6. The feast of our founder, Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice, was celebrated with Class Masses. The theme of the H.S.C. Mass was "Do what you do, do well". Each member of the class had an active role to play in the preparation of the Liturgy and its functioning during the Mass which led to a great sense of community and unity in spirit. During the second term many classes had penitential services which proved rewarding for the participants. Before the end of 1976, the whole school will again share in a community celebration of the Eucharist to give thanks to God for this year and to wish everyone every success in the future, whether it be in the outside world or here at St. Patrick's in 1977.

The religious life at St. Patrick's has naturally held prominence in all school activities. It is hoped that such an intense chaplaincy programme, regular religious instruction and active participation in the Liturgy will develop a true love of the great gifts God has given us and that in the true spirit of St. Patrick, every student will have a fervent desire to serve the Lord as a faithful christian witness.

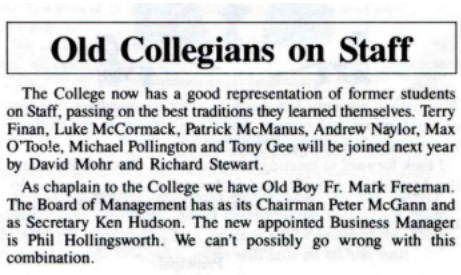
Mark Freeman. Form 6,
Sub-editor.

Congratulations to Peter Dunphy OAM

Peter Dunphy - OAM
2026 King's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to Peter Dunphy, an Old Collegian of St Patrick's College (1952-1961), was the recipient of a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to table tennis, in the King's Birthday Honours listing for 2026.

Old Collegians



Old Collegians on Staff

The College now has a good representation of former students on Staff, passing on the best traditions they learned themselves. Terry Finan, Luke McCormack, Patrick McManus, Andrew Naylor, Max O'Toole, Michael Pollington and Tony Gee will be joined next year by David Mohr and Richard Stewart.

As chaplain to the College we have Old Boy Fr. Mark Freeman. The Board of Management has as its Chairman Peter McGann and as Secretary Ken Hudson. The new appointed Business Manager is Phil Hollingsworth. We can't possibly go wrong with this combination.

When the first Patrician newsletter was published in 1988, an article highlighted 13 Old Collegians who were on staff or about to start in the 1988/89 school year. With roughly 65 staff members at the time, former students made up about 20% of the team.

Today, St Patrick's College employs over 300 staff, with more than 80 teachers and support staff who are Old Collegians, holding steady at roughly 24%. I proudly count myself among that number, having served this community for nearly 30 years.

For me, returning here to teach was never in doubt. The College has given immeasurably to my family - my father, my siblings and me, and now my son. Giving back through teaching felt like a natural continuation of that story, a sentiment I know many of my fellow alumni on staff share.

Having Old Collegians on staff provides the College with an advantage. We know the place inside out and the traditions, house rivalries, and unwritten rules are second nature to us. We've lived the motto, sung the school song, and worn the uniform, so we share a connection with the students and a deep understanding of what it means to be part of the St Patrick's College community.

The College helped shape who we are and that makes our work here more personal. We bridge the 'then' with the 'now', protecting the heritage and spirit that make St Patrick's special, while bringing modern teaching practices into the classroom to shape our students for tomorrow.

For those of us who choose this path, returning to work here is far more than a heartwarming story of full-circle nostalgia; it is a powerful driver of institutional culture, community trust, and educational continuity.

Mrs Kim McInnes
Deputy Principal - Administration & Community

More Than a Workplace

When I first wrote for *The Patrician* in 1989, I never imagined that, some 37 years later, I would be asked to reflect on my teaching journey at St Patrick's College for a new generation of Old Collegians.

