



# ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE NEWS

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**Educating Young Men and Women Since 1873**

## Principal's Message

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the returning parents and guardians of our community and a special welcome to the families of our 280 new Year 7s and 50 additional families who have joined us in other year groups.

As a College community, we have been looking forward to a semi-normal year, however, the new strain of COVID-19 has certainly impacted this. Regardless It has been pleasing to see all the students back at the College, despite their faces being half-covered in a mask.

Not unexpectedly, we are now living with Covid within and beyond the College community and while we can not stop the spread entirely, processes are in place to slow the spread without compromising educational opportunities.

While we are trying to keep everything as normal as possible there have been many challenges, none more so than dealing with the vaccination requirements of government agencies and external providers. These are constraints we have to deal with in the current situation. Throughout the past couple of years, we have demonstrated the ability to adapt and flourish through difficult times.

There is no more proof of this than to look at the success of our 2021 Year 12 students, whose academic results rank amongst the best in College history. Dux, Nicholas

Yam was in the top five of the state and Laurie Dean and Harrison Arnold in the top 20. Erin Massey, Lydia Kelly and Kate McLeod all made it in the top 100.

The College co-curricular is well underway for 2022. I have been thrilled with the three from three start of our 1st XIs and the one from one win from the 2nds in SATIS Cricket.

It was a beautiful day on the water on Saturday as the College competed in the Schools Regatta at Lake Barrington. It was the first opportunity for our new Year 7 students to race.

Tennis teams have made a strong start to the season and finally, our Basketball teams began their campaign on Saturday. We saw a number of victories for our College teams.

Over the weekend I had the opportunity to listen to Growth Coach, Ben Crowe. He has worked with the Richmond Tigers and most recently, Ash Barty. One piece of advice that stuck with me was, win or lose, you need to say "I loved watching you play". Sport teaches us so many life lessons - win or lose, we need to be supportive.

God Bless.

**Mr Tony Daley**  
Principal





**Our mission is to be a school of faith, learning, respect and service in the Catholic tradition.**

## OUR VALUES

### Social Justice:

We value a school where we grow in awareness and respond to the needs of others in a spirit of service.

## REFLECTION

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." St Augustine

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 15 College Photos: Yrs 8, 10-12 and siblings
- 16 College Photos: catch up
- 18 Middle School Swimming Carnival
- 21-28 Senior Art Exhibition
- 22 Ascent Awards Evening  
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- 23 **Launceston Cup**  
(Normal School Day)
- 28 Year 7 Camps (Day Trips)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 28 AY11 Base Camp 1A
- 28 Rite Journey Calling Ceremony - MacKillop Females (3:30 pm - 6:00 pm)

### MARCH

- 1-11 Senior Art Exhibition
- 1-4 Year 7 Camps (Day Trips)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 2 Ash Wednesday
- 2 Rite Journey Calling Ceremony - Tenison Females (3:30 pm - 6:00 pm)
- 6-11 VET Hospitality work placement - Grindelwald

*Launceston Catholic Parish Facebook: [click](#)*

## STUDENT ID CARDS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Students and parents are reminded that students need to retain their existing 2021 ID cards until they receive their new cards during Term 1 this year. 2021 cards have an expiry date of 31/03/2022. ID cards are required to sign in and out of the College, print, access Flexischools accounts and borrow Library books.

If students misplace their 2021 cards and need to replace them prior to the end of March, there is a \$5 replacement fee.



## IMMUNISATIONS

The Launceston City Council's Immunisation team will be providing vaccines to Year 7 and Year 10 students on Monday, 28 March 2022 in the Middle School.

### YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Students have been provided with a form to be completed and returned by Friday, 18 February 2022. Year 7 Students are to return their forms to the Middle School Deposit Box next to Mr Austen's office.

The following vaccines will be provided to Year 7 students:

***Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough (Pertussis) (dTpa), Human Papillomavirus (HPV).***

### YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Year 10 students are to collect their forms from the Senior School Reception and return their completed forms to Student Services in the Administration building by Friday, 18 February 2022.

The following vaccine will be provided to Year 10 students:

***Meningococcal (ACWY).***

If your child has already been vaccinated by your local doctor/council, with the relevant vaccine listed above, please complete the NO section on the form and return.

If you have questions please contact Launceston City Council on 6323 3208 or your family doctor.



## WELCOME TO THE 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

By Mrs Alanna Stretton, Deputy Principal - Learning & Achievement

Students have settled in well, embracing their new regulations around wearing masks in classes. There has certainly been a positive atmosphere around the College. We look forward to working together to achieve great outcomes in 2022.

### ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY



On Friday 4 February, we gathered together as a College community to recognise and celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of our current students and our immediate past students who graduated from St Patrick's College last year.

This academic assembly provides a focus for the year where learning is the priority supported by the many other opportunities the College offers. It is important that as a learning community, we acknowledge the achievements of our students as their accomplishments serve as both inspiration and motivation to all members of our College community. Staff highly value the partnership we share with our students and their families, and it was great to have our 2021 graduates and their families join us for this special occasion.

The St Patrick's College House Learning Excellence Award was presented to the Rice House Captains as the winning House for 2021. Congratulations to all students in Rice House whose academic achievements contributed to this win.

From the 2021 College graduates, three students, Alisha

DeBattista, Piaf George and Isobelle Mathers were awarded an Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC) Outstanding Achievement in Vocational Education and Training (VET) Award. In our Academic Assembly, we acknowledged Alisha, Piaf and Isobelle by awarding them a St Patrick's College VET medal

for their achievements in Vocational Education and Training studies.

In 2021, 186 Year 12 students graduated. One hundred and sixteen students received an ATAR, 62 per cent of the graduating class. Six students achieved results that placed them in the top 100 students in Tasmania, Nicholas Yam, Laurie Dean, Harrison Arnold, Erin Massey, Lydia Kelly and Kate McLeod.

Nicholas Yam, Laurie Dean and Harrison Arnold were awarded a TASC Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for 2021. This is recognition of being in the top 30 students within the state. TASC awards are usually presented by the Governor of Tasmania at a ceremony at Government House, this year, due to COVID-19, we were asked to present them at our academic assembly.

The Dux of the College for 2021 was Nicholas Yam. Nicholas achieved a TE Score of 120.3 and an ATAR of 99.9. Nicholas' score placed him in the top achieving students in Tasmania.





From the 2021 College graduates, 27 students received an ATAR score of 90 or more, which is outstanding. These 27 graduates were presented with a St Patrick's College academic medal.

- Nicholas Yam with an ATAR of 99.9
- Laurie Dean 99.7
- Harrison Arnold 99.65
- Erin Massey 99.25
- Lydia Kelly 99.15
- Kate McLeod 98.55
- Neil Douglas 98
- Ayrton Fry 98
- Jordan Waddingham 97.45
- Erin Cooper 96.1
- Blaise Wilson 96.05
- Neve Clippingdale 95.9
- Lila Binns 95.3
- Levi Carling 95.1
- Esmee Morrow 94.7
- Ally Brown 93.65
- Leo Mathew 93.6
- Dieu-Anh (Cindy) Pham 93.5
- Isabella Tys 93.45
- Lucy Graham 93.35
- Zoe Richardson 93.35
- Oscar Birtwistle 92.7
- Charlotte Howard 92.7
- Nicholas Collins 92.3
- Eleanor March 91.8
- Erin McNamara 90.95
- Annabelle Sanders 90.95

At the assembly, Nicholas addressed the College community, providing words of wisdom to students about achieving their best in their studies.



### TASC MODERATION MEETINGS – STUDENT-FREE DAY FOR YEARS 10-12

Tuesday 15 March is a student-free day for Senior School (Years 10-12) students as teachers participate in TASC moderation meetings. Classes will run as normal for students in Years 7-9.

### ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

This year, the College continues to provide online feedback throughout the year via Schoolbox to provide feedback on assessment tasks to students and parents. Later this term teachers will start to provide students with results and feedback via Schoolbox and Mid-year and End-of-year reports are provided to parents via Schoolbox. There will continue to be no comments on Mid-year and End-of-year reports as teachers provide feedback on how students are progressing throughout the year by providing feedback on specific tasks. Feedback on students' Attitude and Application to learning is also provided each term via Schoolbox. Providing feedback regularly through Schoolbox helps keep parents informed about their child's progress.

If you haven't already, now is a great time to make sure you are set up on Schoolbox with a parent account. Being active in Schoolbox gives you access to your child's timetable, easy access to notices and other key information, as well as assessment information including due dates, your child's results and feedback from teachers. Research shows that family engagement in school improves student achievement and reduces absenteeism. Students with involved parents/guardians earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behaviour. Schoolbox provides the opportunity for parents/caregivers to have greater involvement in their child's learning.

### SUBMISSION OF WORK GUIDELINES

At St Patrick's College, students are expected to complete work and the failure to submit work is not acceptable and will be followed up. Where a student is unable to meet a deadline, students are expected to speak to the teacher about an extension before the due date. Students who don't complete set work will be required to attend lunchtime academic catch-up to complete work, if work continues to not be completed attendance at an after school academic catch-up will be organised. If this continues an academic progress meeting with the student and their parents will be organised, along with a part-day internal suspension to complete work. Parental support for this process would be greatly appreciated.

I wish every student and family a wonderful year at the College, and if we can assist anyone in their learning further, do not hesitate to contact us.



## DUX ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

By Nicholas Yam, 2021 College Dux

Good afternoon Mr Daley, invited guests, staff, students, and fellow graduates of 2021.

It is an honour to be invited up to speak with you today, a place I envisioned myself standing at the start of every year when the previous Dux delivered their address. It feels surreal to actually be here.

I'd like to first congratulate the students in front of me on your outstanding Year 12 results. You should all be incredibly proud of your achievements, knowing that your hard work in the last two years has been worth it.

And by no means has it been an easy journey. To balance school with part-time work, sports teams, a social life and other extracurricular commitments through a pandemic is an achievement in its own merits. Your results are a testament to your perseverance and dedication to improving yourself, learning and growing. So well done.

But this journey is not one that could be accomplished alone. I'm a firm believer that people and their actions are shaped by their environment. By the number of award recipients here today, I think it's pretty clear that the environment created by your loving families and the St Patrick's College community fosters young people not only in academic ability but, as I'm sure you know if you've met them, outstanding personal qualities too.

So I'd like to thank all the teachers who have helped us through this journey. Your commitment, reliability, extra tutoring sessions, late-night assessment marking, and all the other continued efforts that go above and beyond have made our achievements possible.

In particular, I'd like to thank Mrs Jarvis for managing to teach Biology amidst our disordered class, Mrs McInnes for answering her own Chemistry questions, since nobody in our class spoke, and Mr Cooper, for somehow making the Physics classroom exciting, brewing coffee and baking us cupcakes, and tolerating Jordan arguing for extra marks on every test. It was a pleasure to be in all your classes last year.

A thank you must also go out to all the parents of successful students here today. Your unparalleled love and support has allowed your children to reach their potential and make an incredible achievement. I'm sure I can speak on their behalf when I say we are immensely grateful for your sacrifices and encouragement, sensitivity and sensibility. You ought to be proud.

And a special thank you to my own parents. Mum, Dad, I appreciate your support throughout the years so much. I remember the morning of December 15th, waking up and anxiously checking my ATAR. I was shocked but ecstatic to see I had gotten 99.90 and I rushed to tell my parents. There was my mum, whose jaw almost hit the floor before she gave me a big hug. And there was my Dad, who was out, but texted back a thumbs-up emoji and said... "What happened to the other 0.1?" Jokes aside, thank you both, I could never have made it this far without you...

So, what is the secret to succeeding academically? What common traits do these high achievers have that you can emulate? Well, I can recall sitting in the Guildford Theatre in Year 10, when Mr Mannion enthusiastically claimed

that the previous duxes of the College were all excellent musicians, and hence you should study music. Well, sorry to disappoint but I haven't picked up an instrument since the recorder in Grade 5, Laurie doesn't play anything and Harrison can play about two songs on guitar. He tells me he's still working on *Riptide*.