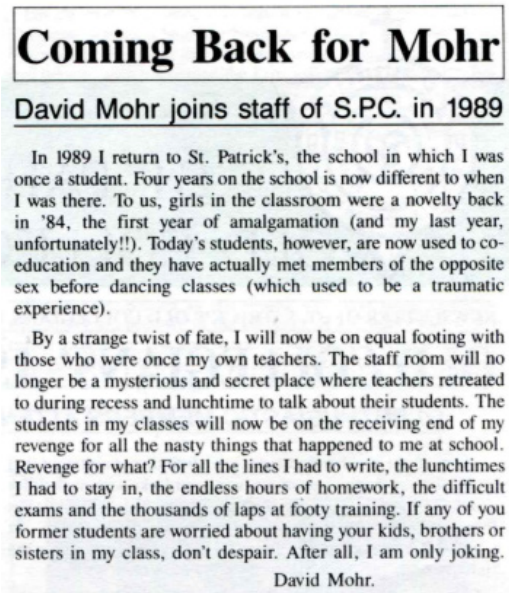
These days, I find myself as the last remaining staff member from the 1980s. Apart from six years spent teaching elsewhere, St Patrick's College has been my professional home throughout my career. My connection with the College, however, stretches back even further—to 1975, when I began Year 3 at "Junior St Patrick's", now Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School.

Over those five decades, I have witnessed extraordinary change. The most obvious transformation has been the College's physical environment. Very few of the buildings that stood when I began teaching in the late 1980s remain today. In their place are outstanding facilities that provide students with some of the finest academic, sporting, and co-curricular opportunities in Tasmania.

The College has also grown significantly, now providing a high-quality education to around 1,600 students from across northern Tasmania. The increasing diversity of our student community has enriched College life immeasurably, with students from many different cultures contributing to—and thriving within—the St Patrick's community.

Personally, I still have the same enthusiasm for teaching that I had as a new graduate all those years ago. As I look towards the final few years of my career, I do so with immense gratitude for the opportunities St Patrick's College has given me. It has been far more than a workplace; it has been my home, my community, and the place where I have been privileged to spend a lifetime helping young people grow and succeed.

Dave Mohr



Coming Back for Mohr

David Mohr joins staff of S.P.C. in 1989

In 1989 I return to St. Patrick's, the school in which I was once a student. Four years on the school is now different to when I was there. To us, girls in the classroom were a novelty back in '84, the first year of amalgamation (and my last year, unfortunately!!). Today's students, however, are now used to co-education and they have actually met members of the opposite sex before dancing classes (which used to be a traumatic experience).

By a strange twist of fate, I will now be on equal footing with those who were once my own teachers. The staff room will no longer be a mysterious and secret place where teachers retreated to during recess and lunchtime to talk about their students. The students in my classes will now be on the receiving end of my revenge for all the nasty things that happened to me at school. Revenge for what? For all the lines I had to write, the lunchtimes I had to stay in, the endless hours of homework, the difficult exams and the thousands of laps at footy training. If any of you former students are worried about having your kids, brothers or sisters in my class, don't despair. After all, I am only joking.

David Mohr.

Alumni on Staff by departure year

1977	Sally Brown
1978	Lynda Goldfinch
1980	Liz Woodworth nee Burr
1980	Patrick McManus
1982	Maria Bassett
1984	Angie MacMichael
1984	Bridget Arkless
1984	David Mohr
1984	Jennifer Shaw
1984	Shaun Lyall
1987	Angela Crothers nee Hoare
1988	Elizabeth Illingworth nee Johnson
1989	Tony Cullen
1990	Hayley Farrow nee McFarlane
1990	Kim McInnes nee McGee
1990	Nicole Cullen
1991	Kristie-Jayne McLaren nee Watson
1992	Anna Davie nee Sulzberger
1992	Joshua Martin
1992	Patrick Moroney
1993	Fiona Shepherd
1994	Matthew Heather
1994	Matthew McGee
1995	Adrian Viney
1995	Jenny Flynn
1997	Stephen Nelson
1997	Kate Rockliffe
1998	Emma Carracher
1999	David O'Toole
1999	Jessie Mansfield
2001	Chris Bass
2001	Doug Harmon
2001	Kara Beckett nee Lloyd
2001	Kimberley Brown nee Wright
2001	Nicole Laskey nee Radin
2002	Alastair Biffin
2002	Mallory Schipper nee Gunter
2002	Natalie Price nee Woodward
2004	Lindsey Hills nee Radin
2004	Mitchell Hills
2006	Jarrod Fawdry
2007	Caitlin Siejka
2007	Joseph Simons
2008	Alex Millwood nee Whiteley
2008	Chelsea Feldmeier nee Marriott
2008	Katelyn Roach nee Chugg
2009	Emilly Legge nee Ringsgwandl
2009	Haydn Robertson
2010	Jacob Millwood
2011	Cameron Bailey
2011	Jonathon James
2011	Brianna Langshaw nee Gartside
2012	Amy Soule
2012	Mikaela Stokell nee Clarke
2012	Stacey Grey
2014	Bianca Dingemanse nee King
2014	Jordan Ryan
2015	Andrew Holt
2015	Phoebe Fayolle nee Rattray
2015	Acacia Mick
2016	Claudia Barker
2016	Harrison O'Toole
2016	Kayla Frankcombe
2016	Luc Norton-Smith
2016	Paige Curran
2016	Patrick Breen
2016	Sam Moore
2017	Sophie Evans nee Fawkner
2018	Blake Cassidy
2018	Ella Summers nee Robotham
2018	Lucas Marik
2019	Jordan Parry
2019	Joseph Rice
2020	Chloe Heather
2020	Jess Murphy
2021	Alice Cole
2021	Evie Dawkins
2021	Harrison Mills
2022	Cameron Rae
2022	Emily Hepburn
2022	Sophie Blanshard
2023	Sam Jeffrey

Then ☞ Now

Alastair Biffin

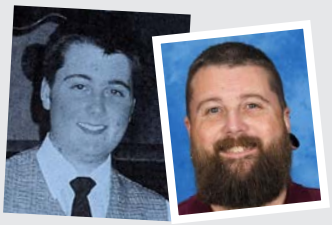
Lindsey Hills

Chris Bass

Mallory Schipper

David O'Toole

Matthew McGee



Jason Pengelly

Mitchell Hills

Joshua Martin

Nicole Radin

Kimberley Brown

Luc Norton-Smith

Kim McInnes

Tony Cullen

Strong Foundations

Transforming Our College Spaces

Compare St Patrick's College from years gone by to today, and you will see just how much has changed. The brick walls have given way to modern glass, creating learning spaces designed for visibility and collaboration. Smaller buildings have made way for modern state-of-the-art facilities.

While our architecture has evolved, the heart of the College endures. Looking back at these photos may spark a wave of nostalgia, evoking the familiar sights, sounds, and memories of your school days.

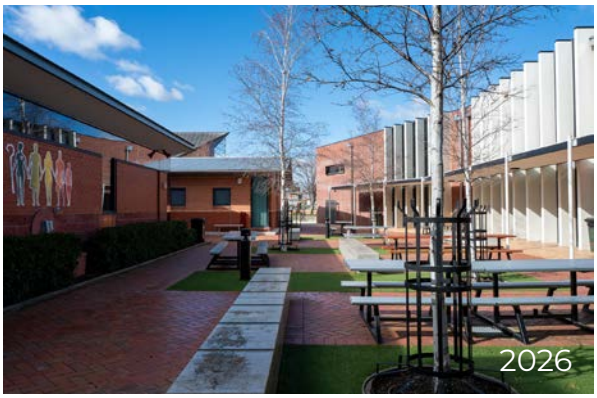
Library and Old Science Building Walkway

Middle School

Canteen

Arts Road

Brady Courtyard



ERC Courtyard

Come Trace Your Steps

Photos capture the transformation, but nothing compares to experiencing it in person. We invite you back to the College to spot the differences and rediscover your old stomping grounds.

Join us on the Old Collegians tour, on the evening of Wednesday 25 November 2026. Full details and registration for this event is through the Old Collegians' Portal: stpatricks.co/OldCollegianTour

Reconnect with old friends, share your memories and see the changes first hand.