In reality, there's no single factor or characteristic that will guarantee academic success. However, there are certainly good habits you can pick up at the start of the year that will make 2022 more rewarding. The most valuable piece of advice I can give is to prioritise your health and wellbeing. I found this to be the biggest contributor to both my grades and general happiness last year.

Your physical and mental health along with your social relationships underpin every aspect of your life. I did best academically when I allowed time to go running, hang out with friends, relax and study only when necessary. Getting a good ATAR isn't about locking yourself away in your room, studying every spare moment after school and on the weekends, and letting it all consume you. It's about balancing your life and staying healthy, enabling you to achieve on all fronts, while being the best version of yourself for others.

Another principle I stand by is to constantly challenge yourself. For example, last year I undertook two semesters of Anatomy and Physiology at UTAS. It was a big risk. Starting the year, I was a 16-year-old kid in a lab full of adults and mature age students. They were all doing their health and medicine courses, most of them living independently with their life and career planned out... while I was catching my little taxi to the university, going to the classes and then sitting in the library until my mum finished work to take me home.

The units were difficult and intense, and coordinating them around my already full timetable of TASC subjects wasn't easy, but it is an opportunity I'm immensely grateful I took. Its contribution to my ATAR is one of the reasons I am standing here today; but more importantly, the experience of challenging myself and being outside my comfort zone has given me the confidence to tackle much more in the future. Because challenge doesn't just grow your skills and knowledge. It grows your belief that you can. So don't be afraid to take risks, whether it be in the classroom, trying out a new sport or joining a school club. Because that's when you truly grow and develop.

Throughout my years at the College, I had repeatedly imagined myself up on this stage, beginning as a naive and wide-eyed Year 8. Well, not too wide-eyed... I am half Chinese. But I told myself I would work towards the goal of being College Dux. No matter what grade you're in, your academic journey has begun. You have the opportunity to be up here after you graduate. There are six future duxes at the College today and many more who will achieve an ATAR of above 90. You have the support of your friends, family, teachers and all of St Patrick's College. So take it. Strive to be your best. Stay healthy and challenge yourself. To quote former US president Barack Obama, "If you're walking down the right path, and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress."... Thank you, and best of luck for 2022.



## SENIOR SCHOOL

By Ms Rachael Holloway, Head of School – Senior School

What a fantastic start to the year our Senior Students have made, under very trying circumstances. On the whole, most students are complying with the mask-wearing regulation and understand that we wear masks to keep others safe. Throughout the two years we have been experiencing Covid, I have seen some positive impacts on how we do things at St Patrick's College. Mask wearing has resulted in students spending much more time outside during breaks and study lines. The atmosphere in the Edmund Rice Centre Courtyard at lunch is really lovely. Of course, there is always a very small minority who choose not to follow the restrictions. If students choose to ignore staff, when reminded to wear their mask, they will be asked to go home, due to unsafe behaviour. We appreciate your support in helping to keep our whole College community safe.

Our Year 10 students have settled in very well, back on the main campus. Our Student Executive is currently planning a number of activities to welcome them to the Senior School and help build on the sense of community they developed while at Croagh Patrick. It is hoped all of our Year 10 students feel safe and supported as they begin to undertake their senior schooling.

One of the privileges for our senior students is being able to sign out if they have a study line during Periods 5 and 6. While Year 12 students can do this from the beginning of the year, usually Year 11 students cannot until Term 2. However, in order to reduce density numbers at the College, it has been decided that, for 2022 only, Year 11 students may now begin signing out at lunchtime if they have a study line for Periods 5 and 6. If you do not wish for your child to sign out at these times, please complete the Non-permission to Leave form included in the welcome letter emailed to parents and guardians on, Tuesday 25 January 2022.

Also included in that welcome letter was a form to communicate the registration number of any vehicles students may park on the College grounds. This information is required for security purposes. Any unknown vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

It is our hope all Senior School students will have a positive year and strive to achieve their goals. If there is ever a way in which the Senior School Leadership Team can support your child in their quest for success, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS

TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY & WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

The first school photo day was held on Monday 7 February, for Years 9 and 7.

The College photographers will return to campus Tuesday 15 February to take individual photos of Years 8, 10, 11 and 12. A catch-up day will be also be held on Wednesday 16 February for students who missed their individual photos.

Students and parents will be advised of the photo timetable via Schoolbox. Please ensure your children are in full school uniform on the days they are to be photographed, including hair tied back and clean-shaven.

A slip has been distributed to students through their Tutor for parents/guardians to order their child's individual photos. Orders for individual photos must be placed by Wednesday 23 February 2022.

### SIBLING (FAMILY) PHOTOS

For parents wanting to order sibling (family) photos, students are asked to visit Student Reception in the Administration building to pick up a Sibling Photos order form.

Times students may have their family photos are at recess and lunch on Tuesday 15 February and Recess on Wednesday 16 February.

Please note that students must hand the completed sibling order form directly to the photographer for the photo to be taken.

### PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TO BE PURCHASED ONLINE VIA THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED ON THE SLIPS.

Online order slips do not need to be returned to the College. Please hold on to these for your reference.



## RELAY FOR LIFE

By Mrs Sharon Woolridge, Personal Assistant to Deputy Principal Wellbeing and Leadership.

The College will once again be entering a team for Relay for Life. St Patrick's College has supported Relay for Life for many years, raising in excess of \$58,000. The event will be held at the Northern Athletics Centre, St Leonards, on Saturday 19 March 2022 and Sunday 20 March 2022. Senior students are welcome to join the team. The registration cost is \$25.

By registering, you are continuing to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Every dollar raised will go back into our Tasmanian community to support those impacted by cancer. Did you know that over nine Tasmanians a day receive a diagnosis? Teams relay to support family and friends who are living with cancer; they relay to remember a loved one who has passed away from cancer, others relay to celebrate having survived cancer. Some simply want to be involved and fight back to make a difference. Relay for Life is so much more than an event, it's an experience. Relay is an experience that 'touches your heart'. Every day we have a chance to beat cancer and Relay reminds us all of: 'the courage it takes to survive, the love of those



whom we have lost and the conviction to fight this insidious disease'.

If you would like to join our team please see Mrs Woolridge in the Administration building or you can go online to the Cancer Council 'Relay for Life' (Launceston) and join the 'St Patricks College' team. If you are unable to attend please consider making a donation to our team. This can be done online, in a donation box at ERC Reception or to our students who are raising individual funds. All money raised goes directly towards helping people who have cancer and also for those who need ongoing care once they have gone into remission.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2022  
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

### CULTURAL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Art Club
- Chess
- Debating
- Drama Club
- Environment Committee
- Ethics Olympiad
- Gardening Club
- Litwits Book Club
- Reader's Cup
- Showcase 2022
- MS Vinnies
- Future Sounds
- Pipe Band
- Choirs
- Public Speaking
- Tabletop Games
- Textiles and Design Club
- Writer's Society

Go to the Schoolbox Cultural Activities tile for more information and the sign up form OR email [holiver@stpatricks.tas.edu.au](mailto:holiver@stpatricks.tas.edu.au)

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THE BULLETIN OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES  
TILE ON THE SCHOOLBOX  
HOME PAGE



College loading zones provide a safe place for parents and guardians to drop off and pick up their children.

Morning drop off usually works well but during the afternoon students leave the College within a shorter time frame.

Ensuring safe traffic flow during busy school pick up and set down times is every driver's responsibility. Here are some tips for drivers to help it run smoothly.

The College has a loading zone at the front of the College (facing Westbury Road and accessed from Mt Leslie Road) that has been provided to assist parents in safely dropping off and picking up the children.