Rice Block

Reunions

Connecting as Old Collegians

1975

The 1975 Peer Group Years 10-12, 50 Year Reunion event was held over the weekend of 8 to 10 November 2025, with casual drinks at Steve's Grill on the Friday night, followed by dinner at the Riverside Golf Club on the Saturday night. Sunday saw a tour of the school and farewell.

Over the weekend about 40 ex-students attended, all from the same class who left school 1973 to 1975 (leaving Years 10 -12). Apologies were received from about 20 who couldn't attend.

It was great to catch up with all who attended, some of whom didn't make it to our last reunion back in 2005. Sadly, we lost nine classmates over those 20 years. Classmates attended from mainland Australia and overseas.

Locally, quite a few of us get together a couple of times a year, for a Christmas drink and so on, so if anyone is interested in joining in for a get together, they can contact me at joefletch1957@gmail.com or 0437 718 177. - Joe Fletcher

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1984

At the end of last year reunions were held for the first year group that went co-ed on the St Patrick's campus, Year 9 in 1984, on what was then called the St Patricks- Marian College campus.

Even though through the years, previous reunions have been held for this year group, this was the first one that captured the Year 10 school leavers. The year marked the 40 Year Anniversary for this year group. The Reunion was a mammoth event organised within six weeks by a small group of ex SPC students, Ellen Bortolot, Trish Hay, Katia Duff (nee Colpo), Greg McInerney and Natalie Heiniger (nee Heazlewood).

The reunion was very popular, with ex-students coming from all states of Australia and even over the seas, and was held on two dates 29 November and 22 December, at the Cock n Bull Pub. Both reunions saw a strong turn out, and were very enjoyable events. The reunions took many of us back to our fun school years, with many memories and laughs, and at least one relationship was rekindled. Contact with each other is still happening through our social media 1985 SPC School Leavers pages, and smaller get-togethers have occurred since these events, with the hope that this will be a feature in our lives.

We would like to say a big thank you to Ellen Bortolot and Trish Hay for initiating and being the momentum behind making these spectacular, once in a lifetime, events happen. - Katia Duff

2000

On 27 December 2025, former students from the St Patrick's Class of 2000 came together to celebrate their 25-year school reunion. The day began with a tour of the school, giving attendees the opportunity to revisit familiar places and see firsthand the impressive developments that have taken place over the past two and a half decades.

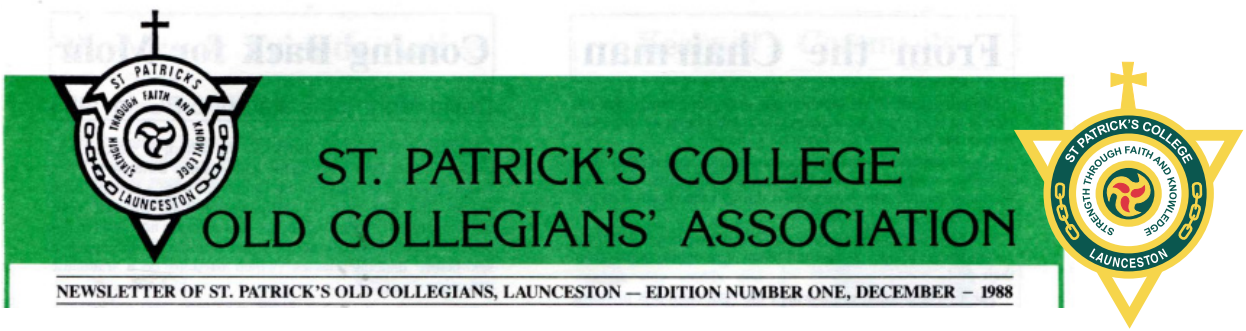
Many were amazed by how much the school had grown and improved since their student days. Following the tour, the group gathered at Du Cane for drinks and dinner, where old friendships were rekindled and memories were shared. The evening was filled with laughter, stories from years gone by, and a genuine sense of connection, making it a memorable occasion for all who attended. - Sarah Campbell