As the school day does not end until 3.20pm, students will not be available to be picked up until approximately 3.25pm, so please do not arrive prior to this time. We experience problems with the flow of traffic through this area if parents arrive too early and park in the zone. We require the traffic to move continuously and smoothly through this area, so please aim to arrive at a time when your child will be waiting for you rather than you waiting for them. If your child has not arrived at the loading point and you are requested to move on, please be courteous to other drivers and leave and re-enter the grounds, by which time your child may have arrived for pick-up. Once the students are waiting in the zone the traffic flows well, as each vehicle stops only briefly to load passengers and can then move straight out of the zone.

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF STUDENTS

### LOADING ZONE PROCEDURE

- Please do not arrive prior to 3.20pm. If you do, or have exceeded the two-minute time limit, you may be asked to vacate the area and return at a later time.
- You must not stop in this zone long enough to turn off your engine or vacate your vehicle – this is strictly a no parking zone.
- As spaces in front of you are vacated, we ask that you move forward for safety reasons, so that new vehicles entering do not attempt to park in front of loading or exiting vehicles (similar to how a taxi rank operates).
- Please do not queue in our driveway to access the loading zone. This area needs to be kept clear at all times. If you have cars behind you and you cannot enter the loading zone please drive past and either find a parking space in our car park or exit and drive around the block to re-enter.
- Please do not double park in the loading zone and have your child walk through loading vehicles to access your vehicle.
- Please obey the instructions of the staff members on duty.
- Please ensure that while attempting to enter the College you are not illegally blocking roundabouts or intersections, or causing interruptions to the flow of traffic on the roads around our grounds.
- Please remain patient and courteous.

There are still visitors' parking spots available if you need to park your vehicle and come into the College for any reason.

Please note that the entrance at the rear of the College (the second entrance on Mt Leslie Road) which accesses our sports oval,

is a designated bus zone, so please do not pick up or drop off your child in this area.

**Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that traffic flows as smoothly and safely as possible in and around our College.**

## Join the College Music Program!

Everyone is welcome to join the College Music Program. It caters for all musical abilities with opportunities to receive tuition during school hours and join ensembles and bands – with a range of musical styles available.

**Symphony Orchestra | Concert Bands | Rock Bands | Pipe Band  
Saxophone Ensemble | Choirs | Drumlines | Jazz Ensembles  
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Go to:

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## ONLINE ORDERING WITH FLEXISCHOOLS



New Parents/Guardians – St Patrick's College has an online ordering system for the Canteen called Flexischools. This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. This provides a quick and easy service and through the Web Portal or mobile app, parents can view purchases, set spending limits and top up the balance on the student account. Once student ID cards are linked to a Flexischools account, students can simply present their card to Canteen staff to make their purchases. To

learn more about Flexischools and the canteen, please visit the Canteen page on Schoolbox.

**For those who used the Flexischools app last year, please update the year level of your child within your Flexischools account settings.**

If you have any questions, Flexischools provide a help desk on 1300 361 769 or you can contact them via their website by visiting <https://www.flexischools.com.au>



## SPORTS UPDATE

By Mr Craig Boon, Sports Coordinator

Our Head of **Rowing**, Mr Deon Birtwistle, was very pleased with the team's performance at Schools Regatta #2 last weekend. We achieved 16 wins, 21 second placings and 13 third placings with the U13s and U14s doing particularly well, which all points to a bright future.

The **1st XI Cricket** team picked up another win, this time in a one day match against Grammar. We scored a very high total of 6/260 off our 50 overs (M Symons 79, R Arnott 42) and then bowled Grammar out for 164 (B Whitchurch 3/22, J Leake 2/32). This Saturday we play St Virgil's at SPC.

The **2nd XI Cricket** team had a big win over Grammar at SPC. After being dismissed for 116 (F Young 32) we knocked Grammar over for just 21 (B Leach 4/2, O Viney 3/6)

### BASKETBALL

The season got underway with a number of games at Elphin Sports Centre last Saturday.

The **Senior 1sts Boys** started with a close win over Marist, a come-from-behind win by one point over Scotch and a

loss to Grammar. Yesterday we defeated Scotch by five points at SPC to move to a 3-1 record.

The north west schools look strong in the **Girls 1sts** - our girls succumbed to SBSC and Marist before comfortably defeating Grammar. On Wednesday, we were defeated by eight points to Scotch at SPC.

We are off to a very good start in the Senior 2nds and 3rds competitions.

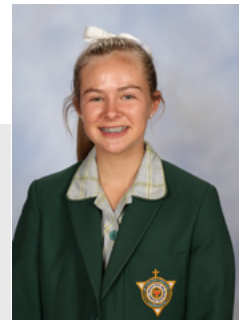
### TENNIS

**Boys 1sts Tennis** had their first match on Wednesday against Scotch at SPC. In the time I was watching it looked to be a high standard contest particularly from the Number 1 and Number 2 seeds from each team. Scotch proved a little too strong on the day but we will be hoping to rebound in our defence of last year's NSATIS title. **Girls 1sts** start on Wednesday and **Social Tennis** starts today. Good luck to all teams involved.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to Ava Walker who recently competed in Victoria in the Wetlands Jumping Championships and one of Australia's leading equestrian events, the Australian Showjumping Championships. Congratulations, Ava!



Ava Walker



Chloe Collins



Henry Hollingsworth

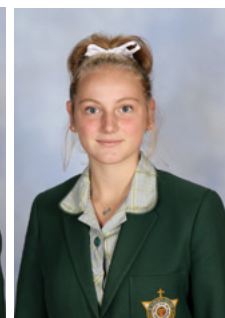


Dylan Samphier

Well done to Dylan Samphier, Chloe Collins and Henry Hollingsworth who competed in the Bowls Tasmania State Championships in January. Dylan represented Deloraine Bowls Club; Chloe represented Trevallyn Bowls Club and is the State U18 Singles Champion; and Henry represented Kings Meadows Bowls Club and is the Northern Single and Doubles Champion.



Subi Daly



Annaliese Leeflang



Amelia Whitehead

Congratulations to Subi Daly, Annaliese Leeflang and Amelia Whitehead who have recently been selected to join the Tornadoes Development Squad.



## 1ST XI CRICKET REPORTS (ROUNDS 1-3)

By Mr Luke McCormack, Coach

### ROUND 1 V SCOTCH OAKBURN COLLEGE

Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 January

#### SPC 185 and 0 – 125 def SOC 106 and 5-138

Will Siemsen 70no, Charlie Taylor 45, Tom Dwyer 65no, Max Symons 54no, Luke Pirlot 3-21, Mason Visser 2-4, Beau Skinner 2-28

For the first time in over two decades, the 1st XI roster returns to having six sides this year, with (Hobart's) St Virgil's re-joining, as they transition to having Years 11 and 12 students again. On Friday 21 January we hosted St Virgil's in a practice match, and our squad was able to get off to a winning start for the year. Squad being the appropriate word, as the side we then selected for Round 1 had five of our team unavailable. While this was a little daunting going into four days of cricket in six, our young men really stepped up in the 2-day game at Scotch.

Surprisingly sent into bat, it was the concentration of Will Siemsen that held our innings together. Will faced 242 balls in his 70no, after being promoted to bat at number 3. In the heat this was even more impressive, as Will had not been one-hundred per cent in the week prior to the game (not respiratory!). His partnership of 96 with captain Charlie Taylor was the highlight of our innings. Will was needing sustenance and hence, unusually, ate a very sweet looking

bun at the drinks break (see photo)! Two wickets on the first night put us in a strong position defending a moderate total. The next morning saw a stream of wickets as Scotch slumped to be 7-65. Luke Pirlot led the attack, and he was well supported by the spin of Beau Skinner and Mason Visser.

Just before lunch the final wicket fell, and with a 79-run lead the game continued after the break to see if an outright result (i.e. second innings win... and extra points) was possible. What followed was excellent cricket, a style of cricket that is unique for young players and that only two-day games allow for.