2015

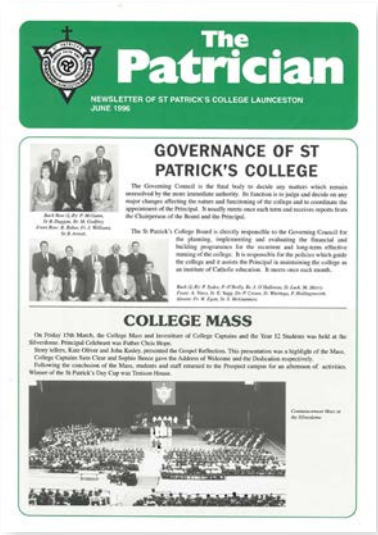
The Peer Group of 2015 got together on Friday, 21 November 2025, for their 10-Year Reunion at Du Cane. Around 28 alumni gathered for the milestone event, creating a great atmosphere that felt even larger as former classmates caught up over drinks and shared memories.

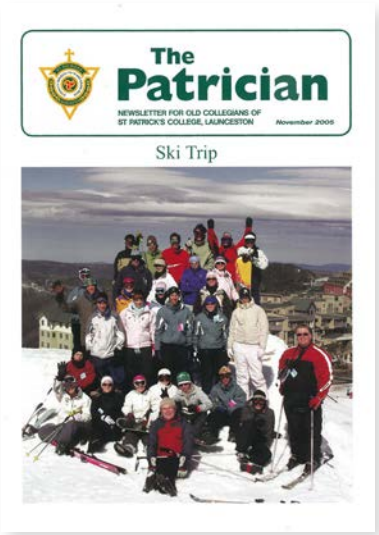
With a cross-section of friend groups from across the year level in attendance, the evening provided a good mix. A great night was had by all! - Liam Wood

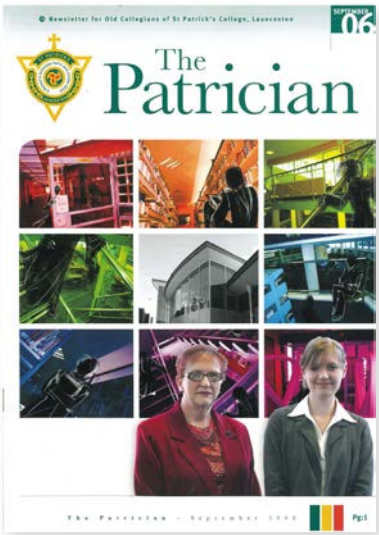
The Patrician Evolves

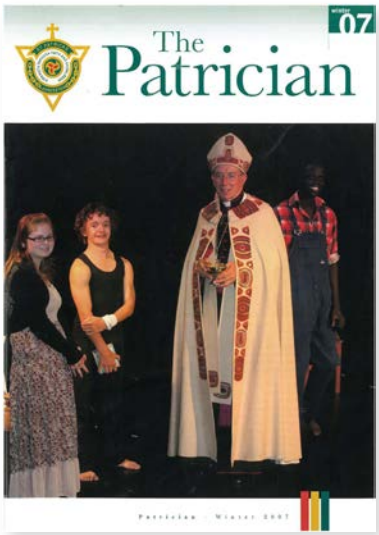


First published in 1988 as the Old Collegians' Association Newsletter, our alumni magazine, The Patrician, has undergone a steady design evolution over the years. From its original newsletter format to the modern multi-page layouts, the publication continues to document the history and development of St Patrick's College.

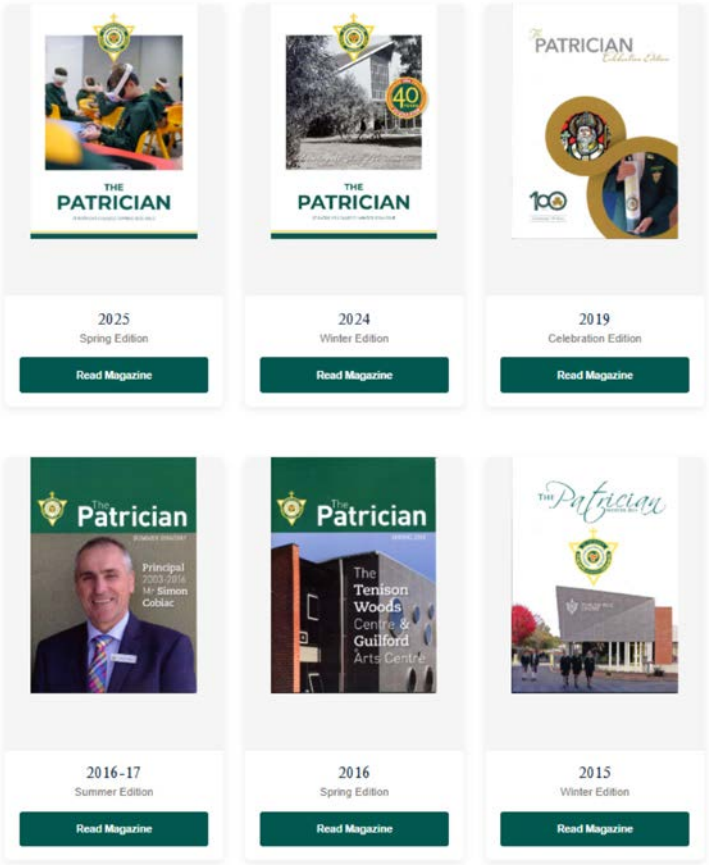








Take a stroll down memory lane. Browse and download past editions of our Old Collegians' Patrician magazine.



The most current Patrician magazine is accessible online via our College Website and through the Old Collegians' portal, hosted by Alumnly.

https://stpatricks.co/OldCollegiansPortal

An archive of all existing Patrician magazines is available through the Old Collegians' Portal. Sign up for free, connect with other Old Collegians, and have a browse through the historical magazines. You might find yourself in one of those editions!

If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the next Patrician via mail you must please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date with our archives.

Update your details!

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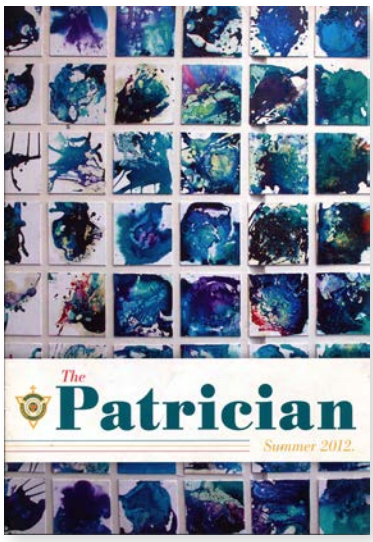

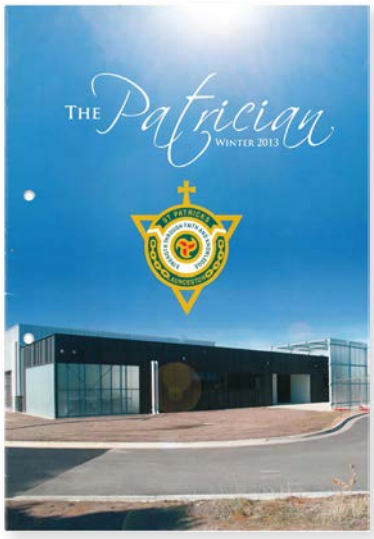

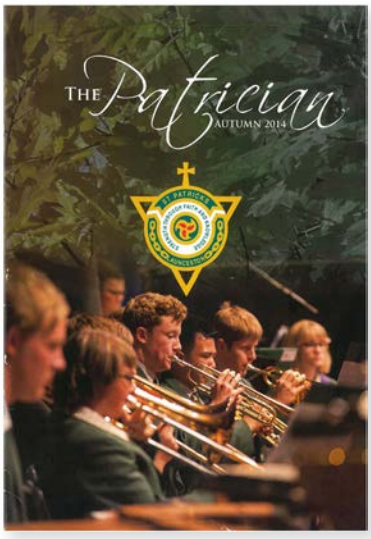

Staff Service

Fiona Mowat

For Outstanding Service as an Employee within Catholic Education

"Music is a level playing field and a gift that we can all bring to God, regardless of who we are."