We batted with a plan to set up a run-chase, and after a steady start our openers Max Symons and Tom Dwyer really let loose and brought up an excellent century partnership. Leading by 204, we had around 30 overs to take 10 wickets. A rollercoaster of quick runs and then quick wickets made for an exciting afternoon of cricket, and in the end time ran out for an outright result.

A great win for our team and our first win in the 1st XI for a few years.





Brothers Ryan (Year 12, left) and Ethan (Year 9) playing their first game together in the 1st XI



Captain Charlie Taylor (left) during a drink break in his partnership with a peckish Will Siemsen



Ryan in our new one day uniform.

## ROUND 2 V LAUNCESTON CHURCH GRAMMAR

Friday 28 and Saturday 29 January

SPC 134 and 3 – 70 def LCG 90

Tom Dwyer 42, James Leake 21no & 3-20, Brock Whitchurch 3-13, Oliver Woodcock-Davis 2-5

Only a few days after Round 1 we played our second (and final) two dayer at home against Grammar. Our roster sees teams playing those in their region in two days and then we play all teams in a one dayer. In the development of young teams, there are often turning points where the players believe that they are capable of winning any game. This game felt like that time. In the corresponding games last year we were defeated outright (bowled out twice) in both of our two days. We turned this around with an against the odds victory.

Sent into bat (again!) we were off to a solid start and at 2-93, a big score was on the cards. However regular wickets saw us slump to 9-134 overnight. The last couple of wickets were unfortunately lost in very dark conditions due to the pending thunderstorm. When the night sensor lights lit up in the staff car park at 2.30pm the umpires came off for bad light! Luckily the covers were quickly put on, as the threatening thunderstorm finally arrived and the puddles on the oval ended play early for day 1.

Clear skies and a dry wicket saw us thankfully start on time the next morning. A raucously recited rendition of *Happy Birthday* for Oliver Woodcock-Davis, in the change rooms just before play, sent the message that our young men were 'up and about!' Losing our last wicket on the first ball of the day was greeted with a shrug and a wry smile, rather than sadness, from our players. All part of the plan. This was our day to show how far we had come in our belief to win from any position. From over number one, James Leake took the off bail, and Luke Pirlot followed suit quickly afterwards. Brock Whitchurch was brought on, via Charlie's shrewd captaincy, and took three important wickets. Oliver rounded off his birthday celebrations with two off-spinning wickets, as well as two great catches. Grammar was bowled out for 90 and with not enough time to score enough runs

to declare and set them a target, it was our job to ensure that the opposition didn't bowl us out. Again, an unusual scenario for young cricketers. We enjoyed seeing our players bat and bat and bat – ending our second innings at 3-70 after 41 overs.

The rendition of our SPC War-cry after the game was even louder than the morning celebratory song and symbolised the shift from hoping to believing.

## ROUND 3 V LAUNCESTON CHURCH GRAMMAR

Saturday 5 February

SPC 6 - 260 def LCG 164

Max Symons 79, Ryan Arnott 42, Pat Best 27no, Luke Pirlot 27, Charlie Taylor 24, Brock Whitchurch 3-22, James Leake 2-32

It was a historic day as we played in coloured clothing for the first time in the 1st XI. Vagaries in the roster saw us playing Grammar again. Charlie won his first toss and we were batting, but at 2-34 we needed a partnership. Max Symons and Charlie Taylor delivered a 76 run stand to set up a solid score in the first of our 50 over games. Max was the key to our innings, as he then formed another 50 run partnership with Vice Captain Ryan Arnott. A solid score became a very good score because we had wickets in hand to really make the most of our last dozen overs. Luke Pirlot and Pat Best both contributed quick-fire 27s. Ethan Arnott was also not out on his debut – a special day for him and older brother Ryan.

Luke and James Leake once again took an early wicket each. In a repeat of the previous weekend, we didn't panic when the runs started to flow at an unsustainable rate. This time it was Ryan who made the breakthrough and what followed was a steady flow of wickets with five bowlers taking one wicket. A well-deserved 96 run victory, playing the sort of team-first cricket that we have prided ourselves on for many years.

This Saturday 12 February we host St Virgil's College in our first roster match together since 1992!

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