Fizz has spent nearly 25 years bringing that belief to life in Catholic schools, particularly through her leadership at St Patrick's College, Launceston and in the Catholic Education Tasmania Northern Music Program.

She has guided hundreds of students through their musical journeys, from the first notes of Year 3 to performances in Year 12, fostering confidence, belonging, and personal growth along the way.

Catholic Education Tasmania thanks Fiona for her outstanding contribution.

Excerpt published by Catholic Education Tasmania via Facebook

Farewells

Mark Evans

Since he first joined us at St Patrick's College back in 1999, Mark has been a valued part of our school community. His deep dedication to teaching Maths and Science was appreciated by his students, as well as the leadership he brought to his roles as Head of Learning - VET and Senior Coordinator. Mark guided his students with real patience, skill, and a genuine passion for learning, making a lasting difference in their education and their lives. His enthusiasm and supportive nature left an enduring impact on both colleagues and students alike. As a highly respected and valued member of our team, Mark made the College a better place to work and learn, through his positive contributions to the College culture and spirit. Stepping into his next chapter, we bid him farewell with our deep appreciation and gratitude, wishing him all the very best for the future.

Lyn Haberle

Joining us in 2005, Lyn made a remarkable contribution to the College. Her dedication to teaching English, Psychology, and Religious Education left a lasting impact on both students and colleagues. Her passion for education and ability to inspire guided countless students in their academic and personal journeys. She generously shared her expertise with fellow teachers, fostering collaboration and supporting professional growth. Not only was she a valued educator, but also a mentor who shared guidance and faith with students, enriching the school community, particularly in her involvement with the Ascent program for many years. Leaving us at the end of 2025, we hope that she will be blessed with joy and fulfilment in all future endeavours. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best.

Vale

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of our Old Collegians and extended community members, who have passed away since our last publication.

We apologise for any omissions. Please communicate any omissions to the College and we will endeavour to print them in the next edition.

Vale Old Collegians

Tom Porte · Paul Siejka · Richard Talbot

Vale Br Roger Cripps

It is with deep respect that we remember Brother Roger Cripps, a valued educator, leader, and mentor whose dedication left a lasting mark on the St Patrick's College community.

Brother Cripps first served on the teaching staff at St Patrick's from 1982 to 1983. After serving as Principal at St Joseph's Technical School in South Melbourne, he returned to St Patrick's in February 1989. During his time at the College, he served in key leadership and pastoral positions, including Religious Education and Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Superior of the Brother's House in Launceston, and Rowing Master. His involvement with the school community also extended to serving as an officer in the Cadet Unit.

In the classroom, Br Roger taught Religious Education to Year 10 and HSC, as well as HSC Australian History. He was deeply respected by his students for his engaging teaching style, with one former student recalling:

> *"He was a well respected teacher and would always provide us with anecdotes as to how our subject applied to real world scenarios. We learnt many things that I still remember to this day."*

At the end of 1989, Br Roger departed St Patrick's to pursue a Tertianship in Rome and complete an M.Sc. in Pastoral Counselling at Loyola University in Baltimore, followed by extensive travels abroad visiting College exchange students.

We honour Brother Cripps' service, leadership, and enduring impact on the lives of the students and staff at St Patrick's College. May he rest in peace.

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 2006 – 20 Year Reunion

Old Collegians from the Class of 2006 are preparing to celebrate their 20 Year Reunion!

Catch up, reconnect, and celebrate—all classmates who attended Year 10 (2004), Year 11 (2005), or Year 12 (2006) at St Patrick's College are welcome to join.

The event will be held in Launceston on Saturday 19 December, with full venue and time details to be shared via social media. To indicate your attendance and keep up to date with the latest details, please join the Facebook event page: https://stpatricks.co/2006Reunion

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